

Tuesday, March 19th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. W. McKinnon*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

That on Friday, March 15th, and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day; one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1939,' and to make other Provisions."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* presented the Annual Report of the Lands and Surveys Branches of the Department of Lands and Forests for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

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

1. Has the Power Commission made a survey of the power needs of Northern British Columbia, with particular reference to Prince Rupert?
2. If not, is a survey contemplated during the present year?
3. Is it the intention of the Government, under authority of the "Electric Power Act," to acquire the Northern British Columbia Power Company?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. No plans have been made for a survey this year.
- "3. No recommendation has been received from the British Columbia Power Commission."

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

1. Has a power survey been made of Prince George and the surrounding country?
2. If not, is such a survey contemplated?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Yes."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

What action has been taken by the Government relative to the Resolution passed by the Legislature on March 26th, 1945, that “this House urges further appropriate action as early as possible to secure the removal in entirety of any railway rates that are unjustly discriminating against British Columbia”?

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

“Resolution was forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor on June 5th, 1945, for transmission to the Honourable the Secretary of State. No reply has been received.

“NOTE.—This question has been the subject of discussion at the Dominion-Provincial Conference and has been given a place on the agenda. A conference also has been held with Western Premiers looking toward unified action in this matter. Material for presentation of case is now being prepared.”

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. What action has been taken by the Government relative to the Resolution passed by the Legislature on March 26th, 1945, that “the Dominion Government be humbly petitioned to take into consideration the advisability of encouraging the native Indians to improve their standard of living, which could best be done by providing a better standard of housing; that leadership be given in cutting of timber, sawing lumber, and building sanitary homes on reserves, thereby encouraging the Indians to take advantage of the educational facilities and health standards which are now available under the terms of the ‘British North America Act’”?

2. If any action was taken, what reply was received from the Federal Government?

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

“1. Copy of this Resolution was forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor on June 5th, 1945, for transmission to the Honourable the Secretary of State.

“2. No reply has been received.”

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

1. Since February, 1943, has the Government appointed a planning and housing authority to determine and plan an urban and rural development programme?

2. If yes, what are the duties of such authority?

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

“1. Yes; on January 1st, 1945, a Regional Planning Division of the Bureau of Post-war Rehabilitation and Reconstruction was initiated.

“2. The duties of the Regional Planning Division include assistance and advice to small cities and villages in the preparation of a master plan for their respective communities. The master plan is prepared to meet the requirements of the ‘National Housing Act’ to enable the communities to take advantage of the provisions of the Act under clauses 4 (2) (i.) and 9 (3) (b) and (c), 11 (2) (a), 12 (2) (a). The Regional Planning Division is authorized to secure an accurate appraisal of the resources of the ten regions into which the Province has been divided to develop the economic possibilities of each region, both urban and rural.”

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

1. Has the Government information relative to the cost of fare for a passenger by air transportation between Victoria and Vancouver in the year (a) 1945 and (b) 1946?

2. If a rise in cost has taken place, did the Government make representation opposing same (a) prior or (b) subsequent thereto?

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

“1. No.

“2. See No. 1.”

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. What action has been taken by the Government relative to the Resolution passed by the House on March 27th, 1945, 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 a Pacific Coast Guard Service with men, life-saving equipment, and aircraft so stationed at points on the coast-line as to extend the utmost protection to lives in peril through marine disasters in coastal waters"?

2. If any action was taken, what reply was received from the Federal Government?

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

"1. Copy of this Resolution was forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor on June 5th, 1945, for transmission to the Honourable the Secretary of State.

"2. No reply has been received.

"NOTE.—Arrangements have been made between the British Columbia Police and the Royal Canadian Air Force to bring about a higher degree of air-sea rescue service than has been heretofore possible."

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 4.27 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19th, 1946.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.39 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. C. Jackson*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report of the Social Assistance Branch of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the Year ended March 31st, 1945.

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

What action, if any, has been taken in the past twelve months to prevent the establishment of new company towns and to remove restrictions in existing company towns?

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

“No company towns have been established during the year. No action taken.”

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 4.45 p.m.

Thursday, March 21st, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *A. E. deL. Nunns*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report of the General Superintendent of the Mental Hospitals for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1945.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.27 p.m.

Friday, March 22nd, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. Allen*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,534,100.15 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1947.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again 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. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Delta Drainage Act, 1936.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Turner*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Apprenticeship Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Railway Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act respecting the Practice of Optometry.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act respecting the Practice of Medicine and Surgery.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Change of Name Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dentistry Act.’”

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Electric Power Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 15th, 1946.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Electric Power Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 21st, 1946.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-racing Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 21st, 1946.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. What recreation facilities are available for members of the medical, attendant, and nursing staffs in residence at each Provincial mental hospital?

