

Wednesday, October 7th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Hills*.

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. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act relating to The Corporation of the District of Kent and certain Drainage and Dyking Works within the Municipality of Kent.”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Delta Drainage Act, 1936.’”

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Squire*,—

Whereas it has been reported that 5,000 workers are now on strike in the Interior lumber industry of British Columbia because the employers refuse to accept the majority award of the Conciliation Board appointed for that purpose:

And whereas it is also reported that an additional 4,500 workers are contemplating similar strike action:

And whereas any stoppage of work affecting such a large number of men in the lumber industry of this Province could mean the loss in wages paid of \$100,000 per day:

And whereas any prolongation of such a monetary loss would adversely affect the whole economy of our Province and produce dire consequences far beyond the industry immediately involved in such a strike:

And whereas it is vital to the economy of the Province that industrial peace be re-established and maintained in this most important section of our economy:

And whereas it is important that the Government give every assistance and, if necessary, promote further conciliation proceedings:

And whereas it is also important that the members of this Legislature and the public of the Province be assured that everything possible is being done by the Government to promote and restore industrial peace and harmony in the Interior logging and sawmill operations:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature refer the matter of labour conditions in the Interior lumber operations of British Columbia to the Select Standing Committee on Labour for its immediate consideration:

And be it further Resolved, That this Committee be empowered to call before it the Minister of Labour and any other member of the Provincial Department of Labour or

any other person from whom it may desire to have additional information in order to ascertain and determine what actions are being taken by the Department of Labour and the Minister of Labour to overcome the present unsettled conditions in the logging industry of British Columbia.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Allotment of Doukhobor Lands in the Province."

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. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Construction Act, 1953.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Irrigation Assistance Loan Act.'"

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal Act.'"

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of Nelson Borrowing-power Extension Act.'"

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to establish the Greater Nanaimo Water District."

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

1. Has the firm of H. G. Acres & Company, of Niagara Falls, been engaged at any time by the British Columbia Power Commission?
2. If so, for what purpose and what were the terms of any agreement?
3. Is any agreement with the said firm still in force?
4. What total sums of money under any agreement have been paid to the said firm by the British Columbia Power Commission?
5. If any such agreement has ended, what was the date of termination?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; at various times, 1945 to 1953.

"2. (i) Preliminary engineering and recommendations on a general scheme of hydro-electric development for Vancouver Island. For preliminary report, terms undefined.

"(ii) Design and general supervision of construction, Units 1, 2, 3, and 4 of John Hart development and transmission system. Terms, 4½ per cent of net construction cost of generating plant and 3 per cent of net cost of transmission plant.

"(iii) Provide resident engineers and field staffs on construction of Units 1, 2, 3, and 4 of John Hart development and transmission system. Terms, field cost, plus 35 per cent for office and administration expenses.

"(iv) Preliminary surveys and investigations for Ladore Falls dam. Terms, field cost, plus 35 per cent for office and administration expenses.

"(v) Design and general supervision of construction of Ladore Falls dam. Terms, 4½ per cent of net construction cost.

“(vi) Provide resident engineer and field staff on construction of Ladore Falls dam. Terms, field cost, plus 35 per cent for office and administration expenses.

“(vii) Engineering studies respecting storage in Upper Campbell and Buttle Lakes. Terms, undefined.

“(viii) Professional services and expert evidence in connection with expropriations, West Canadian Hydro-electric Corporation Limited and Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities Limited. Terms, undefined.

“(ix) Consultations and examination of estimates of the Whatshan hydro-electric development. Terms, undefined.

“(x) Relay co-ordination of John Hart power plant and Vancouver Island high-voltage system. Terms, undefined.

“(xi) Investigation and report dealing with additional power requirements and sources, Vancouver Island. Terms, undefined.

“(xii) Engineering study and design of facilities for supplying power to Elk Falls Company Limited at Duncan Bay. Terms, undefined.

“(xiii) Design and general supervision of construction, Units 5 and 6, John Hart development. Terms, 3¼ per cent of net construction cost.

“(xiv) Field engineering in connection with Units 5 and 6, John Hart development. Terms, field cost, plus 35 per cent for office and administration expenses.

“(xv) Represent Commission in negotiations with Canadian National Railways covering construction of proposed transmission-line from Kitimat to Terrace. Terms, actual cost, plus 100 per cent to cover head office overhead, draughting-room supplies, and profit. No charge to be made for the personnel occupied as clerks, stenographers, accountants, blue-printers, caretakers, etc.

“(xvi) Consulting services on design, Puntledge power-development. Terms, actual cost, plus 100 per cent to cover head office overhead, draughting-room supplies, and profit. No charge to be made for the personnel occupied as clerks, stenographers, accountants, blue-printers, caretakers, etc.

“(xvii) Consulting services on design, Spillimacheen power-development. Terms, actual cost, plus 100 per cent to cover head office overhead, draughting-room supplies, and profit. No charge to be made for the personnel occupied as clerks, stenographers, accountants, blue-printers, caretakers, etc.

“(xviii) Technical investigation of the circumstances leading to and the cause of the landslides which damaged the Whatshan generating plant in August, 1953, and method of restoring the plant to service. Terms, undefined.

“3. Yes; No. 2 (xiii) to (xviii) above.

“4. Under agreements as numbered in answer to No. 2: (i) \$9,305.73, (ii) \$444,958.38, (iii) \$334,638.47, (iv) \$43,280.92, (v) \$67,500, (vi) \$53,419.98, (vii) \$8,166.78, (viii) \$4,311.57, (ix) \$5,440.35, (x) \$2,580.54, (xi) \$3,911.66, (xii) \$19,576.45, (xiii) \$117,500, (xiv) \$25,642.97, (xv) \$371.01, (xvi) \$734.66, (xvii) \$779.57, and (xviii) no invoices received to date.

“5. Agreements numbered (i) to (xii) terminated with completion of the work to which they refer.”

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 5.46 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion that Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

Mr. *Brown* moved that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The motion was negatived.

The debate continued.

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

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH.

On the motion that Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The House divided.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.43 a.m.

Thursday, October 8th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. Clerihue*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, 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. 29) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the District of Kent and certain Drainage and Dyking Works within the Municipality of Kent."

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta Drainage Act, 1936.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to ensure Fair Remuneration to Female Employees" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Howard*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
October 8th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Printing Act,' " having been referred to your Committee, has been duly considered, and your Committee recommends the same to the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Printing Act'" was *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Matthew* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
October 8th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Documents Disposal Act,’” having been referred to your Committee, has been duly considered, and your Committee recommends the same to the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Documents Disposal Act’” was *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
October 7th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Seaboard Assurance Company” has been proved, and the Bill *Ordered* to be reported with amendments, and recommends that the sum of \$300 paid to the Clerk pursuant to clause (3) of Standing Order 98 be refunded to the petitioner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. F. CORBETT, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, October 8th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to establish a Crown Corporation for the Purpose of constructing and operating Toll Highways and Bridges," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 8th, 1953.

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. 34) intituled "An Act to establish a Crown Corporation for the Purpose of constructing and operating Toll Highways and Bridges," 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.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented a memorandum addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Finance during the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Coal Act ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Forest Act ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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 11.44 p.m.

