

## Monday, November 8th, 1937.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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. Mr. *Weir*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Leary*, seconded by Mr. *Tupper*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the name of *Louis LeBourdais* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters affecting the agricultural industry as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes, and to report its recommendations to this House.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols on Oakalla Prison Farm for the Year ended March 31st, 1937.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols on the Nelson Provincial Gaol for the Year ended March 31st, 1937.

In reply to the following question by Mr. *Anscomb* relating to the Workmen's Compensation Board, the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented a Return:—

"2. Into what type and class of securities is the amount divided? Give full details of each case, maturity dates, etc."

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

1. Has the attention of the Premier and Directors of the P.G.E. Railway been called to the "auto-rail" cars now in use on the Canadian National Railways system?

2. Has consideration been given to the use of such cars on the P.G.E. Railway for the purpose of providing a quick, economical, and daily passenger service?

3. If not, will the Premier bring this matter to the attention of the Directors or management of the P.G.E. Railway with a recommendation for favourable consideration of the institution of such service?

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* in reply presented the following copy of report from the General Manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company:—

" PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY,

" VICTORIA, B.C., November 5th, 1937.

" Hon. T. D. Pattullo,

*President, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, Victoria, B.C.*

" DEAR SIR,—With reference to the question of Mr. E. E. Winch in Votes and Proceedings No. 6, dated 3rd instant, regarding the use of auto-rail on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the officials of the Company have for the last eighteen months been obtaining reports from railway companies on the American and European continents about the operations of locomotives and cars propelled by Diesel engines, and have accumulated much information on the subject.

" As a result of these investigations, a Diesel engine was installed at the beginning of the year in one of the Company's motor-cars which is being operated between Lillooet and

Bridge River for the transportation of passengers, express, and vehicles. The result has been satisfactory both from the standpoint of reduced costs and efficient service.

"The subject is still engaging the attention of the officials of the Company.

"Yours truly,

"ROBT. WILSON, *General Manager.*"

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

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Mines, on or about July 9th, 1936, write a letter to the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Ltd., regarding certain statements made in the press regarding the property of that company, and requesting that the true state of affairs be made public forthwith on penalty of action under the "Mineral Survey and Development Act"?

2. Did the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Ltd., forthwith publicly correct the statements of which complaint was made?

3. If not, did the Hon. the Minister of Mines proceed against the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Ltd., under section 15 of the "Mineral Survey and Development Act"?

4. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. No.

"4. The Minister of Mines' letter to the president of Hedley Amalgamated was, in the absence of the president, acknowledged by the secretary of the company on July 13th, 1936, advising the Minister that the matter would be brought to the attention of the president on his return to the city. The Acting-Secretary in the office of the Minister of Mines referred this letter to the late Deputy Minister, who acknowledged its receipt on July 17th. On July 22nd R. E. Barker, president of Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Limited, wrote the Minister of Mines advising him that the matter was receiving attention, and he would write again. The Acting-Secretary in the Minister of Mines' office referred this letter to the late Deputy Minister of Mines. No further information, as the late Deputy Minister, whose health was failing at the time, apparently did not follow up the matter."

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

1. How many people are employed by your Department to administer relief in the Cowichan-Newcastle Riding?

2. Give their names and the salaries received in each case.

3. Do they receive their salaries when on holiday?

4. What expenses are they allowed, if any, when away from the office?

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

"1. Two.

"2. George H. Adam, \$135 per month; Annice Kenyon, \$65 per month.

"3. Yes.

"4. Usual travelling expenses when on duty."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Does the Government pay certain prenatal and postnatal allowances to all expectant mothers on relief?

2. Were these allowances cut off in respect to wives of those working in the relief-work projects in Vancouver?

3. Is it the intention of the Government to restore these allowances?

4. If yes, are these allowances to be made retroactive to the date when they were first cut off?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Allowances have been restored.

"4. Yes."

Mr. *Patterson* asked the Hon. the Commissioner of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. Who is the Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries at the present time?
2. Who is British Columbia representative on the International Halibut Commission?
3. Was the Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries British Columbia representative on the International Halibut Commission prior to June 1st, 1937?
4. If question 3 is answered in the affirmative, why is he not now acting in the capacity of such representative?
5. Did he resign from such International Halibut Commission?
6. Did the Hon. the Commissioner of Fisheries request such resignation?
7. Did any person recommend a change being made in the office of representative of British Columbia on the International Halibut Commission?
8. If so, who made such recommendation?
9. Was the work of the said Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries as representative of British Columbia on the International Halibut Commission satisfactory?
10. What allowance or salary is paid to the present incumbent of the office of British Columbia representative on the International Halibut Commission?
11. Has the present incumbent of that office any practical experience in British Columbia fisheries? If so, what is his experience?

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

- " 1. George J. Alexander.
- " 2. L. W. Patmore.
- " 3. Yes.
- " 4. Resigned on August 11th, 1937.
- " 5. Answered by No. 4.
- " 6. No.
- " 7, 8, 9, and 11. Change made on advice of Government.
- " 10. \$1,000 per annum."

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

1. How many persons have been transferred from Fernie District in 1936 and 1937 to other parts of the Province?
2. What was the cost?
3. How many persons have been sent to other Provinces and overseas from Fernie District in the years 1936 and 1937?
4. How many were adults? How many were minors?
5. What has been the total cost?

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

- " 1. 156.
- " 2. \$4,077.37.
- " 3. 37.
- " 4. 112 adults; 81 minors.
- " 5. \$7,222.85.
- " Total transfers, 59 families and 65 single, including unassisted."

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

1. What is the total amount held of all securities by Workmen's Compensation Board?
2. Into what type and class of securities is the amount divided? Give full details of each case, maturity dates, etc.
3. Indicate what securities, if any, so held, are in default or partial default of either or both principal and interest?

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

- " 1. \$12,547,528.21.
- " 2. The Hon. the Minister of Labour filed a Return.
- " 3. (a) At present none of the securities held are in default as to principal; (b) Province of Alberta is in default as to one-half of the interest; (c) District of Burnaby and City and District of North Vancouver are in default as to interest."

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

1. Has a survey been made of the metalliferous miners of the Province to discover the degree to which silicosis exists among them?

2. If yes, what are the results of same: (a) Total number examined; (b) percentage affected; (c) total primary cases; (d) total secondary cases; (e) total advanced cases?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Results: (a) Total number examined, 5,055; (b) percentage affected, 4.3; (c) total primary cases, 164; (d) total secondary cases, 34; (e) total advanced cases, 20.”

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

1. Was there a Colonel Cox employed by your Department during the years from 1928 to 1933?

2. If yes, what salary did he receive per month?

3. If allowed expenses, state the amount received per month.

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

“1. No record.

“2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Has the Department engaged any persons as escorts to accompany children or adults from the Fernie Electoral District committed to any private or public institutions in the Province during the years 1935, 1936, 1937?

2. If yes, give names and amounts paid in each case.

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

“1. Yes.

“2. On April 20th, 1936, a Mrs. J. Clark was paid \$15 to accompany Elizabeth Cenk from Fernie to the Solarium, Vancouver Island.”

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

1. Did the Deputy Provincial Secretary, as Chief Returning Officer, in the month of May last, engage an air-plane for the purpose of distributing ballot-boxes in the Constituency of Atlin?

2. Did the Deputy Provincial Secretary personally accompany such air-plane and superintend such distribution?

3. What was the cost of hiring such air-plane?

4. How many landings were made by such air-plane while so engaged in the Constituency of Atlin?

5. How many ballot-boxes were distributed?

6. Did the said air-plane carry any passenger or passengers other than the Deputy Provincial Secretary while engaged in carrying ballot-boxes?

7. If so, who was such passenger or who were such passengers?

8. Who was the pilot of such air-plane?

9. From whom was such air-plane hired?

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

“1. Yes, a sea-plane, as the only practicable means of speedy transportation having regard to ice conditions.

“2. Yes.

“3. Pacific Airways, Ltd., \$1,125; Northern Airways, Ltd., \$75.

“4. Landings were made at Stewart, Carcross (Yukon), Atlin, McDame Creek, Telegraph Creek, also at Juneau (Alaska), Prince Rupert, and Alert Bay. (Land-plane was used between Carcross and Atlin on account of ice conditions.)

“5. Five; with all necessary forms, etc., and election supplies for Stewart.

“6. Yes, between Stewart and Atlin.

“7. Mr. W. J. Asselstine and Mrs. Asselstine.

“8. Charles Elliot.

“9. Pacific Airways, Ltd., and Northern Airways, Ltd.”

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

1. Has the Commission appointed in November, 1934, or thereabouts, by the Minister of Mines under the "Public Inquiries Act" to inquire into the various matters respecting the production and use of coal and petroleum products in the Province of British Columbia completed its labours and filed a report?