2. What transportation facilities, if any, are available for the residential staff at Essondale to return the same night from late evening engagements in the adjacent cities?

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

"1. At Essondale we have a recreational director newly appointed who is aiding the patients and staff in recreation. There is limited swimming, badminton, limited gymnasium, tennis, dances, and social events. A recreational building at Essondale is under consideration. At New Westminster radios and speakers have been off in some buildings during building operations but are on again now. There is a new school and gymnasium. They have football and basketball. They maintain rhythm bands and rhythm dancing, having three concerts in which sometimes patients participate, four parties during the year, moving pictures on Tuesdays; in good weather, paddling in the pool, swings, see-saws, etc. They have a tennis-court, which now needs repair. A recreational director has been engaged. Recreation facilities available for the staff at the Colquitz institution: One billiard and lounge room with facilities for playing cards, one writing-room, and one gymnasium. In the summer one tennis-court and one croquet and bowling green are available.

"2. During the war the transportation was not at usual times. The latest change is a bus to Essondale which arrives at 11.50 p.m. Although not specifically asked for the Colquitz locality is served by the Vancouver Island Coach Lines bus system, the last bus leaving Victoria at 11.30 p.m. on week-days.

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

1. Are facilities available to patients in each Provincial mental hospital to contact an authorized person or group of persons not directly connected with the administration of the hospitals for the purpose of inquiring into any matter upon which the patient desires advice or assistance?

2. Has the Government given consideration to the setting-up of a body similar, in general terms, to the Lunacy Commission in Great Britain?

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

"1. At Essondale patients may contact relatives, friends, and clergy (Protestant and Roman Catholic). Returned soldiers have close contact with the returned soldier organizations. This is also the case with lodges and fraternal organizations. At Colquitz facilities for this purpose are available.

"2. Discussed, but no decision arrived at."

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

1. Is the Government aware of any arrangement between the Department of National Defence and any logging interests in British Columbia for the use of soldiers for tree-planting?

2. Is the Provincial Government supplying young trees and supervision of planting to any private logging concern at Oyster River, Vancouver Island?

3. If yes, are they supplied free?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Yes."

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

1. Are facilities for complete segregation of active tubercular patients available in each Provincial mental hospital?

2. Are the tuberculosis records of the Provincial mental hospitals exclusively kept by the medical administration of the hospitals or also by the Division of Tuberculosis Control?

3. What number of patients, if any, whose tests were negative on admission later developed active infection during each of the past five years?

4. How many deaths have occurred from each recorded form of tuberculosis respectively during each of the past five years?

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

“1. At the Provincial mental hospital at Essondale adequate segregation of female tubercular patients has been made available by the setting aside of a ward for the treatment of these cases. Isolation precautions are carried out and the usual treatment routine as outlined by the Division of Tuberculosis Control. Less adequate arrangements have been made for the care of tubercular cases on the male side by the setting aside of a small ward for the treatment of active cases where they are isolated and customary treatment is carried out. This ward is too small and accommodates only the active cases with no provision for arrested types of tuberculosis. A similar routine exists in the treatment of tubercular cases in the New Westminster institution. At Colquitz patients developing tuberculosis are returned to Essondale if they are in fit condition, or otherwise are isolated there.

“2. The tuberculosis records of the Provincial mental hospitals are kept by the medical administration and also by the Division of Tuberculosis Control. For each and every case of tuberculosis the customary yellow notification card is forwarded to the Division of Tuberculosis Control and also death notices are forwarded at the time of death. Medical administration works in close co-operation with the Division of Tuberculosis Control and is at the present time following out all of their suggestions in reference to the control and treatment of tuberculosis. All patients at the present time are X-rayed at the time of admission and annually thereafter.

“3. Number of patients whose tests were negative on admission who later developed active infection during each of the past five years: 1942, 44; 1943, 12; 1944, 19; 1945, 24; and 1946, 17.

“4. Number of deaths that have occurred from each recorded form of tuberculosis respectively during each of the past five years: 1940, 40; 1941, 43; 1942, 42; 1943, 35; and 1944, 28.”

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

1. How many (a) fully and (b) partially trained (c) male and (d) female occupational therapists respectively are now on the staff of each of the three Provincial mental hospitals?

2. What additions, if any, are proposed of qualified (a) male and (b) female occupational therapists to the staffs of the respective mental hospitals?

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

“1. (a.) New Westminster, one fully trained; Essondale, four fully trained (teachers in school are trained and these help); Colquitz, one fully trained. (b.) New Westminster, one partly trained; Essondale, eight partly trained; Colquitz, one partly trained. (c.) New Westminster, one male; Essondale, two males; Colquitz, two males. (d.) New Westminster, one female; Essondale, ten females; Colquitz, none.