Friday, October 9th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *McGettigan*.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Whereas it appears by Messages dated February 16th, March 17th, and March 26th, 1953, from His Honour Clarence Wallace, C.B.E., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, and the Estimates accompanying the same; and by Resolutions of the Committee of Supply on the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 26th days of March, 1953, duly read a first, second, and third time, and agreed to on March 26th, 1953, that the sum of one hundred and seventy-two million nine hundred and fifty thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars and forty-one cents is required to defray certain expenses of the Public Service of the Province, and for other purposes connected with the Public Service, for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1954:

And whereas by the " Supply Act No. 1, 1953," assented to on the 27th day of March, 1953, interim Supply amounting to ninety-four million dollars only was granted to be paid and applied in such manner and at such time as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council might determine towards defraying a part of the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1954:

And whereas it is now necessary that full Supply for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1954, be granted in accordance with the said Messages, the Estimates accompanying the same, and the said Resolutions of the Committee of Supply after giving consideration to the sum granted by the " Supply Act No. 1, 1953 ":

Be it Resolved, That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied, in such manner and at such times as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine, a sum not exceeding in the whole one hundred and seventy-two million nine hundred and fifty thousand four hundred and sixty-six dollars and forty-one cents towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1954, not otherwise provided for, as set forth in the aforesaid Estimates for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1954, provided, however, that this sum shall include the said sum of ninety-four million dollars authorized to be paid under the provisions of section 4 of the "Supply Act No. 1, 1953."

The Committee rose and reported the Resolutions.

Resolutions considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 5th, 1953.

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. 16) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," 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. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Has the Department of Health and Welfare received at any time since January 1st, 1944, either in this House or elsewhere, a request for an examination of Texada Island relative to an immunity to epidemics?

2. Has such an examination been made?

3. If such an examination has been made, what was the result of such examination?

4. If such examination has not been made, when will such an examination be made?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. G. Thompson*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly” was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 13th, 1953.

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. 46) intituled “An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly,” 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 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. *P. A. Gaglardi*—Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to provide for the Control of Access to Highways.”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Placer-mining Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 38) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Eddie*—Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.’”

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and, on the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*, Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to provide for the Conveyance of certain Lands to the Vancouver-Westminster Metropolitan Council for Church Extension of the United Church of Canada” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia” a debate arose.

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. 6) intituled “An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes.”

Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Printing Act.’”

Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Documents Disposal Act.’”

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Motor-vehicle Act.’”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to ensure Fair Remuneration to Female Employees.”

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1952.

Mr. *Hagen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. Has the Department any information that will show what increase or decrease has occurred in the salmon run of the Fraser River and its tributaries?

The Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; through Federal sources.”

And presented a Return in reply to the following question:—

2. If so, what annual variation has occurred at the various counting-stations on the aforesaid streams in 1951 and subsequent years?

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 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to give a Right of Entry on Lands to Owners of Petroleum and Natural-gas Rights and to provide for Compensation therefor,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 13th, 1953.

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. 45) intituled “An Act to give a Right of Entry on Lands to Owners of Petroleum and Natural-gas Rights and to provide for Compensation therefor,” 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. *E. C. F. Martin* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
October 13th, 1953.

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. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance 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. *W. K. Kiernan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
October 13th, 1953.

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. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance 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. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
October 13th, 1953.

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. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax 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.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to establish a Crown Corporation for the Purpose of constructing and operating Toll Highways and Bridges" a debate arose.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Wright</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Parker</i>			

NAYS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Moore</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Wicks *Uphill*

Bill *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Within the past year have any special permits been issued to truck-owners to exceed normal regulated load-limits on the Trans-Canada Highway?
2. If so, by whom were these permits issued, to whom, and why?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. The Hon. the Minister of Public Works: (a) Mr. Walter Harrington, of Boston Bar, overload permit between Yale and Boston Bar in order to cope with shortage of gasoline, and (b) Mr. H. J. Gardner & Sons Limited, of Quesnel, overload permit between Yale and Boston Bar in order to haul machinery.”

Mr. *Howard* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

For the separate years of 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952, what has been the cost of (a) operating and (b) repairing the ferries at Kitselas or Copper City, Cedarvale, Hazelton, and Kitwanga?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ Copper River: 1949, (a) \$2,363 and (b) \$2,526; 1950, (a) \$2,792 and (b) \$614; 1951, (a) \$3,008 and (b) \$601; 1952, (a) \$3,310 and (b) \$1,758. Cedarvale: 1949, (a) \$2,363 and (b) \$2,056; 1950, (a) \$2,792 and (b) \$2,853; 1951, (a) \$3,008 and (b) \$3,112; 1952, (a) \$3,310 and (b) \$4,585. Hazelton: 1949, (a) \$2,363 and (b) \$1,179; 1950, (a) \$2,792 and (b) \$622; 1951, (a) \$3,008 and (b) \$909; 1952, (a) \$3,310 and (b) \$1,359. Kitwanga: 1949, (a) \$2,560 and (b) \$1,854; 1950, (a) \$2,989 and (b) \$1,113; 1951, (a) \$3,220 and (b) \$1,234; 1952, (a) \$3,530 and (b) \$2,901.”

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

1. Has the Department of Public Works undertaken (a) to construct or (b) let a contract for the construction of a road to connect Deer Park to Syringa Creek in the Rossland-Trail constituency?

2. If yes, (a) what was the estimated cost of the road, (b) what amount has been spent to date, and (c) what amount is estimated to complete the same?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) Yes and (b) day-labour.

“ 2. (a) No firm estimate, (b) end of September, \$61,000, and (c) estimated amount to complete, \$42,000.”

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

1. Has the Provincial Government been approached by (a) the Government of Canada and (b) the United States Government with respect to the construction of the Pacific Coast Highway?

2. Is the survey from Hazelton through Telegraph Creek to Atlin for the purpose of highway construction?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1 and 2. No.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.59 a.m.

Wednesday, October 14th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Crewe*.

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. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to validate Victoria City By-law No. 3927.”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Court of Appeal Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Summary Convictions Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Charter’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Construction Act, 1953,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Allotment of Doukhobor Lands in the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Irrigation Assistance Loan Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of Nelson Borrowing-power Extension Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to establish the Greater Nanaimo Water District" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Printing Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the District of Kent and certain Drainage and Dyking Works within the Municipality of Kent" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta Drainage Act, 1936,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, 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. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act.'"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Control of Access to Highways."

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Conveyance of certain Lands to the Vancouver-Westminster Metropolitan Council for Church Extension of the United Church of Canada."

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to give a Right of Entry on Lands to Owners of Petroleum and Natural-gas Rights and to provide for Compensation therefor."

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly."

Order called for "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Seaboard Assurance Company" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. What progress has been made in (a) locating and acquiring a site, (b) planning, and (c) constructing a new Provincial gaol to permanently relieve the overcrowding in Oakalla?

2. (a) Will this provide additional accommodation for women inmates and (b), if not, what action has been taken to provide adequate accommodation for same?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

"1. (a) The Department of Public Works has inspected and investigated several sites in the Fraser Valley for a new gaol and is presently considering a suitable site on the outskirts of the Municipality of Maple Ridge; (b) tentative plans have been drawn by the Department of Public Works for the new gaol building; and (c) progress on construction awaits final selection of site which presently is dependent upon assurance of adequate water-supply.