2. Was any firm of chartered accountants appointed as auditor to the Commission? If so, who? If so, what fee did they receive?

3. Was any appointment of counsel to the Commission made? If so, who, and what fee has been paid to them or is yet due to them?

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

"1. The Commission has not yet completed its labours but has filed two reports.

"2. Yes. Price, Waterhouse & Co., \$17,847.19; George A. Touche & Co., \$11,652.46.

"3. Yes. C. H. O'Halloran, K.C., Senior Counsel, \$32,310.50; J. Pitcairn Hogg, Associate Counsel, \$12,111.96."

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

1. What was the total cost of the plebiscite on Health Insurance in the recent election?

2. Did the Minister send out a letter under date of April 28th, 1937, under the heading "Geo. M. Weir, Victoria, B.C.," containing the following amongst other paragraphs: "More than health insurance is at stake in this plebiscite. A negative vote will be interpreted (rightly or wrongly) as a vote of non-support for the progressive policies in education, health, and welfare, which I have sponsored, and will make it much more difficult for me to obtain further progress in these fields. But an affirmative vote will act, in effect, as a vote of confidence in the other policies which have been carried out by the two departments over which I preside"?

3. If so, was the said letter or circular printed by the Government or at Government expense?

4. How many copies of said document were sent out?

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

"1. The cost of the plebiscite on Health Insurance cannot be segregated from the cost of the general election.

"2. Yes.

"3. No; nor was the postage paid by the Government.

"4. No record was kept; possibly 500."

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

1. What was the amount paid to recipients under the "Mothers' Pensions Act" between March 1st, 1936, and February 28th, 1937?

2. How many people were in receipt of such pensions?

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

"1. \$676,968.72.

"2. 1,555 on February 28th, 1937."

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

1. Has Dr. Alfred K. Haywood been paid anything as the consultant to the Health Commission under the State Health Insurance Act? If so, how much?

2. Is Dr. Alfred K. Haywood paid any remuneration by the Government other than for services rendered under the State Health Insurance Act? If so, how much?

3. Is the said Dr. Alfred K. Haywood Superintendent of the Vancouver General Hospital? If so, has the Department knowledge of his salary paid for such position?

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

"1. No.

"2. No.

"3. Yes. The salary is fixed and paid by the Board of the Vancouver General Hospital."

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

1. Upon what basis does the Provincial Government contribute to the remuneration of the School Health Inspectors appointed under section 170 (1), (2) of the "Public Schools Act"?

2. Upon what basis does the Provincial Government remunerate the School Health Inspectors appointed under section 171 of the "Public Schools Act"?

3. When is the remuneration of the School Health Inspectors paid: (a) At regular periods; (b) if so, at what periods; (c) after receipt of their inspection reports?

4. Within what time following the close of periods covered by the health inspection reports are they required to be in the hands of the Department?

5. On what schools—in the respective classifications of High, Junior, Graded City, Rural Municipal, Rural and Assisted—were reports from the responsible School Board or Health Inspector (giving the results of the physical examination of staffs, pupils, and the condition of the schools and appurtenances) not forthcoming for the years ended June 30th, 1936 and 1937, respectively?

6. (a.) Had any of these been similarly delinquent on previous occasions? (b.) If yes, what action, if any, was taken to remedy same?

7. Does the Government withhold its share of the cost of making of the statutory inspection until the report thereon has been received by the Department?

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

"1. The Provincial Government does not contribute to the remuneration of School Health Inspectors appointed in cities or municipalities under section 170 (1), (2) of the 'Public Schools Act.'

"2. The Provincial Government pays School Health Inspectors in unorganized districts, appointed under section 171 of the 'Public Schools Act,' at the rate of 50 cents for the examination of each pupil, teacher, and janitor, and 25 cents a mile, one way, for travelling expenses."

"3. (a) No; (b) answered by (a); (c) after receipt of their inspection reports, as remuneration is based on number of pupils examined.

"4. Reports are requested by June 30th of each school-year, or as soon after as figures can be compiled.

"5. For the year ended June 30th, 1936, the following schools were not reported:—

"High Schools: Alberni, Enderby, Kamloops, Kaslo, Ladysmith, New Westminster (Trapp Technical), Port Moody, Vancouver (Art School), Victoria, Kent, Langley, Matsqui, Mount Lehman, Mission, Penticton, Cobble Hill, Comox, Dewdney. (In some of the above cases the figures for these schools may have been included with those for the elementary schools but it was impossible to segregate them.)

"Junior High Schools: All reported.

"Graded City Schools: On checking over reports received with the Education Report for same year, we find that all these schools have been examined.

"Rural Municipal Schools: Same as for Graded City Schools.

"Rural and Assisted Schools: Alert Bay, Alice Arm, Bella Bella, Big Bar Creek, Big Bar Lake, Camp Creek, Canyon Creek, Cedarvale, Cheam View, Copper City, Cranbrook Mills, Criss Creek, Curzon, Digby Island, Dorreen, False Bay, Forks, Gibson Creek, Granby Bay, Hutton, Isle Pierre, Jesmond, Kispiox, Kitwanga, Lakelse Valley, Lee Creek, Longworth, Longworth South, Maple Grove, Mountain, McGuigan, McMurphy, Ness Lake, Newlands, Omineca, Oona River, Pacific, Pender Harbour, Penny, Pitt Lake, Red Lake, Reid Lake, Remo, Shawnigan Lake West, Sinclair Mills, Stuart Island, Swift Creek, Sylvan Glade, Tucker Bay, Usk, Vesuvius, Woodcock, Woodpecker.

"The report for the year ended June 30th, 1937, is at present being compiled and figures are not available.

"6. (a) and (b). The schools that are not examined vary from year to year owing to weather and road conditions at the time the Inspector intends making the examination, which makes it impossible for him to reach the school at times.

"7. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. How many children are at present attending the Deaf and Blind School?
2. Has a survey been made by the Department for the purpose of ascertaining the number of children who are (a) deaf, (b) blind, (c) partially blind, and (d) partially deaf, of (i) school and (ii) pre-school age respectively?
3. If yes, what number of cases (exclusive of those now in attendance at the Deaf and Blind School) are there in each classification?
4. Are sufficient facilities available at the Deaf and Blind School to adequately provide for the education and training of these physically handicapped children of school age?
5. If no, what action is being taken or contemplated to prevent these children from growing up without adequate preparation to take their place in the world?

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

- "1. Eighty-five.
- "2. Yes. A survey was made under the direction of the Principal of the School.
- "3. (a) Ten; (b) two; (c) one hundred and seven; (d) twenty-eight. There were also fourteen with both hearing and vision impairment. These figures apply to children between five and eighteen years.
- "4. Reasonably good training is being given with the facilities available.
- "5. Under consideration."

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

1. Has a uniform system of book-keeping, records, and reports been established by the Government and prescribed for use in all hospitals as provided for in the "Health Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, chapter 121, section 7 (2) (c)?
2. Has a uniform system of business administration and collection of accounts been established as provided for in the "Health Act," section 7 (2) (d)?
3. What regulations exist governing the furnishing by hospitals of regular annual reports embodying essential data?
4. What is the latest date following the close of the year by which these must be forwarded to the Department?

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

- "1. Assuming that these questions relate to the 'Hospital Act,' not the 'Health Act,' a uniform system of monthly and annual reports has been in effect for a number of years. The Department proposes to put into effect shortly a new system of reports, based upon the joint recommendations of the Canadian Hospital Council and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and with the approval of the British Columbia Hospitals Association. The Department is also undertaking to encourage by every means possible uniformity of accounting and record-keeping by the individual hospitals.
- "2. Not yet. This is a complex subject under close study by the Department.
- "3. Revised hospital regulations are in course of preparation. Annual reports have been made to the Department since 1921.
- "4. No specified date. Particulars contained in annual report forms are collected and printed in a statistical report."

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

1. What number of prisoners are at present confined in Oakalla under sentence?
2. For what periods were they sentenced: (a) Under three months; (b) three months and under six months; (c) six months and under twelve months; (d) twelve months and over?
3. What ages are the inmates (in five-year groups)?

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

- "1. 464.
- "2. (a) Under three months, 58; (b) three months and under six months, 94; (c) six months and under twelve months, 144; (d) twelve months and over, 168.
- "3. Under 20, 24; 20 to 24, 105; 25 to 29, 90; 30 to 34, 66; 35 to 39, 55; 40 to 44, 36; 45 to 49, 39; 50 to 54, 24; 55 to 59, 16; 60 to 64, 6; 65 to 69, 2; 70 to 74, nil; 75 to 79, 1. Total, 464."