“2. (a.) New Westminster, none; Essondale, three males; Colquitz, under consideration. (b.) New Westminster, one female; Essondale, one female; Colquitz, none.”

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

1. Have wash-houses been erected for the accommodation of mine workers at the White Rapids mine near Nanaimo?
2. If not, has the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Limited, been prosecuted?
3. If not, why not?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. No.

“ 3. By agreement between the miners' union and the operating company the erection of a wash-house has been deferred until June next on the understanding that if this mine is still in operation a wash-house will then be built.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.17 p.m.

Monday, March 25th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *H. A. Collison*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,765 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1947.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700,330 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Salaries, to 31st March, 1947.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,830 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1947.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Land Utilization Research and Survey, to 31st March, 1947.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1947.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, War Service, Temporary Assistance and Repatriation, to 31st March, 1947.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,945 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Expenses (including Administration, Maintenance of Buildings, Launches, Autos, etc.), to 31st March, 1947.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1947.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Management, to 31st March, 1947.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1947.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$169,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1947.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Insect Control, to 31st March, 1947.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Public Relations (Forest), to 31st March, 1947.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Ranger School, to 31st March, 1947.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Refund to the Government of the United Kingdom, to 31st March, 1947.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1947.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, B.C. Hydrometric Service, to 31st March, 1947.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, "Soldiers' Land Act" (Chap. 80, 1918), to 31st March, 1947.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1947.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Refund of Stumpage deposited with Dominion Government by Homesteaders in Former Railway Belt and Peace River Block prior to Transfer, to 31st March, 1947.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Refunds under "Land Act" and "Revenue Act," to 31st March, 1947.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Publicity, to 31st March, 1947.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1947.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1947.

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

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

1. What number of (a) male and (b) female patients are there in each Provincial mental hospital?
2. What numbers of (a) male and (b) female patients respectively are engaged in the various occupational groupings in each hospital?
3. In what numbers and for what reasons are the remaining (a) male and (b) female patients respectively not engaged in some form of occupational therapy?

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

"1. (a.) Males: Essondale, 1,752; New Westminster, 361; and Colquitz, 290. (b.) Females: Essondale, 1,438; New Westminster, 255; and Colquitz, none.

"2. (a.) Males:—Essondale: Outdoor occupation, 319; indoor occupation with parole, 228; indoors on wards, 278; under occupational therapy department, 46; total, 871. New Westminster: Outdoor occupation, 64; indoor occupation with parole, 18; indoors on wards, 63; under occupational therapy department, 8; in school, 58; total, 211. Colquitz: 150 working. (b.) Females:—Essondale: Outdoor occupation, 1; indoor occupation with parole, 113; indoors on wards, 253; under occupational therapy department, 323; total, 690. New Westminster: Outdoor occupation, none; indoor occupation with parole, none; indoors on wards, 78; under occupational therapy department, 36; in school, 46; total, 160.

"3. (a.) Males: Essondale, 881; New Westminster, 150; and Colquitz, 140. (b.) Females: Essondale, 748, and New Westminster, 95. These figures do not include recreation. The reason why the remaining patients are not engaged in some form of occupational therapy is because they are not suitable on account of present condition—they are not mentally capable. The total number of those employed is gradually being increased, but lack of space and overcrowding plays a part. It is noted that 11 per cent. of admissions are subnormal and 14 per cent. are over the age of 70."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What areas have in operation kindergarten classes as per section 47 (1) (b) of chapter 253, R.S.B.C.?
2. How many pupils are attending same in each area?

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

"1. Vancouver City and Victoria City.

"2. In Vancouver: Begbie, 44; Dawson, 49; Hudson, 50; Norquay, 50; total, 193. In Victoria: Douglas, 59; Spring Ridge (George Jay), 58; Oaklands, 58; total, 175. Total for the Province, 368."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Has the Department information relative to the (a) formation, (b) number, and (c) place of operation of play schools?
2. Are same being (a) licensed and (b) supervised as provided for by the "Welfare Institutions Licensing Act," chapter 78, Statutes of 1937, and amending Acts?

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* (Provincial Secretary) replied as follows:—

"1. (a) Operated by suitable private persons; (b) 60; and (c) Vancouver, 40; North Vancouver, 3; West Vancouver, 2; Richmond, 2; Burnaby, 2; New Westminster, 1; Victoria, 3; Oak Bay, 3; Saanich, 3; and Ocean Falls, 1.

"2. (a) Yes and (b) inspected periodically."

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Pursuant to regulations made under the “Mothers’ Allowances Act” is the allowance granted in the following cases: (a) A widow with one child who has not a doctor’s certificate of incapacity to work and (b) a widow with children, otherwise eligible for the allowance, who supplements her income by keeping male boarders?