"2. (a) No and (b) additions have been made to the Women's Gaol at Oakalla Prison Farm pending relocation of the Women's Gaol on a new site."

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

1. Upon what percentage of profit above cost price are retail liquor sales made in this Province?

2. Is there a standard charge per bottle made over and above any percentage of profit?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is in the affirmative, what is the charge?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

"1. The percentage of profit can be determined from the Annual Reports of the Liquor Control Board filed with the House.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

Mr. *Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

From (a) what source and (b) upon what terms is the capital cost of the proposed new treatment building of the Workmen's Compensation Board being met?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

"(a) Section 34 (1) of the 'Workmen's Compensation Act' and (b) same as (a)."

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

1. Did the Board of Transport Commissioners ask the Attorney-General if he had any objections to a branch line being constructed from the trans-mountain oil pipe-line to Ferndale, Wash., U.S.A.

2. If so, what was his reply?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. The Province was duly advised that the Board of Transport Commissioners would hear the application of the Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company for permission to construct the pipe-line mentioned above on February 6th, 1953, in Ottawa; this notice posed no questions.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *Howard* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. What method is used in appointing members of the Board of Industrial Relations?

2. In what way is it ensured that labour, management, and the general public are represented on the Board?

3. What method is used in appointing members of the Labour Relations Board?

4. In what way is it ensured that labour and management are represented on the Board?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1. If a vacancy occurred of a member representing groups of employers or organized groups of employees, organizations representing the group affected would be consulted; if a vacancy occurred of a member representing the general public, every endeavour would be made to secure a person who would truly represent the general public.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.

“ 3. The same method as outlined in No. 1.

“ 4. The same answer as No. 1.”

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 5.47 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors,” enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 13th, 1953.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 28: Strike out and substitute:—

“28. Notwithstanding section 25, the Board may issue a licence under this Act in any area:—

“(a) In respect of premises owned and operated by a club which is on the day upon which this Act comes into force licensed under the ‘Government Liquor Act’:

“(b) In respect of premises operated by a military mess.”

Section 39: Strike out and substitute:—

“39. (1) The directors of an incorporated company which applies for the issue, renewal, or transfer to it of a licence shall, at the time of making such application or at any other time during the term of the licence, when ordered by the Board, produce such particulars of the officers and shareholders of the company as may be required.

“(2) The Board may in its discretion require the directors of an incorporated company that is the holder of a licence under this Act to submit to the Board for approval any transfer of any share of its capital stock; and in such case no transfer of a share shall be made before such approval has been given.”

Section 56: Amend by renumbering subsections (3), (4), and (5) as (4), (5), and (6), and inserting the following as subsection (3):—

“(3) A permit granted under this section shall be in respect of such period and subject to such conditions as the Board may prescribe.”

Section 83: Amend by striking out “daily or weekly” in the fifth line of subsection (2).

Section 102: Amend by striking out “60, 64, 71, 74, or 76” in the second and ninth lines, and substituting “64, 71, 76, or 85.”

Section 137: Amend by striking out “official Inspector” in the first line of subsection (2), and substituting “official, inspector.”

Section 148: Amend by striking out clause (31) of subsection (2), and substituting the following:—

“(31) Governing the issue and cancellation of banquet and entertainment permits, and prescribing the fees payable in respect of the issue of such permits.”

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors,” enclosed herewith.

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. 21) intituled “An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors.”

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 14th, 1953.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Amend section 57 by striking out subsection (5) as enacted by clause (d) and substituting the following:—

"(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4), any telephone, electric light, electric power, gas, or street-railway company carrying on business in a municipality and paying the annual tax imposed by the 'Municipal Act' or the 'Vancouver Charter' shall be taxed under this Act:—

"(a) In a municipality other than the City of Vancouver upon its land and buildings only:

"(b) In the City of Vancouver upon land and improvements as defined in section 2 of the 'Vancouver Charter,' except those described in section 398 thereof."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes," enclosed herewith.

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. 6) intituled "An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to ensure Fair Remuneration to Female Employees" was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, on the motion that the Bill be read a third time now, the House divided.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—43

Messieurs

Brown
Haggen
Segur
Eddie
Squire
Calder
Gargrave
Howard
Giovando
Gibbs
Laing

Strachan
Harding
Nimsick
Moore
Winch
Webster
Turner
Chant
Bate
Shelford
Shantz

Reid
Price
Parker
Corbett
Arsens, Mrs.
Sommers
Bennett
Bonner
Black
Wright
Williston

Tomlinson
Tisdalle
Richter
Newton
Moxham
Matthew
Bruch
Chetwynd
Kiernan
Martin

NAYS—NEM. CON.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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 11.42 p.m.

Thursday, October 15th, 1953.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. A. Roberts*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

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

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

October 15th, 1953.

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 requested amendments to the "Municipal Act," the "Village Muni-

palities Act," the "Municipal Elections Act," the "Local Improvement Act," and the "Town Planning Act."

The Department of Municipal Affairs submitted amendments to the "Municipal Act," the "Village Municipalities Act," the "Municipal Elections Act," and the "Local Improvement Act."

Interested parties were given a hearing.

Your Committee had before it a request from the District Municipality of Central Saanich for remedial legislation arising from the effect as applied to Central Saanich of the present basis of utility taxation.

Basically the municipality had two complaints: (1) That as part of the original District Municipality of Saanich it enjoyed the benefits of the minimum (1947) clause and that this should continue and accrue to Central Saanich; (2) that the bringing into school cost apportioning of the assessed valuations of that part of utility property which is represented for revenue purposes by the 2-per-cent gross revenue tax works an undue hardship.

The Committee could not accept the contention of the municipality that it was being discriminated against in respect of Item No. 1, but does feel that there is some merit in the contention of the municipality in respect of Item No. 2.

A solution would appear to be outside the scope of this Committee, but it is recommended that the problem should be reviewed by the Government.

A number of amendments to the various Acts were approved which will, in due course, be submitted to the Legislature for enactment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE TOMLINSON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Board of The New Vista Society Act.'"

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to validate Victoria City By-law No. 3927.”

Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Court of Appeal Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Hospital Insurance Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Mining Tax Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, on the motion that the Bill be read a third time now, the House divided.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—39.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Winch</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Newton</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Wright</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Harding</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Moore</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	

NAYS—3.

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>
--------------	---------------	--------------

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Chetwynd</i>	<i>Giovando</i>
-----------------	-----------------

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Marriage Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors ” was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Motor-vehicle Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to establish a Crown Corporation for the Purpose of constructing and operating Toll Highways and Bridges ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Farmers’ Land-clearing Assistance Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Control of Access to Highways" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Conveyance of certain Lands to the Vancouver-Westminster Metropolitan Council for Church Extension of the United Church of Canada" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to give a Right of Entry on Lands to Owners of Petroleum and Natural-gas Rights and to provide for Compensation therefor" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Friday, October 16th, and all following days of the Session there shall be three distinct sittings in each day—one from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. Hagen asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. What firm of chartered accountants has audited the Pacific Great Eastern Railway accounts?
2. For how many years has this firm been so retained?
3. What has been the cost of any such audit during each year of the past ten years?
4. What has been the total cost of construction of the bridge on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway across Cottonwood Canyon?
5. What firm was contractor for the substructure of the said Cottonwood Bridge and how many cubic yards of concrete (a) plain and (b) reinforced were used in the construction and what was the cost of same?
6. (a) What weight of steel was used in the superstructure of said bridge, (b) what was the cost of same, and (c) who was the contractor for such superstructure?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Buttar and Chiene, Vancouver.
- " 2. From 1920 to date.
- " 3. \$1,500 per year to June 30th, 1947; \$2,000 per year from July 1st, 1947, to June 30th, 1951; and \$2,500 per year from July 1st, 1951, to date.
- " 4. \$1,238,945.45.
- " 5. Dawson & Hall Limited, (a) \$5,223.83 mass concrete surface reinforced with 71.1 tons of steel and (b) \$277,716.75.
- " 6. (a) 1,368 tons, (b) \$589,379.94, and (c) Dominion Bridge Company Limited."