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

1. How many men were serving on the British Columbia Provincial Police on November 15th, 1933?
2. How many of these were returned soldiers?
3. How many are serving on the Provincial Police at the present time?
4. How many of these are returned soldiers?
5. How many returned soldiers have been appointed to the Provincial Police since November 15th, 1933?
6. How many returned soldiers have been dismissed or discharged or asked for their resignations from the Provincial Police since November 15th, 1933?

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

- " 1. 257.
- " 2. 120.
- " 3. 336.
- " 4. 119.
- " 5. 26.
- " 6. 10.

"(NOTE.—According to the B.C. Police Regulations, all applicants must be between 21 and 35 years of age, and each year fewer returned men can qualify.)"

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

1. Are there standard scales of salary for (a) hospital nurses, (b) nurses-in-training, (c) orderlies or ward attendants, which scales have been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or other duly authorized Provincial authority?
2. If yes, what rates have been set and when were same authorized?
3. What public general hospitals with bed capacity in excess of one hundred are there in the Province?
4. What is the rate of weekly or monthly salary of the (a) nurses, (b) nurses-in-training, (c) orderlies or ward attendants in each of the above hospitals?
5. When were such scales approved by Order in Council in each instance as provided for in the "Hospital Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, chapter 121, section 27?

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

- " 1. No.
- " 2. Answered by No. 1.
- " 3. St. Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook; Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops; Kootenay Lake General Hospital, Nelson; Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster; Trail-Tadanac Hospital, Trail; Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver; St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver; Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria; St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria.
- " 4. No information.
- " 5. The by-laws and regulations referred to in section 27, chapter 121, R.S.B.C. 1936, do not cover the matter of wage-scales."

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

1. Have any school-houses been set on fire between January 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937, in the Southern Interior of British Columbia?
2. If so, how many?
3. What is the estimated damage caused by such fires?
4. Was an investigation into the cause of each such fire made under the authority of the "Fire Marshal Act"?
5. If so, what was the cost of such investigations?
6. Were any convictions secured arising out of changes incidental or consequent upon such fires?
7. If so, how many persons were convicted?
8. Were special constables employed to guard school-houses and other public property in the Southern Interior?
9. If so, how many such special constables were employed?
10. What has been the total cost to the Province between January 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937, for such special constables?



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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Four.
- "3. \$11,000.
- "4. No.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. No.
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. Average of thirty men per month.
- "10. \$21,188."

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

1. Did one G. L. Fraser conduct an investigation into the affairs of the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Ltd., during February, March, April, and May, 1937, under the provisions of the "Securities Frauds Prevention Act"?
2. How many days was the said G. L. Fraser so engaged to the Government?
3. What was the total cost of such investigation?
4. What amount of money was paid to the said G. L. Fraser for his services?
5. Was one R. H. Stewart, mining engineer, engaged to assist in the investigation?
6. Did the said R. H. Stewart conduct mining operations in the interest of such investigation at the property of the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Ltd.?
7. Was such mining operations carried on in aid of such investigation charged to the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Ltd.?
8. What was the cost of such mining operations?
9. Has the Government rendered an account to the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Ltd., for such mining operations?
10. Has such account been paid in full?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Sixty-six days, between February 24th, 1937, and May 6th, 1937.
- "3. \$9,987.45.
- "4. \$6,319.09.
- "5 to 10. Certain operations were carried out by R. H. Stewart, Mining Engineer, at the request of the Investigator and the Association of Professional Engineers, at the expense of and by agreement with the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Limited (Non-Personal Liability)."

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

1. How many cases of venereal diseases (not treatments) were reported during the year January 1st to December 31st, 1936, by: (a) Venereal clinics; (b) public institutions; (c) hospitals; (d) the medical profession; (e) druggists?
2. How many treatments were given during the said year at the Venereal Diseases Clinics?
3. What was the cost of operating such clinics?

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

"1. Number of new cases of venereal diseases reported to the Provincial Board of Health during the year ended December 31st, 1936, were as follows: (a.) Venereal Disease Clinics—Vancouver, 1,176; Victoria, 167; total, 1,343. (b.) Public institutions (*see (d)*). (c.) Hospitals (*see (d)*). (d.) Medical Doctors (including (b) and (c)), 673. (e.) Druggists (do not report). Total cases reported, 2,016.

"2. Number of treatments given in Venereal Disease Clinics during the year ended December 31st, 1936: Vancouver—For syphilis, 14,603; for gonorrhœa, 30,384; total, 44,987. Victoria—For syphilis, 2,485; for gonorrhœa, 8,208; total, 10,693. Total treatments, 55,680.

"3. The cost of operating the clinics for the fiscal year April, 1936, to March, 1937, inclusive, was as follows: Vancouver Clinic, \$27,273.39; Victoria Clinic, \$11,704.72; total cost, \$38,978.11."

*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 5.59 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 9th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. *W. G. Wilson*.

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.

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

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, 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 His Majesty.

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

### REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 9th, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with.

No. 1—Okanagan Telephone Company.

No. 2—City of Vancouver.

No. 3—Lumbermen's Fidelity Corporation, Ltd.

No. 4—Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited.

No. 5—Martin M. Johnson, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson.

Your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bills.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. *Bull*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act' and 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act Amendment Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Crone*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Lumbermen's Fidelity Life Insurance Company."

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Crow’s Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, Act, 1900.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Gillis*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson and his Successors in Office a Corporation Sole.”

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 9th, 1937.*

*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. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District 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. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 9th, 1937.*

*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. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal and Petroleum 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. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 9th, 1937.*

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. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" 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. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was any road constructed or hard-surfaced on Savary Island during the year 1937? If so, what was the mileage so constructed or hard-surfaced?
2. What was the cost of same?
3. How many motor-cars are in use on Savary Island?

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

- "1 and 2. Yes; information will appear in the Public Works Report in due course.  
"3. No information."

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

1. What total amount of contracts for road-work was made by the Government in 1936?
2. What total amount of contracts for road-work was made by the Government in 1937?

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

- "1. See Public Works Report, 1936-37.  
"2. Will be published in due course."

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

1. What amount was spent during 1936 on building new road between Abbotsford and Mission?
2. What was the original contract price on same piece of work?

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

- "1 and 2. See Public Works Report, 1936-37."

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

1. What amount of money has been expended by the Province of British Columbia in the purchase of rights-of-way or for other properties for, or incidental to, the construction of the new Pattullo Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster, between June 1st, 1935, and October 1st, 1937?
2. How many separate parcels of land were so purchased?
3. What commissions, if any, were paid to any person or persons for, or in connection with, the acquisition by the Province of British Columbia of such rights-of-way or other properties?
4. What is the total cost to October 1st, 1937, of the new Pattullo Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster, inclusive of: (a) Rights-of-way and all other lands incidental to construction of the said bridge; (b) approaches to the said bridge; (c) cost of constructing approaches?

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

"1. For expenditures up to March 31st, 1937, see Public Accounts, 1935-36 and 1936-37; expenditures subsequent to March 31st, 1937, will be published in the Public Accounts in due course.

"2. 209.

"3. None.

"4. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. What expenditures, if any, other than those appearing in Public Accounts, April 1st, 1936, to March 31st, 1937, have been made for acquisition of land for the right-of-way in connection with the Fraser River New Westminster Bridge?

2. To whom was such payments made, if any, and in what amounts in each individual instance?

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

“1 and 2. For expenditures prior to April 1st, 1936, see Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1936. Expenditures subsequent to March 31st, 1937, will be shown in the Public Accounts in due course.”

*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 4.55 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 10th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Commissioner *David C. Lamb* (Salvation Army, London, England).

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, 1937-38, pursuant to the provisions of the “Audit Act,” chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1936.

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1939;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1938; Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1937, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 9th, 1937.*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. *Shepherd* rose and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House on a definite matter of urgent public importance, with reference to tolls on the New Westminster Bridge, and handed a written statement to Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker ruled that it was not a definite matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. *Shepherd* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

Question proposed—" Shall the Chair be sustained? "

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—35.

Messieurs

<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Patterson</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Crone</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Forester</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	

NAYS—8.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>

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

1. What rate of interest does the Treasury receive upon the various bank balances standing to the credit of the Province?
2. What rate of interest does the Government pay upon existing: (a) Bank loans; (b) Treasury bills (Canadian Bank of Commerce); (c) Dominion Government loans?

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

- " 1. On basis of minimum monthly balance: From The Canadian Bank of Commerce, 1 per cent.; other banks, 1½ per cent.  
 " 2. (a) No loans other than Treasury bills; (b) 3½ per cent.; (c) 3 per cent."

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

1. What are the total amounts expended on relief within the Province to the latest dates for which records are available by: (a) The Dominion Government; (b) the Provincial Government; (c) municipalities?
2. What periods are respectively covered?