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

“(a.) Yes; the usual policy is that a medical certificate is not required of a mother 50 years of age or over, or from a mother with a child of pre-school age. (b.) Yes; if the approval of the Director of Welfare has been given.”

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 5.57 p.m.

Monday, March 25th, 1946.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O’CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$459,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1947.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$224,358 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1947.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1947.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,342,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1947.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1947.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$615,288 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1947.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1947.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1947.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1947.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission, to 31st March, 1947.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs to 31st March, 1947.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department to 31st March, 1947.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. McKay*.

On Mr. *H. E. Winch* rising and asking leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter referred to was not one of urgent public importance.

From this decision an appeal was taken, and the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—32.

Messieurs

<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Love</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Beard</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Weir</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Cates</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Rowland</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1947.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* asked leave of the House to make a statement and, on leave being granted, the statement was made.

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

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 26th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 26th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has considered Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting certain Water-lots in the Port of Vancouver," and recommends that the same be not further proceeded with, and that the sum of \$150, being one-half the fees paid by the promoters, be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 26th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The petition for the passing of "An Act to incorporate The British Columbia Music Teachers' Association" was duly advertised and the fee of \$300 was paid, in pursuance of Standing Orders of the House, but the petition has not been proceeded with.

Your Committee begs to recommend that the House authorize the repayment of the said fee of \$300 to the petitioners.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. What, if any, maintenance-work has been done on the Yellow Point Road in the Cowichan-Newcastle riding since March 31st, 1945?

2. Of what did such work consist?

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

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

"1. Grading, gravelling, clearing drainage-ditches, and installing culverts.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$3,920.46."

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

1. Have agreements been reached between the Government, the Canadian National Railways, and the Federal Government with respect to control and maintenance of the Skeena Highway?

2. If yes, what are the arrangements with the Canadian National Railways with respect to that portion built on the Canadian National Railways right-of-way?

3. If no, does the Government contemplate negotiating an agreement?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Under advisement."

Mr. *King* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

Has the general public been given an opportunity to bid on Government timber-sales secured by any company either through sealed tenders or public auctions?

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

"Yes; except in a few cases where minor quantities are involved and no competition is to be expected, all Crown timber offered for sale is subject to public competition, either by sealed tender or auction previously advertised in the local press and in The British Columbia Gazette."

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

1. Has the Department recently inspected the Deep Creek Bridge on the Vernon-Edgewood Road in the Kaslo-Slocan District?
2. Has provision been made for (a) its reconstruction or (b) its repair?
3. If yes, when will the work commence?

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

“1. Yes; in September, 1945.

“2. Yes; reconstruction.

“3. As soon as materials can be obtained and delivered to the site.”

Mr. *King* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

How many Government timber-sales are held by private individuals in the area between Arrowhead and Arrow Park, situate in the Nelson Forest District?

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

“Approximately sixty-four.”

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

Have any steps been taken or are any being contemplated to encourage the addition of fluorine in those areas where the local water-supply is deficient in lime content?

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

“Several large-scale experiments to determine the value of adding fluorine to water for the purpose of preventing dental caries are under way in Eastern Canada and in the United States. These experiments must be carried on for several years before any definite conclusions can be arrived at. Progress reports on experiments now under way have been conflicting. The experiments are being closely watched by the Provincial Health Officer. No steps will be taken to encourage the use of fluorine in the water-supplies of British Columbia until there has been definite proof of its value.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.39 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Order called for “Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions.”

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the proceedings, reports, and (or) recommendations made to the Department of Labour or the Executive Cabinet by the committee established representative of organized labour and the Department of Labour to deal with labour matters as outlined by the Hon. the Minister of Labour at the 1945 Session.

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

Whereas the entrance of women workers into many industries and occupations formerly reserved for male labour only was accelerated during the war years:

And whereas it is proven that in many such industries and occupations the principle of equal pay for equal work regardless of sex has imposed no hardship on industry and is accepted by all groups of labour:

And whereas this principle of equality of payment has prevented the use of female labour at cheaper rates from being used to lower wage and living standards:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the time has arrived when the "Male Minimum Wage Act" and the "Female Minimum Wage Act" can be, with good effect, consolidated into a single "Minimum Wage Act," and recommends to the Government the favourable consideration of such an Act.

Motion negatived.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* rose to a point of order in reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*:—

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

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

Whereas the present male and female minimum wage rates in the mercantile industry were established in 1938 and 1935 respectively:

And whereas such scales are considerably below the rates which are now being paid:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the minimum rates should be raised in accordance with those now prevailing in the mercantile industry and that the Minimum Wage Board be so advised.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

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 Mr. *Corsbie*—Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Ayscomb*—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of The Corporation of the District of Coquitlam."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the District of Burnaby."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*)—Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*)—Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Stock-brands Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Marriage Act.’”