Mr. Howard asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What election expenses were declared by the central committees of (a) the Social Credit Party, (b) the Liberal Party, (c) the Progressive Conservative Party, and (d) the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, pursuant to section 176 of the "Provincial Elections Act"?

2. What election expenses were declared by the candidates representing (a) the Social Credit Party, (b) the Liberal Party, (c) the Progressive Conservative Party, and (d) the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in the respective electoral districts, pursuant to section 176 of the "Provincial Elections Act"?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

"1. Social Credit, \$68,805.97; Liberal Party, \$85,305.38; Progressive Conservative Party, \$33,772.74; Co-operative Commonwealth Party, \$11,979.84; Christian Democrat, \$181.28; and Labour Progressive Party, unfiled.

"2. See statement attached.

"RETURN OF CANDIDATES' EXPENSES, GENERAL ELECTION, 1953.

Electoral District.	Social Credit.	C.C.F.	Christian Democrat.	Independent.	Labour Progressive.	Liberal.	Progressive Conservative.
Alberni.....	\$2,666.63	\$652.45	—	—	\$264.24	\$2,200.71	*
Atlin.....	*	325.00	—	—	—	796.50	—
Burnaby.....	1,164.28	1,430.30	\$20.12	—	220.00	2,170.00	\$506.18
Cariboo.....	328.70	*	—	—	—	2,000.00	*
Chilliwack.....	1,408.00	650.00	—	—	—	*	833.73
Columbia.....	312.47	482.00	—	—	—	1,051.00	500.00
Comox.....	319.00	797.11	—	—	367.62	1,797.87	348.26
Cowichan-Newcastle.....	278.85	905.00	—	\$315.31	195.59	601.76	750.00
Cranbrook.....	742.00	582.85	—	—	—	1,601.40	—
Delta.....	733.81	993.30	<i>Nil</i>	†	478.66	3,216.44	725.00
Dewdney.....	2,838.46	3,288.11	3.00	—	462.11	1,276.80	975.12
Esquimalt.....	924.84	734.43	—	—	—	*	501.76
Fernie.....	578.83	—	—	2,850.00‡	—	—	—
Fort George.....	1,704.31	1,795.98	—	—	—	3,822.88	—
Grand Forks-Greenwood.....	*	212.23	—	—	—	990.04	700.00
Kamloops.....	1,595.61	*	—	—	264.60	3,184.51	*
Kaslo-Slocan.....	586.50	545.90	—	—	—	1,241.35	—
Lillooet.....	*	*	—	—	—	2,742.38	1,658.50
Mackenzie.....	3,711.00	1,803.35	—	—	—	3,575.35	750.00
Nanaimo and The Islands.....	817.15	718.95	—	29.75	512.00	1,849.96	1,390.00
Nelson-Creston.....	2,328.20	1,127.00	—	—	188.42	3,413.20	1,532.84
New Westminster.....	1,400.00	514.00	6.00	—	378.58	2,621.66	—
North Okanagan.....	550.24	1,139.59	—	—	316.00	2,020.53	*
North Vancouver.....	906.77	712.91	35.55	—	340.00	2,081.59	*
Oak Bay.....	3,798.88	521.11	—	—	—	3,820.19	1,591.24
Omineca.....	475.00	555.14	—	—	—	2,255.00	1,850.00
Peace River.....	951.21	2,004.50	—	—	—	2,593.65	—
Prince Rupert.....	*	658.79	—	—	—	3,184.00	—
Revelstoke.....	269.90	336.47	—	187.35	—	1,265.00	—
Rossland-Trail.....	2,287.63	1,044.64	—	—	—	1,673.19	958.62
Saanich.....	1,712.84	1,364.89	—	—	—	2,439.00	902.50
Salmon Arm.....	786.12	490.88	—	—	156.00	2,106.70	600.00
Similkameen.....	1,537.68	1,559.23	—	—	—	1,282.00	550.00
Skeena.....	787.50	449.60	—	—	—	1,917.37	687.16
South Okanagan.....	2,754.60	805.73	—	—	—	3,027.16	464.10
Vancouver-Burrard—							
A.....	1,502.26	2,256.11	42.20	—	110.00	2,086.58	955.62
B.....	1,502.26	2,256.11	18.12	—	286.70	2,086.58	955.62
Vancouver Centre—							
A.....	1,127.45	752.41	52.00	—	116.90	4,500.00	1,002.92
B.....	2,800.00	752.41	54.00	—	*	4,500.00	1,002.93
Vancouver East—							
A.....	677.67	1,004.03	14.06	—	481.65	3,940.00	495.04
B.....	677.67	1,004.03	15.00	—	*	3,940.00	495.04
Vancouver-Point Grey—							
A.....	1,361.00	208.25	<i>Nil</i>	587.00	33.10	3,883.60	1,247.41
B.....	1,361.00	208.25	*	115.15	.50	3,883.60	1,247.41
C.....	1,360.89	208.25	<i>Nil</i>	—	15.63	3,883.60	1,565.41
Victoria City—							
A.....	1,135.39	521.11	—	1,504.77	141.47	1,873.58	701.51
B.....	1,135.39	*	—	—	141.47	2,073.59	701.51
C.....	1,135.39	521.11	—	—	164.47	1,873.59	701.51
Yale.....	376.72	487.21	—	—	—	1,822.00	773.00

* Unfiled.

† People's Party.

‡ Labour."

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

1. Does the British Columbia Power Commission hold any insurance that would cover the Whatshan power-development?

2. If so, (a) in what amounts, (b) what is the premium paid, (c) with what company is the insurance carried, and (d) if placed through an agent, what person or firm holds such agency?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; it carries fire insurance on the general plant at this location, which plant consists of the following: Operators' houses, staff houses, warehouse, and garage buildings, wharf and ramp.

“ 2. (a) The amount carried on this type of plant at this location is \$117,960; (b) the insurance is written at a rate of 1.24 per cent per \$100 for three years and the premium payable on the above amount is \$1,462.70; (c) the coverage is on a blanket form written principally with the following companies: The Guardian Insurance Company of Canada, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Canada Insurance Company, Fidelity Phenix Fire Insurance Company, The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, The Globe Indemnity Insurance Company of Canada, etc.; and (d) this blanket fire insurance is written through the following agents: John W. Boyd & Company, Vancouver; Okanagan Investments Limited, Kelowna; W. K. MacNaughton Insurance, Cumberland; Butcher & McLennan, Nanaimo; Gillespie, Hart & Company, Victoria; Gordon G. Hune Limited, Campbell River; and Robert S. Day & Son, Vancouver.”