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

" 1 and 2. From September, 1930, to September 30th, 1937: (a) \$21,844,389.23; (b) \$32,951,681.83; (c) \$8,546,544.48."

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

What amounts are still available for borrowing purposes under the various Loan Acts, with particulars as at December 31st, 1936?

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

" As at December 31st, 1936: ' Loan Act, 1925,' \$63,213.50; ' Loan Act, 1927,' \$20,000; ' Loan Act, 1930,' \$73,590; ' Loan Act, 1931,' \$75,000; ' Loan Act, 1932,' \$582,000; ' Loan Act, 1933,' \$2,795,000; ' Loan Act, 1935,' \$3,000,000; ' Loan Act, 1936,' \$5,000,000; ' Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act, 1935,' \$2,000,000; ' Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,' \$2,359,000; ' Revenue Act,' ' Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924,' contingent upon requirements; ' Unemployment Relief Act, 1933,' contingent upon requirements."

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

What sum, if any, did the Treasury receive from the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company between June 30th, 1936, and June 30th, 1937, in respect of the agreement dated February 17th, 1912, and ratified by chapter 33 of the Statutes of 1912?

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

" \$13,452."

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

1. Has the Department of Industries made or guaranteed any loan to any persons or companies in the Province since March 1st, 1936; and, if so, to whom?
2. If yes, what amounts have been granted or guaranteed to each person or company, the terms of each loan, and the rate of interest in each case?
3. What payments have been received by the Government towards the liquidation of said loans?
4. What security for each advance has been received by the Department?

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

"1. Yes; guaranteed loans for the following companies: White Pine Lumber Co., Ltd.; Greenwood Ore Concentrating Co., Ltd.; Nicola Pine Mills (1937), Ltd.; Grays Sawmills, Ltd.

"2. White Pine Lumber Co., Ltd., \$35,000, repayable July 31st, 1938; Greenwood Ore Concentrating Co., Ltd., \$6,000, repayable June 29th, 1938; Nicola Pine Mills (1937), Ltd., \$30,000, repayable September 28th, 1939; Grays Sawmills, Ltd., \$3,000, repayable May 18th, 1939. Rate of interest in each case 6 per cent.

"3. White Pine Lumber Co., Ltd., \$5,500; Greenwood Ore Concentrating Co., Ltd., \$3,883.37; Nicola Pine Mills (1937), Ltd., \$179.60; Grays Sawmills, Ltd., \$200.87.

"4. White Pine Lumber Co., Ltd.: Security—Chattel mortgage on plant, machinery, and equipment; warehouse receipts under provision of the 'Bank Act' on logs and lumber. Greenwood Ore Concentrating Co., Ltd.: Security—Mortgage on property; chattel mortgage on machinery and equipment. Nicola Pine Mills (1937), Ltd.: Security—Chattel mortgage on plant, machinery, and equipment; mortgage on property, logs, and lumber under section 88 of the 'Bank Act.' Grays Sawmills, Ltd.: Security—Chattel mortgage on plant, machinery, and equipment; logs and lumber under section 88 of the 'Bank Act.'"

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

What amount of money does the Provincial Treasury still hold on account of over-payment of income tax for which no applications for refunds have been made. Give data as at June 30th, 1937.

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

"No moneys collected on account of income tax known to be refundable are retained by the Crown."

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

1. Was the property of the old Christ Church Cathedral site on Church Hill purchased by the Government?
2. If yes, when was such property purchased?
3. What price was paid for the said property?
4. For what purpose was it acquired?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Cheque issued April 28th, 1937.

"3. \$45,000.

"4. Public building."

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

1. Was any relief money received by the Government of British Columbia from the Federal Government expended since April 1st, 1936, in the Provincial Electoral District of Esquimalt?

2. If any, how much?

3. Where was the same expended?

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

"1. The Dominion Government's contribution towards the cost of relief in the Province is in the form of a monthly grant-in-aid which is not allocated to any particular district or districts.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What is the total amount of unpaid income tax as at December 31st, 1936?
2. What rate of interest is now being charged thereon?
3. What percentage of the said unpaid income tax is deemed collectable?

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

- “1. \$554,703.14.
- “2. 4½ per cent. till due date; 8½ per cent. thereafter.
- “3. 77 per cent. (approximately).”

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

1. What was the total amount in the Sinking Fund of the Province at October 1st, 1936?
2. What was the total amount in the Sinking Fund of the Province at October 1st, 1937?
3. Has any amount been taken from the Sinking Fund between October 1st, 1936, and October 1st, 1937? If so, why, and for what purpose was it used?
4. If any sums have been taken from the Sinking Fund, were these moneys taken from funds against loans for which they were originally made?

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

- “1. \$34,694,548.15.
- “2. \$36,018,746.32.
- “3. Yes. \$397,759.79 to retire in part a \$445,000 debenture maturity on July 1st, 1937.
- “4. Yes.”

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

1. What amount of money has been collected from the gasoline tax from March 1st, 1936, to February 28th, 1937?
2. What amount of money has been collected from motor-car licences from March 1st, 1936, to February 28th, 1937?
3. What amount of money has been collected from motor-truck licences from March 1st, 1936, to February 28th, 1937?
4. What amount of money has been collected from driver licences from March 1st, 1936, to February 28th, 1937?

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

- “1. \$2,735,858.69.
- “2. \$1,636,107.08.
- “3. \$536,164.77.
- “4. \$136,249.50.”

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

1. What amount was refunded during the year 1936 of the 1-per-cent. tax?
2. During what months, and for what amount in each month, were refunds made?
3. What amount was refunded during the year 1937 of the 1-per-cent. tax?
4. During what months, and for what amount in each month, were refunds made?

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

- “1. \$856,404.10.
- “2. January, \$2,084.83; February, \$1,569.34; March, \$66,392.74; April, \$149,941.87; May, \$301,153.44; June, \$237,707; July, \$67,781.56; August, \$14,630.33; September, \$7,107.44; October, \$5,179.24; November, \$1,922.14; December, \$934.17.
- “3. \$960,651.51.
- “4. January, \$10,552.75; February, \$37,764.27; March, \$144,737.37; April, \$300,114.85; May, \$231,602.46; June, \$159,724.06; July, \$42,558.07; August, \$11,910.49; September, \$15,468.12; October, \$6,219.07.”

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

Was there an excess of current revenues over current expenditures in the fiscal years ended March 31st, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937? If so, state how much in each given year?

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

“See Public Accounts for respective fiscal years.”



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

1. What sums of money, if any, have been raised by virtue of the authority of the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1936"?
2. Upon what terms was the money so raised?
3. How was the money expended?
4. Is any of the money so raised still unexpended; and, if so, to what amount?

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

- "1. \$2,957,700.
- "2. \$3,000,000 three-year 3-per-cent. debentures, dated March 15th, 1937, at 98.59 per 100; cost basis to Province, 3½ per cent.
- "3. On roads, buildings, and ferries.
- "4. Yes, on November 9th, 1937; \$1,733,170.18."

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

1. Have any moneys borrowed under the said "B.C. Loan Act, 1936" (chapter 29, 1936, Second Session), been expended?
2. If so, what amount?
3. If any moneys borrowed under the said loan have been expended, what are the details of the expenditures?

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

- "1 and 2. See answers to question No. 1 by Mr. E. E. Winch.
- "3. \$1,224,529.82, on roads, buildings, and ferries."

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

1. Did the Province of British Columbia borrow from the Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd., for the purposes of constructing the new bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster? If so, how much?
2. Have any of the bonds or debentures issued to the Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd., since July 8th, 1935, been retired by the Provincial Treasury?
3. If such retirement had been made, what is the total amount of such bonds or debentures that have been retired; and (a) have new bonds or debentures been issued: (b) from what source did the Provincial Treasury obtain the funds to effect such retirement?
4. What rate, or rates, of interest were being paid as on October 1st, 1937, on moneys borrowed for the purposes of the construction of the Fraser River Bridge?

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

- "1. Yes. \$2,000,000.
- "2. No.
- "3. See answer to No. 2.
- "4. 3 per cent. and 3½ per cent."

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

1. How many were employed by the Department of Agriculture on November 15th, 1933?
2. How many of these were returned soldiers?
3. How many are employed by the Agricultural Department at the present time?
4. How many of these are returned soldiers?
5. How many returned soldiers have been appointed to the Agricultural Department since November 15th, 1933?
6. How many returned soldiers have been dismissed or discharged or asked for their resignations in the Agricultural Department since November 15th, 1933?

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

- "1. Sixty-two males (including casual labour) with two vacancies unfilled.
- "2. Twenty.
- "3. Sixty-five males (including casual labour).
- "4. Twenty.
- "5. One.
- "6. One superannuated."