On the motion that Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Apprenticeship Act’” be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Pacific Great Eastern Railway Aid Act, 1925.’”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928.’”

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Succession Duty Act.’”

Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to borrow the Sum of Fifteen million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.”

Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures.”

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to provide for giving Assistance to Municipalities in the Clearance of Slum Areas.”

Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Audit Act.’”

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act.’”

Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1939,’ and to make other Provisions.”

Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Delta Drainage Act, 1936.’”

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

Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act respecting the Practice of Optometry.”

Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act respecting the Practice of Medicine and Surgery.”

Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Change of Name Act.’”

Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dentistry Act.’”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Electric Power Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office—General Administration, to 31st March, 1947.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,202 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mineralogical Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,865 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,370 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants, to 31st March, 1947.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidiy *re* Explosives to assist *Bona-fide* Mineral Prospectors, to 31st March, 1947.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grub-staking and Aid to Prospectors, to 31st March, 1947.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1947.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Interprovincial Committee on Mining, to 31st March, 1947.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1947.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1947.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1947.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1947.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1947.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1947.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1947.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1947.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Canteen Fund Trustees, to 31st March, 1947.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1947.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act"—Government contributions to Superannuation Fund, to 31st March, 1947.

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

Mr. *R. H. Carson* presented the First Report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act," as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 27th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee, appointed to consider the provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act," has held two meetings, given consideration to the work of the Committee, and desires to recommend to the consideration of the House the following Resolution adopted by the Committee:—

Whereas the Legislative Assembly did on the 11th day of March, 1946, by Resolution, appoint certain members to a Special Committee for the purpose of giving consideration to the provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act":

And whereas it is expedient that the said Committee should be empowered to continue its duties after the Legislative Assembly has been prorogued:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government be requested to introduce an "Elections Committee Enabling Act" setting forth the powers and authority deemed necessary by the Government and to include the following:—

1. The members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to a committee hereinafter called the Elections Committee for the purposes outlined in the motion passed March 11th, 1946, are hereby empowered and enabled to continue their deliberations after the Session of the Legislative Assembly now in session has been prorogued.

2. The said Elections Committee shall have power to appoint a committee called the Advisory Committee consisting of not less than five members. The said Advisory Committee shall include in its membership P. Walker, Deputy Provincial Secretary; F. H. Hurley, Chief Clerk, Provincial Secretary's Department; G. M. Phillips, Registrar-General of Voters; K. Wiper, Registrar of Voters for Victoria City, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, and Saanich Electoral Districts; and E. N. Copping, Registrar for the North Vancouver Electoral District. Mr. P. Walker shall act as chairman of the Advisory Committee and the resignation or superannuation of any member from the employ of the Government shall not affect his status as a member of the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee shall be established for the purpose of assisting and informing the Elections Committee respecting all matters and things pertaining to the duties thereof.

3. In the event of any vacancy occurring on the Elections Committee the existing or continuing members of the Committee shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties, and functions of the Committee, notwithstanding any vacancy in the membership thereof, until such vacancy or vacancies be filled.

Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the Elections Committee may appoint a member or members of the Legislative Assembly to fill the vacancy or vacancies that may occur.

4. Members of the Elections Committee shall not receive remuneration, but it shall be lawful, notwithstanding the provisions of the "Constitution Act," for the members to accept payment of expenses incurred for travelling as members of the Committee, together with a living allowance of ten dollars per day for each day necessarily absent from their business or occupation while engaged in performing their duties as members of the Committee, and the acceptance of the said moneys shall not make the members ineligible as members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Elections Committee shall be authorized to appoint a sub-committee from its own membership to exercise the powers, duties, and functions of the full Committee if same is deemed desirable.

5. The Elections Committee, for the purpose of the investigation, shall have the like powers as are by law given to commissioners appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act."

6. The Elections Committee shall be empowered to employ such officers, clerks, and other employees as may be required for the proper functioning of the Committee and may order the payment of salaries and expenses of any persons employed. All expenses of the Elections Committee, the Advisory Committee, and employees shall be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, all vouchers first being signed by the chairman of the Elections Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. H. CARSON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. Has any attempt been made to purchase Bren gun carriers from the War Assets Corporation for use on farms of Provincial institutions operated under the Department of the Provincial Secretary?

2. If yes, what was the result?

3. If none were purchased, why?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

"1, 2, and 3. Inquiries made and negotiations entered into by the War Assets Corporation for the purchase of Bren gun carriers. Freight charges, however, proved so high that the negotiations were broken off."