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

1. Does the British Columbia Power Commission hold any insurance on the John Hart installation at Campbell River?

2. If so, (a) what is the gross value of policies held, (b) what do they cover, and (c) what premium is paid on each?

3. With what agents, if any, are the policies placed?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; carries fire insurance on the general plant at this location, which plant consists of the following: Operators' houses, warehouse building, office, and storage buildings.

“ 2. (a) The amount carried on this type of plant at this location is \$171,800; (b) operators' houses, warehouse building, office, and storage buildings; and (c) the insurance is written at a rate of 1.24 per cent per \$100 for three years and the premium payable on the above amount is \$2,130.32.

“ 3. The coverage here is on the same form as referred to above in connection with the Whatshan generating plant and is written with the same companies and through the same agents.”

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

1. Are regular meetings held of the board of directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

2. If not, what meetings have been held by the board during the past five years?

3. What directors attended each meeting held in this period?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. As regular as business requires and circumstances permit.

“ 2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. Moore asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Has a decision been made to grant to the British Columbia Power Commission permission to sell Strathcona Park timber and retain moneys from the sale to cover costs of clearing up debris?

2. If so, when was this decision made?

3. If such a decision was made, was it ever communicated to the Legislative Committee set up to study the problem of Buttle Lake?

The Hon. R. E. Sommers replied as follows:—

“1. Complete engineering data have not yet been received to indicate that a dam will or will not be built; all factors are contingent upon this decision.

“2 and 3. Not applicable.”

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 5.56 p.m.

Thursday, October 15th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors” was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act.’”

Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Local Improvement Act.’”

Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Elections Act.’”

Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trustee Board of The New Vista Society Act.’”

On consideration of the report on Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to establish the Greater Nanaimo Water District,” the report was adopted and the Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Order called for "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Seaboard Assurance Company" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

Mr. *Williston* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
October 15th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries begs leave to report as follows:—

This Committee has held fourteen meetings concerning the matter of the sale of timber on Mount Bruce Park which was referred to it by the Legislature. Some witnesses are still to be called to testify and so it has not been possible to complete the collection of evidence necessary for a proper consideration of the problem. Therefore, it is recommended that this Committee be reconstituted with as many of the same personnel as possible at the beginning of the next Session of this House when the said Committee will be able to bring a considered recommendation for ratification by the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. G. WILLISTON, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented the Report of the Special Committee on Redistribution, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
October 15th, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee on Redistribution begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee has met on two separate occasions to discuss and approach the problem of redistribution which was laid before it. The basis for discussion centred around the approach to the subject. Mr. Hurley, Chief Electoral Officer, was consequently called before the Committee to discuss the nature of the problem with him and for the benefit of his experience in administering elections for the past good many years. Mr. Hurley was instructed by the Committee to obtain for it certain maps, papers, documents, etc., which might be of use to the Committee in establishing a basis from which to work. Mr. Hurley was further instructed to send letters to all M.L.A.'s, Registrars of Voters, and Returning Officers requesting any pertinent information that might be of value to the Committee.

Your Committee therefore reports progress and recommends to the House that this Committee, as is presently constituted, be made a continuing Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. BLACK, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.06 p.m.

Friday, October 16th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. W. Parker.

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes" the House divided.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—39.

Messieurs

<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Moore</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Winch</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Newton</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Howard</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Wright</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Harding</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	

NAYS—3.

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i>	<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Laing</i>
--------------	-----------------	--------------

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" Mr. *Webster* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

That Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" be amended by striking out, in the second line of section 133, the word "more" and substituting the word "less."

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Giovando</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Parker</i>	<i>Wright</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Eddie</i>			

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to validate Victoria City By-law No. 3927" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

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

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Board of The New Vista Society Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act ' " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

1. (a) During the last fiscal period did the Provincial Government contribute any moneys for the maintenance of the Milk Board and (b) if so, how much?
2. (a) During the last fiscal period did the distributors contribute any moneys for the maintenance of the Milk Board and (b) if so, how much?
3. (a) During the last fiscal period did the producers contribute any moneys for the maintenance of the Milk Board and (b) if so, how much?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

" 1. No.

" 2. \$23,195.52.

" 3. \$27,659.51."

Mr. *Segur* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Has a forest management licence agreement been concluded with the Celgar Corporation covering the Arrow Lakes-Columbia River area?
2. If so, are the terms of the forest management licence available to the members of this House?
3. Does this forest management licence restrict in any way the free movement of hunters, fishermen, and trappers in this area that they have enjoyed in the past?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

" 1. No.

" 2 and 3. Not applicable."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.56 a.m.

Saturday, October 17th, 1953.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean *P. R. Beattie*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, " Public Bills and Orders."

On consideration of Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly," reported complete with amendments, the report was adopted and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to protect certain Civil Rights" a debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

Bill ruled out of order and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper for reasons stated as follows:—

Honourable Members,—Sections 5 and 6 of this Bill concern matters of criminal or quasi-criminal nature and are therefore in the sphere of Federal jurisdiction and beyond that of the Province. Section 7 constitutes an amendment to the "Constitution Act." An amendment to the "Constitution Act" may not proceed without the sanction of the Crown (Standing Order No. 76). Section 10 pertains to Crown lands. Crown lands are the prerogative of the Crown and legislation concerning them must have the consent of the Crown. This consent does not appear to have been given. There are many decisions of this House on this point recorded in our Journals. An outstanding one is that of Mr. Speaker *Perry*, wherein he stated: "No measure dealing with Crown land and property can be introduced by a private member without consent of the Crown." Mr. Speaker *Perry* quotes previous decisions, and this decision has been followed many times since (British Columbia Journals, 1935, page 111). For these reasons I rule the Bill out of order.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Laws Declaratory Act'" a debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

Bill ruled out of order and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper for the reasons referred to with respect to section 10 of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to protect certain Civil Rights" above.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act'" a debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

Bill ruled out of order and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper for reasons as follows:—

Honourable Members,—This Bill places an impost on a section of the people and directly follows the decision of Mr. Speaker *Whittaker* on a similar point wherein, in ruling the Bill out of order, he states: "The Bill would undoubtedly involve a charge upon a section of the people. I think it is immaterial whether this charge would devolve upon the employer or upon the employee" (British Columbia Journals, 1939, page 77).