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

1. Were any moneys borrowed under the "B.C. Loan Act, 1936" (chapter 29, 1936, Second Session)?
2. If so, what amount?
3. From whom were said moneys borrowed?
4. For what term was the said loan, if made?
5. What was the rate of interest?

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

"1, 2, 4, and 5. See answers to question No. 1 by Mr. E. E. Winch.

"3. Syndicate composed of: Ames & Co., Ltd.; Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd.; The Dominion Securities Corporation; The Canadian Bank of Commerce; The Royal Bank; The Bank of Montreal."

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

1. How many officials are now employed in connection with the State Health Insurance Act of 1936?
2. What remuneration does each receive? For what length of term have they been appointed?
3. In view of the Government declaration that the State Health Insurance Act is inoperative, how long are the services of these employees to be retained?

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

"1. Four members of the Commission and four members of the staff.

"2. Remuneration of Commission members: Chairman, \$6,000 per annum; Vice-Chairman, \$5,500 per annum; two other members, \$1,000 each per annum. The Chairman has been appointed for seven years, and the Vice-Chairman and other members of the Commission for five years.

"3. Until their work is completed."

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

What is the total amount held in Government sinking funds of bonds, debentures, or other securities which are now in default or partial default of either or both principal and interest? Give details in each case, maturity dates, etc.

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

"In partial default of interest: Province of Alberta bonds and stock with par value of \$399,393.32, maturing in 1939, 1940, 1941, 1943, 1946, 1948, 1954, 1958, 1959, 1961. In default of interest: District of Burnaby bonds with par value of \$50,000, maturing June 30th, 1938."

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province on October 1st, 1936?
2. What was the gross debt of the Province on October 1st, 1937?
3. What was the net debt of the Province on October 1st, 1936?
4. What was the net debt of the Province on October 1st, 1937?
5. What part of this debt had been funded at October 1st, 1937?
6. What part of this debt was owed to the Federal Government on October 1st, 1937?
7. What part of this debt was owed to the Canadian Bank of Commerce on October 1st, 1937?

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

"1. \$180,309,467.36.

"2. \$187,181,404.13.

"3. \$145,641,919.21.

"4. \$151,162,657.81.

"5. \$145,661,411.

"6. \$32,973,216.49.

"7. \$6,105,906.48."

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

1. What amount of money was borrowed between January 1st, 1936, and June 30th, 1937?
2. From whom was the money borrowed, and for what purposes, and what amount at present remains unexpended?
3. What has been the rate of interest on each loan?
4. When are the loans repayable?

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

“ 1, 2, 3, and 4. Answered as follows:—

Amount borrowed.	From whom borrowed.	Purpose.	Rate of Interest. Per Cent.	When Repayable.
\$125,000	Canadian Bank of Commerce .....	P.G.E. Railway Construction .....	3½	On demand.
9,789,000	Dominion Government .....	Unemployment Relief and Refunding .....	3	One year from date of issue.
2,700,000	Sinking Fund Account.....	Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge and Refunding .....	3	Twenty years from date of issue.
75,000	Superannuation Fund .....	Buildings .....	3	On demand.
1,000,000	Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd. ....	Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge	3½	Three years from date of issue.
3,000,000	Ames & Co., Ltd.; Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd.; The Dominion Securities Corporation; The Canadian Bank of Commerce; The Royal Bank; and The Bank of Montreal.....	Public Works generally	3	Three years from date of issue.

“ As at November 9th, 1937, all borrowings spent, excepting \$1,733,170.18 from last-named loan for Public Works, and \$50,531.12 from \$75,000 loan for Buildings.”

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

1. Between November 17th, 1934, and October 1st, 1937, did the Government of British Columbia pay the premium on a bond, or bonds, of a guarantee or indemnity company guaranteeing in the sum of \$225,000 (or any other sum) the due fulfilment by the Fraser River Bridge Co., Ltd., of its contract with the Government relative to the construction of the Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge, now known as the Pattullo Bridge?

2. What was the total amount paid for such premium in: (a) 1934; (b) 1935; (c) 1936; (d) 1937?

3. What was the name of the guarantee or indemnity company furnishing such bond or bonds?

4. Who was the general agent for such guarantee or indemnity company in British Columbia?

5. Who was the local agent who transacted the business for the placing of the guarantee bond?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. See Public Accounts for respective years.

“ 3. Canadian Surety Co., Vancouver, B.C.

“ 4. No information in Department.

“ 5. No information in Department.”

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

1. How many were employed by the Department of Finance on November 15th, 1933?
2. How many of these were returned soldiers?
3. How many are employed by the Finance Department at the present time?
4. How many of these are returned soldiers?
5. How many returned soldiers have been appointed to the Finance Department since November 15th, 1933?
6. How many returned soldiers have been dismissed or discharged or asked for their resignations in the Finance Department since November 15th, 1933?

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

- " 1. Permanent, 372; temporary, 37, including stenographers, junior clerks, and over-age.
- " 2. Permanent, 104; temporary, 7.
- " 3. Permanent, 411; temporary, 77, including stenographers, junior clerks, and over-age.
- " 4. Permanent, 108; temporary, 11.
- " 5. Permanent, 18; temporary, 28.
- " 6. Permanent, 3."

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

1. What securities, if any, have been issued for the purpose of financing the construction of the Fraser River Bridge under authority of the " Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act," chapter 26, 1935?
2. For what period were these issued?
3. To whom disposed of?
4. What was the net amount received by the Treasury Department for each issue?

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

" 1, 2, 3, and 4. Answered as follows:—

Amount of Debentures.	Term.	To whom disposed.	Net Amount received.
\$2,000,000	Three years.....	Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.....	\$2,000,000
1,000,000	Twenty years.....	Sinking Fund Account.....	1,000,000
1,000,000	Twenty years.....	Sinking Fund Account.....	1,000,000 "

*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 4.25 p.m.

Tuesday, November 16th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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. *Anscomb*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*,—

Whereas " An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance " was passed by the Legislature on March 31st, 1936; and

Whereas Health Insurance progressively applied was endorsed by a majority vote of the people of British Columbia in a plebiscite submitted to them on June 1st, 1937; and

Whereas the Government has not brought the provisions of the "Health Insurance Act" into operation; and

Whereas it has been reported in the public press on October 12th, 1937, that the Premier stated that Health Insurance would not be brought into operation until the Rowell Commission had reported:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the Government has forfeited the confidence of the people in neglecting to put the "Health Insurance Act" into operation.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 16th, 1937.*

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Eyres*:—

1. What amounts of money have been granted toward building of hospitals in British Columbia during the years 1934, 1935, and 1936?
2. To what hospitals were grants made, and how much in each case?

The Hon. Mr. *Gray* presented the Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1936.

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

1. What was the number of employees in the Department of Industries on January 1st, 1920?
2. What was the number on January 1st, 1924?
3. What is the number at the present time?

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

- "1. Three employees.
- "2. Four employees.
- "3. Two employees."

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

What is the number of employees at present with the Bureau of Statistics?

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

"There is no Bureau of Statistics under the Department of the Provincial Secretary."

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

1. How many officials have been appointed to date in connection with the State Health Insurance Act of 1936?
2. What is the date of each such appointment?
3. What remuneration has each received to date?
4. How many appointments on the staff of the State Health Commission have been appointed to date?
5. What remuneration does each receive?
6. How many are still employed?
7. What amount has been expended in connection with the State Health Insurance Act of 1936 to date?
8. How many officials are still employed under the said Act?
9. What rate of remuneration, if any, is being paid to each of the said officials?
10. What is the current monthly cost at present under the State Health Insurance Act?

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

- "1. Four members of the Commission.
- "2. Chairman and Vice-Chairman, May 18th, 1936; one Commissioner, June 1st, 1936; one Commissioner, September 1st, 1936.
- "3. Chairman, \$8,726; Vice-Chairman, \$7,984; Commissioner, \$1,416; Commissioner, \$1,166.
- "4. The number of employees on the staff of the Health Insurance Commission varied from month to month in accordance with the volume of work. At the period of the greatest activity the number on the staff was seventy-six.
- "5. The amounts vary from \$225 to \$75 per mensem.
- "6. Four.
- "7. \$95,811.27.
- "8. Four.
- "9. Chairman, \$6,000 per annum; Vice-Chairman, \$5,500 per annum; two Commissioners, \$1,000 each per annum.
- "10. \$2,400, with reduction of \$300 January 1st, 1938."

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

1. How many gallons of gasoline were used in (a) passenger-cars and (b) motor-trucks owned by the Department of the Attorney-General during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1937?
2. How many gallons of gasoline have been used in such passenger-cars and motor-trucks for each month from April 1st, 1937, to September 30th, 1937?

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

- "1. (a) 97,867; (b) 11,343.
- "2. Passenger-cars: April, 7,695; May, 8,569; June, 9,373; July, 9,942; August, 10,133; September, 9,408. Motor-trucks: April, 1,171; May, 1,352; June, 1,539; July, 1,565; August, 1,695; September, 1,427."