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

1. What provision is made to ensure that any privately operated residence in which two or more aged or infirm persons are paying for their maintenance and care has suitable facilities for their health, well-being, and safety?

2. Are periodical inspections made of all such establishments?

3. If yes, by whom and at what intervals?

4. To whom are reports made following such inspection?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

"1. Inspected by both municipal and Provincial inspectors prior to licensing; qualifications and suitability of operator considered; capacity of each home stated on licence.

"2. Yes.

"3. Provincial inspectors; not less than once each year; complaints investigated immediately.

"4. Chief Inspector of Hospitals and Institutions."

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

What is the board-measure and stumpage and royalties paid by or on behalf of the Dominion Penitentiary at New Westminster for logs salvaged by the inmates from the Fraser River during each of the past five years?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:—

"1941-44, inclusive, nil; 1945, 10,926 feet board-measure, stumpage \$10.46, royalty \$6.66."

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

1. What use is presently being made of the sampling plant in Prince Rupert, B.C.?
2. Is it ready at all times to receive shipments?
3. What arrangements are there for assaying to be done for prospectors in the northern districts?
4. Due to the increased activity in mining throughout the Atlin riding is it not possible to have a Government mining engineer visit this district to assist, guide, and encourage the prospector?
5. Since land-clearing machinery is available for farmers is it not possible that machinery could be made available to assist the small placer-miner on a similar basis?

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

“1. Very little use was made of the sampling plant at Prince Rupert in 1942, 1943, and 1944 because of war conditions. Greater use was made of the plant in 1945, and it is anticipated that 1946 will show a considerable increase in shipments to the plant.

“2. Yes.

“3. There is an assay office in connection with the sampling plant at Prince Rupert. *Bona-fide* prospectors can send samples to it for assay.

“4. A Department engineer spent all of last season in the Atlin District in the area opened up by the Haines Road and will complete work in that interesting area this season. Another engineer made a reconnaissance in the Nass Valley in connection with a possible mining development. The Inspector of Mines visits all active mining areas in the district and is ready and willing to help the prospector.

“5. Impossible on a similar basis in nearly all places in the Province.”

Mr. *LeBourdais* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. Are there any markets in Canada for diatomaceous earth?
2. Has any effort been made by the Provincial Department of Mines to find a market?
3. What further action, if any, is contemplated?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes; considerable research-work has been done by the Department and by the British Columbia Industrial and Scientific Research Council to see if suitable products can be prepared from British Columbia diatomaceous earth to supply the different markets.

“3. Production to supply one important market is expected at an early date. Further research-work will likely be undertaken by the British Columbia Research Council to expand uses for British Columbia diatomaceous earth and to broaden the market.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Thursday, March 28th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. G. R. Easter.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* announced to the House the regrettable loss suffered by the Legislative Assembly and the Province in the death of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*.

The Leader of the Opposition and other honourable members joined in the expressions of sympathy extended to the members of the family of the late Attorney-General.

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.58 p.m.

Monday, April 1st, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. R. Ashford.

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of The Corporation of the District of Coquitlam" was a read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gillis*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the District of Burnaby."

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

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Workmen’s Compensation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Male Minimum Wage Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shops Regulation and Weekly Half-holiday Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Factories Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hours of Work Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Female Minimum Wage Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees.”

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Superannuation Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 27th, 1946.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Superannuation Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Civil Service Act, 1945,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 27th, 1946.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act, 1945,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 27th, 1946.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 27th, 1946.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act regarding Provisions for the Granting of Assistance to the Beef Cattle Producers in the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 21st, 1946.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act regarding Provisions for the Granting of Assistance to the Beef Cattle Producers in the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

That this House express its deep sorrow at the death of the Honourable *R. L. Maitland*, K.C., who served the Province of British Columbia as a member of this Legislature for nearly fourteen years, the latter four years as Attorney-General:

Further that this Assembly officially record its deep sense of appreciation for the outstanding public service rendered by one whose unselfishness and devotion to public responsibilities and his many humane acts endeared him to the hearts of so many:

And further that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to members of his family.

Pursuant to Resolution of the House passed on March 27th, the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented copies of resolutions presented to the Executive Council of the Government of British Columbia by various labour unions preceding the Session of the House of 1946, together with the names of the appointed members of this committee, also minutes of the meetings of the Government Labour Committee and reports of sub-committees appointed by the Government Labour Committee.

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

1. How many employees of the Government enjoy full-time continuous employment?
2. How many part-time employees are there in Government service?
3. The number of employees in above groups who are Civil Servants pursuant to the definition of "Civil Service" as defined in section 2 of the "Civil Service Act, 1945"?
4. The number, names, and ages of male employees who will be retired on or before October 1st, 1946?
5. Number, names, and ages of female employees who will be retired on or before October 1st, 1946?