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act'" a debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

Bill ruled out of order and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper for reasons stated as follows:—

Honourable Members,—Sections 3 and 8 impose obligations and restrictions on the Crown: Section 3 in that the Crown could be deemed an employer subject to the various obligations and restrictions granted or imposed by the Act and section 8, clause (a), requires that before regulations may be made "due consultation with all interested parties" must be had as a condition precedent to the making of the regulation. "All interested parties" is, in its strict interpretation, inclusive of practically all the employers, all trade-unions, various organizations, and all other persons interested in labour. In order to carry out such a duty, the expense involved would be terrific. Therefore, this Bill not only imposes heavy obligations on the Crown, but involves the appropriation of public moneys and is ruled out of order.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Strachan* on the 7th instant, as follows:—

25 Whereas it has been reported that 5,000 workers are now on strike in the Interior lumber industry of British Columbia because the employers refuse to accept the majority award of the Conciliation Board appointed for that purpose:

And whereas it is also reported that an additional 4,500 workers are contemplating similar strike action:

And whereas any stoppage of work affecting such a large number of men in the lumber industry of this Province could mean the loss in wages paid of \$100,000 per day:

And whereas any prolongation of such a monetary loss would adversely affect the whole economy of our Province and produce dire consequences far beyond the industry immediately involved in such a strike:

And whereas it is vital to the economy of the Province that industrial peace be re-established and maintained in this most important section of our economy:

And whereas it is important that the Government give every assistance and, if necessary, promote further conciliation proceedings:

And whereas it is also important that the members of this Legislature and the public of the Province be assured that everything possible is being done by the Government to promote and restore industrial peace and harmony in the Interior logging and sawmill operations:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature refer the matter of labour conditions in the Interior lumber operations of British Columbia to the Select Standing Committee on Labour for its immediate consideration:

And be it further Resolved, That this Committee be empowered to call before it the Minister of Labour and any other member of the Provincial Department of Labour or any other person from whom it may desire to have additional information in order to ascertain and determine what actions are being taken by the Department of Labour and the Minister of Labour to overcome the present unsettled conditions in the logging industry of British Columbia.

The debate continued.

The motion was ruled out of order for the following reasons:—

Honourable Members,—The premises upon which this motion is based recites matters “reported.” There is no report before the House to support such premises. Mr. Speaker *Whittaker* in a decision (*British Columbia Journals*, 1937, page 114) states: “The preamble contains such words as ‘it is admitted’ and ‘it would appear.’” Similar expressions were held to be equivalent to matters and documents not before the House by Mr. Speaker *Perry* in two decisions appearing in the *Journals of the House* (1935, page 124, and 1936, page 136). The motion before us, for this reason, would appear to be out of order, and I so rule.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

1 Mr. *Harding* moved, seconded by Mr. *Moore*,—

Whereas during proceedings of the Legislature statements on public policy with factual data are made but not officially recorded:

And whereas it is in the interest of the public and all Legislative members that the proceedings should be so recorded as to enable full and accurate reference thereto:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should give consideration to the advisability of establishing a system of verbatim reporting.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the following reasons:—

Honourable Members,—There is a fundamental principle established some 250 years ago in the British House of Commons to the effect that financial Bills and Resolutions must come to the House by Message recommending the same. This is a constitutional requirement imposed on all Legislatures of the Dominion of Canada by section 90 of the “British North America Act,” and on British Columbia section 10 of the Terms of Union by which British Columbia became a Province, and it reads as follows:—

“54. It shall not be lawful for the House of Commons to adopt or pass any Vote, Resolution, Address, or Bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost, to any purpose that has not been first recommended to that House by Message of the Governor-General in the Session in which such Vote, Resolution, Address, or Bill is proposed.”

We have put this identical provision *mutatis mutandis* in our Standing Order No. 67. In our “Constitution Act,” section 52, we have gone a little farther, whereas in the “British North America Act” and our Standing Order No. 67, the wording is “to adopt or pass”; in our “Constitution Act” we use the words “to originate or pass.”

However, the decisions given by the Speakers of our Legislature appear to be more stringent on such motions than would appear to be the case in other jurisdictions. The reason for this is that some time between 1872 and 1891 this House adopted Standing Order No. 66. Just why our House adopted this Standing Order is not clear. By this rule the House has seen fit to restrict the right of the House to the most ancient of all privileges of Parliament—namely, access to the Crown. However, our rule definitely prohibits the expression of abstract opinions. Our decisions go as far as saying that even such palliative words as “considering the advisability of recommending” are not sufficient to take the Resolution beyond the scope of the rule.

By Standing Order No. 58, the Speaker, if of the opinion that a motion is contrary to the rules and privileges of Parliament, shall advise the House thereof immediately before putting the question thereon. Rules and privileges of the House are not confined to what is contained in Standing Orders. By Standing Order No. 1, where our own

rules do not cover the situation, we must follow the usages and customs of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. There are many situations not covered by our own rules and we, consequently, apply the British rules and practices where consistent. The motion before us I am ruling out of order as in contravention of section 52 of the "Constitution Act," Standing Order No. 67 and Standing Order No. 66.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

2 Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

Whereas the 1951 Sloan Report on the "Workmen's Compensation Act" made many recommendations to increase and improve the service of the Act:

And whereas workmen engaged in the fishing industry suffer many hazards in the pursuance of their occupation and have for many years asked to be covered by the operations of the Act:

And whereas all the pensions granted under this Act prior to April, 1952, were based on rates incompatible with the present cost of living:

And whereas subsistence allowance is not allowed to all cases called before the Board:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the House recommends to the Government that the "Workmen's Compensation Act" be opened during the present Session with a view to the implementation of the foregoing proposals and such further improvement in benefits as may be deemed desirable.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Laing</i>		

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Wright</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Giovando *Gaglardi*

3 Mr. *Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Webster*,—

Whereas the present social-assistance rates are far below the accepted cost-of-living index necessary to ensure an essential minimum standard of good health, thereby causing distress and malnutrition to the many citizens of all ages dependent upon social assistance:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge upon the Government early consideration of social-assistance rates with a view to their early revision to bring them into line with the prevailing cost-of-living index, as required by Regulation No. 7 of the Social Assistance Regulations, as provided for under the "Social Assistance Act":

And be it further Resolved, That the Government be urged to take into consideration necessary action to ensure a yearly revision of social-assistance rates to bring them into line with the cost-of-living index as recommended in the aforementioned Regulation No. 7.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*,—

To strike out all the words after “rates,” in the first line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

“ . . . were made fully effective in municipalities through the action of the Government in restoring the share basis to an over-all 80-20 instead of 80-20 and 50-50:

“And whereas no review of social-assistance rates has been made since establishment of the new share basis:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commend the Government for its action in making the present rates fully effective and do recommend to the Government that close study be given by it as to the adequacy of present rates.”

Amendment agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Parker</i>	<i>Wright</i>		

NAYS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Gaglardi *Giovando*

Motion as amended agreed to.

4 Mr. *Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

Whereas the present housing shortage in British Columbia will become more acute as population increases and as the world crisis brings new concentration of industry to the urban centres:

And whereas there is great need for slum clearance, neighbourhood planning, and home construction in British Columbia's industrial centres in order to fill the present need for low-rental homes:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends that the Provincial Government should call a Provincial-Municipal Housing Conference in order to devise ways and means to implement the “Housing Act” of British Columbia, 1950, with special refer-

ence to the following matters: (a) Ability of municipalities to finance their share of low-rental housing projects under existing legislation, (b) relation of housing to town and regional planning, (c) assembly and servicing of suitable land, (d) measures to lower construction costs, and (e) administration of low-rental projects and provision for metropolitan housing authorities, if necessary.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas," in the first line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

" . . . the 'Town Planning Act,' the 'Slum Clearance Assistance Act,' and the 'Housing Act' provide machinery whereby measures may be taken by municipalities to (a) assemble and service land, (b) construct houses for sale or for rent, (c) provide subsidies, (d) clear slums, (e) replot and zone land, and (f) provide a community plan for development:

"And whereas the Federal and Provincial Governments are prepared to provide substantial financial assistance:

"And whereas meetings were held by the Government of the Province with a number of municipalities subsequent to which a Housing Commissioner was appointed who, in conjunction with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, has fostered local efforts to meet housing needs:

"And whereas approved projects satisfactory to the municipalities concerned have been undertaken at the expense of the two senior Governments with a minor contribution in one instance from the municipality:

"And whereas further projects are presently under study:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends the Government of the Province for the active assistance rendered the municipalities in meeting their housing problems."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

5 Mr. *Moore* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

Whereas the Government of the Province of British Columbia has enacted legislation providing for the settlement of disputes between employers and labour by conciliation or arbitration:

And whereas the Government of the Province of British Columbia, which should set an example in its labour relations, has neglected to make provisions for conciliation and arbitration in dealing with its own employees:

And whereas other public employees, such as firemen, policemen, and school-teachers, have been afforded the opportunity of appeal to an arbitration board:

And whereas the Ash Report has recommended a regulated bargaining procedure for Provincial Government employees:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House do recommend to the Government that a procedure be established whereby, as a matter of right, the representatives of the majority of all the employees could pursue discussion with the employer on matters of welfare through to a duly constituted arbitration board, if necessary, where settlement has not been otherwise effected.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the following reasons:—

Honourable Members,—This motion recommends that the Government establish a certain procedure. The establishment of this procedure could only be done by an amendment of a Statute. The motion is therefore out of order in that it is a direction of Government policy and would require the amendment of the Statute.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

6 Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

Be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should take under advisement the calling of a Provincial-Municipal Conference to consider all phases of Provincial-municipal relations and jurisdictions.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

7 Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Moore*,—

Whereas the basic principle of insurance is a common fund from which to compensate the victims of certain hazards:

And whereas insurance is generally accepted by the public as being necessary to prevent financial disaster to the individual or family:

And whereas Part II of the "Motor-vehicle Act" practically requires every owner of a motor-vehicle to carry insurance:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government early consideration of the advisability of preparing a plan calculated to provide automobile accident insurance at cost operated by the Government and based upon the principle of compensation to all who suffer from the results of motor-vehicle accidents, with the exception of those driving while under the influence of liquor or drugs or with criminal intent or in any other way guilty of gross negligence in the operation of a motor-vehicle.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the reasons stated with respect to Motions Nos. 1 and 5 above.

8 Mr. *Gargrave* moved, seconded by Mr. *Squire*,—

Whereas the volume of water-borne traffic on the coast of British Columbia is of considerable magnitude, involving many millions of dollars' worth of equipment and the transportation of hundreds of thousands of persons annually:

And whereas the incidence of accidents involving considerable loss of life and property has risen to an alarming rate in recent years:

And whereas no efficient organization for the protection of such lives and property has been established on the British Columbia coast:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that His Honour will cause representations to be made to the Dominion Government that, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to establish an adequate Pacific coast-guard service with men and life-saving equipment so stationed at points on the coast-line as to extend the utmost protection to lives in peril through marine disasters in coastal waters.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

9 Mr. *Eddie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Howard*,—

Whereas the people of British Columbia have signified by petition, briefs, and delegations that they support the principle of properly planned and financed hospital insurance:

And whereas by the same means they have indicated that there is general dissatisfaction on the matters of co-insurance, premium rates, and compulsory features as now provided in the scheme:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House do recommend that the Government give full consideration to the recommendations contained in the report of the Hospital Insurance Inquiry Board with a view to their immediate impletion.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the reasons stated with respect to Motion No. 5 above.

10 Mr. *Eddie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Squire*,—

That this House asks the Government to establish a Committee of Inquiry to examine and inquire into the problem of highway safety and all matters pertaining thereto with a view to ascertaining what steps may be taken to reduce the number of accidents on the road system of the Province, the said Committee to report to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council the results of its deliberations with such recommendations as deemed advisable, and that said report be filed with the Legislature.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

11 Mr. *Calder* moved, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*,—

Whereas the maximum allowance under the “Mothers’ Allowances Act” is not commensurate with the present cost of living:

And whereas the qualifications to become a beneficiary under this Act exclude many worthy cases:

And whereas the limits placed on the possession of property under this Act are not commensurate with present-day values:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the House recommends that the Government give favourable consideration to reopening the “Mothers’ Allowances Act” during the present Session with a view to revising same.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the reasons stated with respect to Motion No. 5 above.

12 Mr. *Calder* moved, seconded by Mr. *Moore*,—

Whereas there have been many lives lost in the outlying areas of this Province through lack of quick medical attention:

And whereas there are long distances between isolated industrial camps and villages and modern hospital services:

And whereas the inauguration of an air ambulance service would prove of great value to encourage industrial expansion, pioneering, and land settlement in the remote areas:

And whereas a Provincial Government operated air ambulance service could also be used to provide transportation of social-service personnel, nurses, doctors, dentists, and the injured in urgent cases:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature recommends to the Government that consideration be given to the advisability of establishing an air ambulance service in the Province of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the reasons stated with respect to Motion No. 1 above.

19 Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*,—

Whereas many millions of dollars are invested in co-operatives and many thousands of people are members, dependent largely upon co-operatives for their welfare:

And whereas co-operatives exemplify the finest application of the principles of democracy to the economic field and thus an alternative to the growth of private monopolies:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge the Government to consider the advisability of setting up a Department of Co-operatives under a Minister of Co-operatives to advise and help existing co-operatives and credit unions and to encourage further expansion of the co-operative and credit union movement.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the reasons stated with respect to Motion No. 1 above.

22 Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Moore*,—

Whereas many of our people are protesting the service being provided by private telephone companies:

And whereas almost all of our present telephone services do not come within the jurisdiction of the British Columbia Public Utilities Commission:

And whereas the Federal Board of Transport Commissioners can only control the setting of rates and charges and has no say in the quality of telephone service provided:

And whereas this situation leaves the people and the Government of British Columbia with little say in the actions of the private companies which now control this public utility:

And whereas a good telephone system in this Province is a most important part of our daily living and a necessary part of our present working and trading practices:

And whereas it is in the best interest of all the people of British Columbia and of the Province as a whole that the best possible telephone service be made available in this Province:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House consider the advisability of recommending to the Government that a British Columbia Telephone Commission be set up in order to assure adequate telephone service to all the people of the Province.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the reasons stated with respect to Motion No. 1 above.

13 Mr. *Webster* moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*,—

Whereas briefs and representations of agricultural organizations indicate that agricultural producers are seriously concerned about prices, controls, and markets:

And whereas a serious and disturbing situation exists when agricultural producers are in, or may face, a position of insecurity:

And whereas it is of vital importance to the Provincial economy that everything possible be done to place agriculture in a secure position:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House asks the Government to consider the advisability of establishing a Committee of Inquiry to investigate the following:—

- (1) The problems involved in present-day trends in agricultural production, land use, and farm costs:
- (2) The needs for farm capital and credit:
- (3) Extension of farm-produce markets:
- (4) Further adaptation of social services and educational facilities to meet changing rural conditions:
- (5) The further development of rural transportation, electrification, communication, and community services:

And be it further Resolved, That should the Government favourably consider the appointment of said Committee of Inquiry, recognizing it might well take considerable time, that the objective be the development of a plan to assist agricultural development and farmers' security:

And be it still further Resolved, That in the event of such Committee being appointed that the findings be reported to the Minister of Agriculture and filed with the Legislature.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the reasons stated with respect to Motion No. 1 above.