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

1. (a) What is the number of inmates, (b) who is the medical attendant and what is his salary, (c) who is the dentist and what is his salary of the (i) Boys' Industrial School, (ii) Girls' Industrial School, (iii) Home for Incurables, Marpole, respectively?
2. Are any of the above medical attendants or dentists full-time members of the institutional staff? If so, which?

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

- "1. (i) (a) Ninety-three at September 30th, 1937; (b) one of the medical staff at Essondale in rotation each month, \$600 per annum; (c) Dr. Emery Jones, \$600 per annum. (ii) (a) Fifty-two at September 30th, 1937; (b) Dr. Mary B. Campbell, \$400 per annum; (c) Dr. Stanley McQueen, paid for work done. (iii) (a) One hundred and sixty-two at September 30th, 1937; (b) Dr. W. Y. Corry, \$1,250 per annum; (c) Dr. R. L. Pallen, paid for work done.

"2. No."

Mr. *Eyres* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. How many passenger-automobiles were purchased by the Department of Lands between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937?
2. How many motor-trucks were purchased by the Department of Lands between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937?
3. How many passenger-automobiles were purchased by the Department of Lands between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937?
4. How many motor-trucks were purchased by the Department of Lands between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937?
5. How many (a) motor-launches, (b) rowboats, and (c) rafts were purchased or constructed for the Department of Lands between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937?
6. How many (a) motor-launches, (b) rowboats, and (c) rafts were purchased or constructed for the Department of Lands between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937?
7. What was the total price paid by the Department of Lands between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937, for: (a) Passenger-automobiles; (b) motor-trucks; (c) motor-launches; (d) rowboats; (e) rafts?
8. What was the total price paid by the Department of Lands between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937, for: (a) Passenger-automobiles; (b) motor-trucks; (c) motor-launches; (d) rowboats?
9. How many (a) passenger-automobiles, (b) motor-trucks, (c) motor-launches, (d) rowboats, and (e) rafts were owned by the Department of Lands on October 1st, 1937?
10. How many (a) passenger-automobiles, (b) motor-trucks, (c) motor-launches, (d) rowboats, and (e) rafts were owned by the Department of Lands on October 1st, 1936?
11. What was the inventory value of (a) passenger-automobiles, (b) motor-trucks, (c) motor-launches, (d) rowboats, and (e) rafts owned by the Department of Lands on March 31st, 1937?
12. What was the inventory value of (a) passenger-automobiles, (b) motor-trucks, (c) motor-launches, (d) rowboats, and (e) rafts owned by the Department of Lands on March 31st, 1936?

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

- "1. 11.
- "2. 46.
- "3. 2.
- "4. 13.
- "5. (a) 1; (b) 6; (c) none.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. (a) \$8,412.50; (b) \$38,208.87; (c) nil; (d) \$996; (e) nil.
- "8. (a) \$1,380.98; (b) \$12,226.91; (c) \$8,500; (d) \$1,277; (e) nil.
- "9. (a) 22; (b) 161; (c) 36; (d) 108; (e) 2.
- "10. (a) 21; (b) 132; (c) 35; (d) 105; (e) 2.
- "11. (a) \$15,849; (b) \$68,344; (c) \$85,065; (d) \$4,528; (e) \$35.
- "12. (a) \$12,680; (b) \$56,236; (c) \$76,605; (d) \$4,066; (e) \$45."

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

1. Is vivisection practised in any Government owned or supported institution?
2. If yes: (a) Which; (b) for what purpose; (c) what forms of life are used for experimental purposes?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. How many inspections under the "Factories Act" have been held of Burrard Dry Dock Company, of North Vancouver, in 1936?
2. In 1937?

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

- "1. May 1st, 1936; July 27th, 1936.
- "2. April 6th, 1937; June 30th, 1937."

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

1. How many passenger-automobiles were purchased by the Department of the Attorney-General between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937?
2. How many motor-trucks were purchased by the Department of the Attorney-General between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937?
3. How many passenger-automobiles were purchased by the Department of the Attorney-General between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937?
4. How many motor-trucks were purchased by the Department of the Attorney-General between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937?
5. How many (a) motor-launches and (b) rowboats were purchased or constructed for the Department of the Attorney-General between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937?
6. How many (a) motor-launches and (b) rowboats were purchased or constructed for the Department of the Attorney-General between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937?
7. What was the total price paid by the Department of the Attorney-General between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937, for: (a) Passenger-automobiles; (b) motor-trucks; (c) motor-launches; (d) rowboats?
8. What was the total price paid by the Department of the Attorney-General between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937, for: (a) Passenger-automobiles; (b) motor-trucks; (c) motor-launches; (d) rowboats?
9. How many (a) passenger-automobiles, (b) motor-trucks, (c) motor-launches, and (d) rowboats were owned by the Department of the Attorney-General on October 1st, 1937?
10. What was the inventory value of (a) passenger-automobiles, (b) motor-trucks, (c) motor-launches, and (d) rowboats owned by the Department of the Attorney-General on March 31st, 1937?
11. What was the inventory value of (a) passenger-automobiles, (b) motor-trucks, (c) motor-launches, and (d) rowboats owned by the Department of the Attorney-General on March 31st, 1936?

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

- " 1. 26.
- " 2. 12.
- " 3. 32.
- " 4. 8.
- " 5. (a) 3; (b) 4.
- " 6 (a) 1; (b) 1.
- " 7. (a) \$19,563.31; (b) \$9,363.43; (c) \$2,175; (d) \$176.50.
- " 8. See answer to question No. 7.
- " 9. (a) 126; (b) 25; (c) 18; (d) 23.
- " 10. (a) \$55,976; (b) \$9,530; (c) \$50,437; (d) \$976.
- " 11. (a) \$61,667; (b) \$2,795; (c) \$44,755; (d) \$912."

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

1. What is the total amount of advertising paid for by the Government in newspapers published in British Columbia for the months of April and May, 1936?
2. What is the total amount of advertising paid for by the Government in newspapers published in British Columbia for the months of April and May, 1937?

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

- " 1. See Public Accounts, 1936-37.
- " 2. \$6,432.70."

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

1. What were the total sales of beer in the Province for the months of May, June, July, and August, 1936?
2. What were the total sales of beer in the Province for the same months, 1937?

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

- " 1. May, \$454,029.95; June, \$513,332; July, \$522,798.50; August, \$554,461.40.
- " 2. May, \$519,446.05; June, \$576,546.70; July, \$629,504.59; August, \$549,778.70."



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

1. What is the face value, if any, of bonds, debentures, or other securities of the Province of Alberta held by the Government of British Columbia or by any Government control or operated Board or Commission as sinking fund?
2. What are the rates of interest payable on such bonds, if any?
3. What rate of interest has been paid on such bonds within the period from January 1st, 1936, to June 30th, 1937?
4. Has any rate different from the rate of interest mentioned on such bonds, debentures, or securities been tendered in payment of such interest rates by the Province of Alberta?
5. What is the face value, if any, of bonds, debentures, or other securities of the Province of British Columbia held by the Government of Alberta?
6. What are the rates of interest payable upon such British Columbia bonds held by the Government of Alberta?
7. Are any bonds, debentures, or securities of any Board or Commission controlled or operated or whose finances are guaranteed by the Province of British Columbia held by the Government of Alberta?
8. If so, what are the amounts of such bonds, and the interest rates payable upon same?
9. If the Province of Alberta has tendered a lower rate of interest than demanded by such bonds held by the Government of British Columbia or by any Board or Commission controlled or operated by the Government of British Columbia, has the Government of British Columbia charged the difference as a contra account in remitting interest payments to the Province of Alberta upon British Columbia bond or the bonds, debentures, or other securities of British Columbia Government controlled, guaranteed, financed, or operated Boards and Commissions? If no, why not?
10. If the Province of Alberta holds any British Columbia bond or the bond, debentures, or other securities of British Columbia Government controlled, guaranteed, financed, or operated Boards and Commissions, has the Government considered declining to pay any interest on the said securities to the Province of Alberta until the Province of Alberta respects in full its obligations to the Government of British Columbia?

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

"1. Workmen's Compensation Board, \$1,204,000; Agricultural Commission, \$3,000; City of Port Moody Sinking Fund, \$2,000; Provincial Sinking Funds, \$399,393.32; total, \$1,608,393.32.

"2. 4 per cent.; 4½ per cent.; 5 per cent.; and 5½ per cent.