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

"1. Permanent: Civil Service, 3,031; Liquor Control Board, 229; Police and Game Branches, 500; King's Printer, mechanical staff, 82; assistant rangers, launch engineers, etc., Lands Department, 79; Official Administrator, Vancouver (14), official and deputy official stenographers (8), others, including Attorney-General's Department (3), Department of Agriculture (10), Department of Education (17), Board of Health (8), Bureau of Post-war Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (4), secretaries to Ministers (8), Comptroller-General and 3 officials of Public Utilities Commission, 76; Public Works Department, surveyors, general foreman, machine operators, foremen, toll-collectors (Pattullo Bridge), ferrymen, shovel operators, etc., 304; total employed, 4,301; number still with His Majesty's Forces, approximately 150; total, 4,451.

"2. Temporary and casual: Civil Service (including 512 institutional employees), 1,117; Liquor Control Board (340 temporary plus 65 casual), 405; Public Works Department (foremen, machine operators, ferrymen, shovel operators, etc.), 448; King's Printer, mechanical staff, 31; others, including various sheriffs, magistrates, and employees of Agriculture, Education, Finance, Labour, Mines, Provincial Secretary, and Railway Departments, 61; total, 2,062.

"3. Permanent, 3,031 plus 150 Civil Servants with His Majesty's Forces, 3,181; temporary and casual, 1,117.

"4. Not yet determined.

"5. Not yet determined."

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

1. When was the Mining Recorder's office opened at Grand Forks?

2. When was this office discontinued?

3. What was the approximate tonnage of ore mined in the Grand Forks Mining District from January 1st, 1900, to January 1st, 1940?

4. What was the approximate tonnage of ore smelted in the Grand Forks Mining District from January 1st, 1900, to January 1st, 1920?

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

6. How many free miners' licences were issued by the Grand Forks Mining Recorder's office during the period from January 1st, 1930, to January 1st, 1940?

7. How many mineral claims were staked in Grand Forks Mining District in the period from January 1st, 1930, to January 1st, 1940?

8. How many certificates of improvement were issued in the Grand Forks Mining Recorder's office in the period from January 1st, 1930, to January 1st, 1940?

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

"1. 1897.

"2. August 5th, 1940.

"3. 267,948 tons of ore were mined in the Grand Forks-Greenwood Mining Division from January 1st, 1900, to January 1st, 1920; 168,144 tons were mined from January 1st, 1920, to January 1st, 1940.

"4. Approximately 14,000,000 tons of ore from the Granby Company's mines at Phoenix were smelted in the Grand Forks smelter. In addition, some customs ore was smelted, probably including the 267,948 tons mentioned in the answer to No. 2.

"5. No information; this question should be addressed to the Minister of Finance.

"6. 1930, 76; 1931, 59; 1932, 101; 1933, 90; 1934, 283; 1935, 115; 1936, 76; 1937, 91; 1938, 85; 1939, 95; total, 1,071.

"7. 795.

"8. None."

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

1. What is the specific use of buildings intended for social welfare purposes that are (a) under construction, (b) with plans or contracts in hand, and (c) projected for early construction?

2. What is the extent of accommodation of buildings intended for social welfare purposes that are (a) under construction, (b) with plans or contracts in hand, and (c) projected for early construction?

3. What is the contract or estimated cost of buildings intended for social welfare purposes that are (a) under construction, (b) with plans or contracts in hand, and (c) projected for early construction?

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

“ 1, 2, and 3 consolidated:—

“ Essondale.—One 100-bed unit at Home for Aged, now ready for occupancy; cost, approximately \$185,000. One 100-bed unit at Home for Aged, under construction; cost, approximately \$185,000. Admission and treatment building, as well as providing administrative and treatment facilities, will add 175 beds and will release space for beds in men's building; cost, approximately \$750,000. Occupational therapy building, will release space for approximately 50 beds; cost, approximately \$44,580. Recreation building, ready for tenders, will release space for approximately 50 beds; cost, approximately \$100,000. Nurses' home, 175 beds; plans in course of preparation; cost, approximately \$200,000. Female acute building, 250 beds; plans in course of preparation; cost, approximately \$850,000. Staff quarters, male, 100 beds; plans in course of preparation; cost, approximately \$120,000. Airing courts, doctors' quarters, etc.; cost, approximately \$100,000.

“ New Westminster Mental Hospital.—One 100-bed unit; cost, approximately \$180,000; plans in course of preparation. Nurses' home, 60 beds; cost, approximately \$75,000; plans in course of preparation. New laundry and workshop; cost, approximately \$175,000.

“ Boys' Industrial School.—Plans drawn, ready for tenders; cottage plan school to accommodate 125 boys to be erected at Wellington, B.C.; cost, approximately \$500,000. New Boys' Industrial School will release present quarters at Essondale for Home for Aged purposes; at least 100 beds.