14 Mr. *Segur* moved, seconded by Mr. *Haggen*,—

Whereas lack of dental care seriously affects the health of the people:

And whereas a serious shortage of dentists exists in the Province of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the House urges the Government to take under consideration provision for the establishment of dental training facilities at the University of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

15 Mr. *Laing* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,—

That this House asks for the production of all documents, correspondence, and papers between the Minister of Agriculture and other members of the Government and the Milk Board bearing upon the recent hearings and the decision to decontrol the price of milk above the producer level.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

16 Mr. *Howard* moved, seconded by Mr. *Calder*,—

Whereas a Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs was appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in December, 1950:

And whereas the duties, in part, of this Committee are to study, investigate, and inquire into such questions relating to the civil rights of Indians and other matters

affecting Indians as may be designated from time to time by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and to make recommendations to the Legislature based upon such studies and investigations:

And whereas the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs has not made any recommendations to the Legislature:

And whereas this Committee can be of unlimited value to the Indian people of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly requests the Government to designate to this Committee appropriate investigations into Indian affairs aiming for the advancement of the native Indians:

And be it further Resolved, That this House requests the Government to file with this Legislature any recommendations that the Indian Advisory Committee may have made.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Matthew*,—

To delete the four paragraphs of this motion following the word “investigations,” in the seventh line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

“Be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly do commend the Government of this Province for its recent action in placing the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs under the chairmanship of Mr. Ellis H. Morrow, Professor Emeritus of the University of British Columbia:

“And be it further Resolved, That this Assembly do take cognizance of the fact that Mr. *Frank Calder*, M.L.A. for Atlin, Mr. *Cyril Shelford*, M.L.A. for Omineca, and Captain John Cates, former Minister of Labour for this Province, were separately and collectively called before the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs to present certain views:

“And be it still further Resolved, That this Government be commended for so placing the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs on an active basis.”

The debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Howard* was withdrawn:—

24 Whereas the Pas Lumber Company has applied for a forest management licence in the Prince George area:

And whereas this application has received considerable opposition from lumber operators and business-men in the Prince George area:

And whereas this opposition appears to be based on the assumption that, if granted, the forest management licence would be detrimental to the forest industry in the Prince George area:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the matters mentioned above be referred to the Select Standing Committee of the House on Forestry and Fisheries for its inquiry and recommendations:

And be it further Resolved, That, in making its inquiry, the Committee be empowered to inquire into all such matters and things as may be pertinent to the subject and to send for such persons, papers, and records as may be required.

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that the House continue to sit.

17 Mr. *Haggen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

Whereas the alienation of power-sites in British Columbia leaves the British Columbia Power Commission with a very limited selection of suitable sites capable of economic development:

And whereas investigation of suitable sites has been made by the Water Rights Branch at public expense:

And whereas these investigations show that the Homathko River is capable of supplying about 800,000 horse-power of electrical energy when developed to capacity:

And whereas available maps indicate that a transmission-line about 100 miles long would connect with the British Columbia Power Commission's system on Vancouver Island, about 60 miles with the Powell River area, about 170 miles with Quesnel, and 70 miles extra with Prince George:

And whereas the Vancouver Island connection obviates any need for the spoilation of Buttle Lake:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends that all power on the Homathko be reserved for investigation and use by the British Columbia Power Commission.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the reasons stated with respect to Motion No. 25 above.

23 Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harding*,—

Whereas poliomyelitis reached epidemic proportions in 1952:

And whereas many of the victims were left paralysed and crippled:

And whereas hospital insurance is only extended during the acute period:

And whereas all further treatment depends upon the economic circumstances of the patient or the availability of treatment through charitable organizations:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends that this Government give early and favourable consideration to accepting responsibility for treatment and hospitalization to all persons left incapacitated by this disease.

A debate arose.

A point of order was taken.

The motion was ruled out of order for the reasons stated with respect to Motion No. 1 above.

At 1.20 o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker declared a recess until 2 o'clock to-day.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

Edwin Keary DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Summary Convictions Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Charter."
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Construction Act, 1953."
- (No. 4) An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Allotment of Doukhobor Lands in the Province.
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 6) An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes.
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Irrigation Assistance Loan Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Mining Tax Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations.
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Sheriffs Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Police and Prisons Regulation Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Water Act."
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Petroleum and Natural Gas Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Coal Act."
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 20) An Act to ensure Fair Remuneration to Female Employees.
- (No. 21) An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors.
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "City of Nelson Borrowing-power Extension Act."
- (No. 23) An Act to establish the Greater Nanaimo Water District.
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Public Printing Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Public Documents Disposal Act."
- (No. 29) An Act relating to The Corporation of the District of Kent and certain Drainage and Dyking Works within the Municipality of Kent.
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Delta Drainage Act, 1936."
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to establish a Crown Corporation for the Purpose of constructing and operating Toll Highways and Bridges.
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to provide for the Control of Access to Highways.
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to validate Victoria City By-law No. 3927.
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Hospital Insurance Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to provide for the Conveyance of certain Lands to the Vancouver-Westminster Metropolitan Council for Church Extension of the United Church of Canada.
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Evidence Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to give a Right of Entry on Lands to Owners of Petroleum and Natural-gas Rights and to provide for Compensation therefor.

- (No. 46) An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
 (No. 47) An Act to amend the " Court of Appeal Act."
 (No. 48) An Act to amend the " Local Improvement Act."
 (No. 49) An Act to amend the " Municipal Elections Act."
 (No. 50) An Act to incorporate the Seaboard Assurance Company.
 (No. 61) An Act to amend the " Trustee Board of The New Vista Society Act."
 (No. 62) An Act to amend the " Municipal Act."
 (No. 63) An Act to amend the " Village Municipalities Act."

The Lieutenant-Governor was pleased, in Her 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 Her Majesty's name, the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then Mr. Speaker addressed the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by the Lieutenant-Governor's command, did thereupon say:—

" In Her Majesty's name, the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this, the First Session of the Twenty-fourth Parliament, I wish to express my deep sorrow that during this Session of the Legislative Assembly my Government and the people of this Province have suffered a great loss in the passing of a valued Cabinet Minister and representative of the people in the person of the Honourable Tilly Jean Rolston, Minister of Education.

Mrs. Rolston was for many years a member for the Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral District and was a leader of outstanding ability. Her loss is mourned not only by my Government, but by all those who knew her unselfish and untiring devotion to public affairs.

In relieving you of your legislative deliberations, I wish to express my appreciation for the attention you have given to the numerous matters submitted for your consideration.

Of notable and major importance have been the following enactments:—

The Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Allotment of Doukhobor Lands in the Province:

The Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes:

The " Mining Tax Act Amendment Act ":

The Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations:
 The Act to ensure Fair Remuneration to Female Employees:
 The Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors:
 The " Motor-vehicle Act Amendment Act " :
 The Act to establish a Crown Corporation for the Purpose of constructing
 and operating Toll Highways and Bridges:
 The " Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act Amendment Act " :
 The Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

These and many other measures will add to the well-being of our people.

I thank you for the supplies you have granted for the Public Service, which will enable the continuation of my Government throughout the fiscal year.

In closing this Session, I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. *W. D. Black*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please the Lieutenant-Governor to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

VICTORIA, B.C.

Printed by DON McDIARMID, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty
 1953