"3. Full rate to June 1st, 1936; thereafter on \$1,050,000 5-per-cent. fully registered bonds and on \$130,000 4½-per-cent. fully registered bonds interest has been paid at 2½ per cent. and at 2¼ per cent. respectively. Cheques in payment have been endorsed 'accepted without prejudice and on account only.' Interest coupons on other bonds have not been surrendered for payment at reduced rates.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Not known.

"6. Not known.

"7. Not known.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. No. Cannot be done.

"10. No."

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

1. How many gallons of gasoline were used in (a) passenger-cars and (b) motor-trucks owned by the Department of Education during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1937?
2. How many gallons of gasoline have been used in such passenger-cars and motor-trucks for each month from April 1st, 1937, to September 30th, 1937?

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

"1. (a) 9,755¼; (b) 294.

"2. Passenger-cars: April, 1,179; May, 1,298; June, 1,234; July, 567½; August, 901; September, 1,199. Motor-trucks: April, 24; May, 23; June, 22; July, 32; August, 21; September, 45½."

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

1. What number of accidents, if any, occurred in the lumbering industry ("Workmen's Compensation Act," Class 1): (a) During the first nine months of the present year; (b) how many of these were fatal?

2. What number of victims of the fatal accidents were: (a) Married; (b) single?

3. What was the total assessment against the industry to provide pensions or other compensation to the dependents of the above respective groups (a) and (b)?

4. Did a disproportionately high number of fatal accidents due to employers' negligence occur on the operations of certain firms relative to the number of their employees with those of other operators? If yes: (a) What firms; (b) what number of fatal accidents respectively?

5. Has an employer at any time since the Act came into force been assessed the costs arising out of an accident when it was considered that the employer did not exercise reasonable precautions against accident?

6. What was the total number of all reported accidents, (a) fatal and (b) non-fatal, during the month of August last; and (c) what number of these occurred in the lumbering industry?

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

"1. (a) 9,642; (b) 53.

"2. (a) 33; (b) 20.

"3. (a) \$81,237.38 in respect of fourteen fatalities, the remaining claims not yet completed; (b) \$11,441.15 in respect of six fatalities, the remainder not yet complete. (NOTE.—For the purpose of experience rating the cost of each fatal accident is charged to an employer's record at the average cost of all fatal accidents for the past four years.)

"4. No.

"5. Yes.

"6. (a) 17; (b) 3,542; (c) 8 and 1,632."

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

1. Has the attention of the Game Department been drawn to the killing of two white bears in the Boundary Country as reported in the Vancouver "Daily Province" of October 14th last?

2. If yes, is information available as to the species to which these animals belong?

3. If no, will an inquiry be made for the purpose of obtaining this information?

4. If found to belong to the *Ursus Kermodei*, will legal action, as provided for in the "Game Act," be taken against those responsible for the illegal destruction of the animals?

5. Does the Minister propose to introduce legislation making it a punishable offence to destroy rare specimens of wild life of any kind?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. Investigation proceeding.

"4. Yes, if deemed advisable.

"5. There is provision in the present 'Game Act' to this effect."

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

1. How many were employed by the Department of Education on November 15th, 1933?

2. How many of these were returned soldiers?

3. How many are employed by the Department of Education at the present time?

4. How many of these are returned soldiers?

5. How many returned soldiers have been appointed to the Educational Department since November 15th, 1933?

6. How many returned soldiers have been dismissed or discharged or asked for their resignations in the Educational Department since November 15th, 1933?

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

“ 1. Eighty-three permanent employees.

“ 2. Fifteen.

“ 3. One hundred and seven permanent employees. The increase is made up as follows: A number of employees on temporary appointment in 1933 are included in the above; the large increase in elementary and high school correspondence school enrolment necessitated the appointment of six additional employees included in the above; new services for the unemployed and others—i.e., physical and recreational education, enrolling over 12,000 in eighty centres, and adult and extension education, for which there is a great need, account for the balance of the increase.

“ 4. Fourteen.

“ 5. Seven temporary.

“ 6. None.”

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

1. What was the number of employees under the Economic Council on November 1st, 1934?

2. What is the number at the present time?

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

“ 1. Four.

“ 2. Five.”

*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 6.05 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 17th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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. *Perry*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Forester*, Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fire Departments Two-platoon Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 17th, 1937.*

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

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 16th, 1937.*

*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. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries 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 following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

A Study of Housing Legislation and its Administration in Canada, Great Britain, and New Zealand, compiled by the Research Department of the Economic Council of British Columbia.

To lie upon the table.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Return pursuant to Section 103 of the "Taxation Act," Chapter 282, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return of Moneys received and paid by the Official Administrators of the Province, as required by Section 53 of the "Administration Act," R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return pursuant to Section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act," Chapter 247, R.S.B.C. 1936.

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

1. Were any contracts let for gravel surfacing on No. 1 South Trans-Provincial Highway between Fernie and the Alberta boundary, in Fernie Electoral District, during the years 1936 and 1937?

2. If yes, who was the successful bidder, what was the unit price, and what was the total amount paid to contract or contractors?

3. How many sub-contractors were employed, what were their names, and how much did each receive?

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

"1. No.

"2 and 3. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. How many bags of cement were used in the construction of the new bridge, known as the Pattullo Bridge, across the Fraser River at New Westminster from the time of the commencement of construction of the said bridge to October 1st, 1937?
2. What was the price per bag paid by the Province of British Columbia for such cement on October 1st, 1937?
3. Did such price include delivery of the said cement at the work?
4. Through what individual or firm did the Government, or its agents, the Fraser River Bridge Co., Ltd., purchase such cement?
5. Was such cement purchased under contract awarded by tenders?
6. What was the unit price of such tender?
7. Did such price include charges for delivery?
8. Did the original tenders submitted for supplying cement for the construction of the said bridge include delivery charges?
9. Was there any increase made in the price of cement to the successful tenderer after the tender was accepted to provide for delivery at the work?

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

- "1. 277,795 as at March 31st, 1937.
- "2. See answer to No. 1; 45.57 cents per sack.
- "3. Price included delivery of cement to contractor.
- "4. Provincial Government Purchasing Agent.
- "5 to 9. No; see answers to Nos. 1 to 4."

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

1. Has any surfacing been done or placed upon the Metchosin Road, in Esquimalt District, between the Metchosin Hall and Colwood Community Hall since April 1st, 1936; and, if so, when?
2. If yes, what material was used, and from whom was it purchased, and at what price?

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

- "1. Yes; in May, 1936, and in May, 1937.
- "2. In 1936: Tarvia 'B'—price, 10 cents per gallon f.o.b. Vancouver; freight, 3.1 cents per gallon. Purchased from Barrett Co., Vancouver. In 1937: Coal-tar primer and Tarvia 'B' flush-coat. Price of Tarvia 'B,' same as above; purchased from Barrett Co., Vancouver. Price of coal-tar, 8.254 cents per gallon f.o.b. Vancouver; freight, 2.8 cents per gallon. Purchased from Willard Equipment Co., Vancouver."

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

1. What is the total number in receipt of relief in the Province?
2. (a.) How many of these are single men? (b.) Give the number of married men and their dependents?

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

- "1. For September, 1937, the total was 42,504 individuals.
- "2. (a) 5,573 single men, 874 single women; (b) 9,875 family heads, 26,182 dependents."

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

1. Have any irregularities in the composition of the last Provincial voters' lists been reported to your Department since the last Provincial election?
2. If yes, what was the nature of such complaints?
3. If yes, has any investigation taken place, or is any contemplated?

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

"1, 2, and 3. The Department has received a few individual complaints, most of which allege omission of a name from the voters' list. Each complaint is referred to the Registrar of Voters concerned for explanation. Any further complaints will be dealt with in the same way. It is understood that Registrars of Voters have themselves received similar complaints. No deliberate irregularity on the part of Registrars of Voters is apparent."

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

1. Was there any one employed on the road known as Wild Horse near Fort Steele in 1937?
2. If yes, what were their names, what date did each work, and how much did each receive?

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

“1 and 2. None prior to March 31st, 1937.”

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

1. Has the Commission appointed in November, 1934, to inquire into various matters respecting the production and use of coal and petroleum in the Province of British Columbia finished its work?
2. If yes, when will the report be presented to the Legislature?
3. What is the name of each Commissioner, and what amount has been paid to each Commissioner from date of appointment to present date for: (a) Salary; (b) travelling and other expenses?
4. Has each Commissioner been paid in full; and, if not, what sum is still owing to each?
5. Have any other officials been employed in connection with the inquiry; and, if so, what is the name of each and the total cost paid each such official for: (a) Salary; (b) travelling and other expenses?
6. What is the total cost of the whole Commission to date?

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

“1. No. Final reports have been filed in respect to paragraphs 1, 2, and part of paragraph 3 of the Commission terms, relating to coal and petroleum products costs and as to whether the same are just and reasonable. The report in respect to the remainder of paragraph 3 of the Commission relating to the respective efficiency and advantages of the said fuels to industry and the Province has not yet been completed.