“ Tuberculosis Hospital, Vancouver.—Grounds being prepared; plans about complete for 250 beds; cost, approximately \$750,000.

“ Tranquille Tuberculosis Unit.—Doctors' residences, nurses' home, laundry, addition to boarding-house, repairs to main building; cost, approximately \$225,000.”

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

1. Is there a permanent forest ranger in the Peace River District?

2. How many part-time forest rangers were employed in the Peace River District during the summer months of 1945?

3. If any were employed, what was their period of employment and what was the salary paid?

4. How many forest rangers are contemplated for the summer months of 1946?

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

“ 1. Yes; two.

“ 2. Four.

“ 3. One, April 16th to September 30th, inclusive; salary, \$105 per month, plus cost-of-living bonus, plus special living allowance of \$20 per month. One, June 2nd

to September 30th, inclusive; salary, \$100 per month, plus cost-of-living bonus, plus special living allowance of \$20 per month. One, June 18th to September 30th, inclusive; salary, \$100 per month, plus cost-of-living bonus, plus special living allowance of \$20 per month. One, July 3rd to September 3rd, inclusive; salary, \$100 per month, plus cost-of-living bonus, plus special living allowance of \$20 per month.

" 4. Six, including two permanent men."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Monday, April 1st, 1946.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant from the Crown in Aid of Organization under the "Health Insurance Act," to 31st March, 1947.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$458,010 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Administration, to 31st March, 1947.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$265,990 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Child Welfare Division, to 31st March, 1947.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1947.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Burial of Indigents, to 31st March, 1947.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, "Residence and Responsibility Act"—Administration, to 31st March, 1947.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Grant in Aid of Welfare Visitor for the Deaf, to 31st March, 1947.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$91,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Grants to Charitable Associations, to 31st March, 1947.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,850,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Social Allowances, Medical Services, etc. (including Grants), to 31st March, 1947.

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

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

REPORT NO. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 1st, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble to Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The British Columbia Insurance Company Act, 1904,'" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.39 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2nd, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *K. L. Sandercock.*

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$373,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, General Services, to 31st March, 1947.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$83,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Laboratories, to 31st March, 1947.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,190 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 1947.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$144,950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Venereal Disease Control, to 31st March, 1947.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, In Aid of Resident Physicians, Medical Aid, etc., to 31st March, 1947.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,276,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Hospitals—Administration and Grants, to 31st March, 1947.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,050,006 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Division of Tuberculosis Control, to 31st March, 1947.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,873,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1947.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$44,272 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1947.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$131,987 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Industrial Schools, to 31st March, 1947.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$209,803 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Provincial Infirmaries, to 31st March, 1947.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$117,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Home for the Aged, to 31st March, 1947.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$885,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Old-age Pensioners' War Cost-of-living Bonus, to 31st March, 1947.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,270 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1947.

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

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

1. How many ferries were operated by the Government of the Province of British Columbia during the twelve months ended December 31st, 1945?
2. How many were operated without charge or toll to the travelling public?
3. What ferries, if any, had a greater revenue than their operating expenses for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1945, and state amounts of same?

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

“ 1. Sixty-five.

“ 2. Sixty.

“ 3. Kelowna–Westbank Ferry: Revenue, \$42,033.65, and operating expenses, \$40,538.92, exclusive of interest and depreciation.”

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

1. Is the highway between McBride and the Alberta boundary in condition to permit ordinary traffic?
2. Will this highway be substantially improved this summer?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. No.”

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

That whereas it is now generally recognized and accepted that holidays with pay are the right and privilege of all workers:

And whereas there is no uniformity in the Province as regards holidays with pay, with the result that great unfairness exists and dissatisfaction is mounting:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Labour to hear representations from interested bodies desiring to make representations on the question of holidays with pay to the said Committee and report its findings to this House.

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

1. What was the revenue received from the Kelowna–Westbank ferry for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1943?

2. What was the revenue received from the Kelowna–Westbank ferry for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1944?

3. What was the revenue received from the Kelowna–Westbank ferry for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1945?

4. What were the current operating expenses of the Kelowna–Westbank ferry for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1945?

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

“ 1. \$23,974.45.

“ 2. \$30,259.05.

“ 3. \$42,033.65.

“ 4. \$40,538.92, exclusive of interest and depreciation.”

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

1. Has a Government survey been made for a road linking Belleview to Needles?

2. If yes, when was the survey conducted?

3. What was the estimated cost of construction?

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

“ 1. Yes; a preliminary reconnaissance.

“ 2. 1941.

“ 3. No plans or estimates were prepared.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.27 p.m.