“2. In due course.

“3. The Hon. Mr. Justice M. A. Macdonald is the sole Commissioner; (a) *nil*; (b) \$4,621.40 to October 31st, 1937.

“4. Yes.

“5. In addition to counsel fees and payments to chartered accountants (*see* answers to question No. 122) the following sums have been paid by way of salary, fees, and disbursements to October 31st, 1937: R. W. Hartley, Secretary, salary, \$4,555.84; G. W. Evans, fees and disbursements, \$2,271.73; W. F. Seyer, fees and expenses, \$2,623.67; Smith, Emery & Co., fees, \$400; Walter Stalder, fees, \$100; R. R. West, fees and expenses, \$2,394.23. In addition to the above, the following other disbursements have been made on behalf of the Commission: Transcript of evidence taken by the Commission and stenographic assistance, \$10,614.36; disbursements by members of the Commission staff (including counsel), including travelling, \$5,402.94; cost of advertising sittings of the Commission (only items over \$10 included), \$241.44; miscellaneous items of services and expense (not segregated), \$1,259.19.

“6. \$108,407.11 to October 31st, 1937.”

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

Does the Government contemplate additions to the quarters of the Provincial Board of Health Laboratories to meet the conditions described in the 1936 Report of the Provincial Board of Health Laboratories, page 27: “The time has now come, however, when any further increase in numbers of specimens examined can only be achieved, in the present quarters, at the expense of accuracy. Every technician is now working all day at full capacity; and in the event of illness of one or more technicians, the others have to be correspondingly overtaxed. *Their work cannot be postponed.* The solution to our difficulties is not to be found simply in further additions to the staff, for there is now no accommodation available for additional staff.”

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

“The Department has this matter under advisement.”

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

1. Is Dr. Alfred K. Haywood in receipt of any salary, grant, or remuneration paid by the Government?
2. If no, has he been in receipt of any such salary, grant, or remuneration?
3. What is the amount of any such salary, grant, or remuneration?

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

"1, 2, and 3. The late Government made an arrangement with the Board of the Vancouver General Hospital under which a special grant of \$3,000 per annum would be made to the Board, which it was understood would apply on the salary of the Superintendent. In return for this, the services of the Superintendent were to be available to the Government in connection with hospital matters throughout the Province. At a later date the grant was reduced to \$2,700 per annum. No payment on this account has been made during the current fiscal year."

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

1. How many Public Works contracts have been awarded to Doukhobor contractors from November 15th, 1933, to October 15th, 1937?
2. What is the total amount of such contracts?

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

"1 and 2. No information at present. Contractors bidding on Government work are not required to disclose their race, religious views, or political affiliations. The matter, however, will be inquired into if the honourable member will supply any information he may have."

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

1. Who printed the voters' list for the 1937 Provincial election for the Vancouver-Burrard Electoral District?
2. What was the rate paid for printing the same, and what was the total cost?
3. Were any tenders called?
4. Was an offer made by any other person or company to print the same?
5. If so, at what rate?

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

- "1. Sun Publishing Co., Ltd.
- "2. Fourteen cents a line; \$5,136.74.
- "3. No.
- "4. No definite offer.
- "5. No rate mentioned."

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

1. Has the Department representatives upon the administrative body of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (Western Division)?
2. What salaries, if any, are paid by the above institution to : (a) The Superintendent; (b) the Assistant Superintendent; (c) the Book-keeper?
3. What travelling and living allowances, if any, do these officials receive?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) General Superintendent, \$300 per mensem; (b) no Assistant Superintendent; (c) Accountant, \$150 per mensem.
- "3. No information."

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

1. What were the travelling expenses of the Minister of Public Works between March 31st, 1937, and August 31st, 1937?
2. Have all such expenses incurred between such dates been paid?

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

"1 and 2. Total travelling expenses for the year are published in due course in the Public Accounts."

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

1. Who printed the voters' list for the 1937 Provincial election for the Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral District?
2. What was the rate paid for printing the same, and what was the total cost?
3. Were any tenders called?
4. Was an offer made by any other person or company to print the same?
5. If so, at what rate?

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

- " 1. Sun Publishing Co., Ltd.
- " 2. Fourteen cents a line; \$6,101.34.
- " 3. No.
- " 4. No definite offer.
- " 5. No rate mentioned."

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

1. Has the Department of Finance made an estimate of what the cost would be to extend to the Yukon Territory the activities of the Department, including Probate and Succession Duties Branch, Audit Branch, Taxation Branch, Government Agents and Assessors, Municipal Aid, Superannuation Costs, and miscellaneous incidentals attached to the Department?
2. If so, what is the amount of such estimate?

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

1. Has the Department of Labour made an estimate of what the cost would be to extend to the Yukon Territory the activities of the Department, including the Minimum Wage Board cost, Employment Service cost, Factory Inspection, Old-age Pension cost, and miscellaneous matters covered by the Department?
2. If so, what is the amount of such estimate?

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

1. Has the Department of Public Works made an estimate of what the cost would be to extend to the Yukon Territory the activities of the Department, including Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, Highways within Municipal Limits, Repairs, Government Buildings, Steam-boiler Inspection, Electrical Energy Inspection, Unemployment Relief, and miscellaneous other matters covered by the Department?
2. If so, what is the amount of such estimate?

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

1. Has the Department of Education made an estimate of what the cost would be to extend to the Yukon Territory the activities of the Department, including Text-book Branch, Free Text-books, Correspondence Courses, Industrial Education, Inspector of Schools, Normal Schools, Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Salary Grants, Teachers' Salaries, School Buildings, and miscellaneous incidentals attached to the Department?
2. If so, what is the amount of such estimate?

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

1. Has the Department of the Provincial Secretary made an estimate of what the cost would be to extend to the Yukon Territory the activities of the Department, including Provincial Library Act, Mental Hospitals, Home for the Aged, Tubercular Hospitals, Welfare Activities, Home for Incurables, Superannuation and Teachers' Pensions, and miscellaneous other matters covered by the Department?
2. If so, what is the amount of such estimate?

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

1. Has the Department of Agriculture made an estimate of what the cost would be to extend to the Yukon Territory the activities of the Department, including the Markets Branch, Horticulture Branch, Control of Fruit and Vegetable Pests and Diseases, Plant Quarantine Branch, Live Stock Branch, District Agriculture Branch, Field Crops Branch, Dairies Branch, and miscellaneous grants to the Yukon Territories?
2. If so, what is the amount of such estimate?



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

1. Has the Department of the Attorney-General made an estimate of what the cost would be to extend to the Yukon Territory the activities of the Department, including the "Fire Marshal Act," Municipal Branch, Moving-picture Branch, Pensions Office, Official Administrator, Official Guardian, Land Registry Office, Supreme and County Courts, Provincial Police, County Gaols, Industrial Schools, Game Branch, Administration of Justice, Liquor Act, and miscellaneous incidentals attached to the Department.
2. If so, what is the amount of such estimate?

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has the Department of Lands made an estimate of what the cost would be to extend to the Yukon Territory the activities of the Department, including Expense of Branches, Colonization Board, Surveys, Forestry Protection, Water, and miscellaneous matters covered by the Department?
2. If so, what is the amount of such estimate?

To all of said questions the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* replied as follows:—

"The House will be advised fully when the matter is submitted to the Legislature for ratification."

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

1. Who printed the voters' list for the 1937 Provincial election for the Vancouver Centre Electoral District?
2. What was the rate paid for printing the same, and what was the total cost?
3. Were any tenders called?
4. Was an offer made by any other person or company to print the same?
5. If so, at what rate?

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

- "1. Sun Publishing Co., Ltd.
- "2. Fourteen cents a line; \$4,827.48.
- "3. No.
- "4. No definite offer.
- "5. No rate mentioned."

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

Has the Department of Health: (a.) Furnished convalescent poliomyelitis serum for use in combating infantile paralysis. (b.) Is it still doing so? (c.) If yes, will this practice be discontinued, in view of the doubt of its efficacy, as appearing in the Report of Provincial Board of Health Laboratories for 1936, page 24, as follows: "The efficacy of convalescent poliomyelitis serum treatment of the disease is a highly controversial problem, and the balance of experimental evidence to date is not in favour of its use; but the public and the medical profession have come to expect the serum to be available, and most Provincial and State Boards of Health continue to supply the serum pending a clarification of the current controversy regarding its use."

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

"(a.) Yes; for cases of infantile paralysis. (b.) Yes. (c.) The practice will be continued. Reason for this shown in the quotation from the Report of the Provincial Board of Health Laboratory quoted in the question."

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

1. Is there an organization or a group of organizations known as the Junior G-Men's Clubs or Junior G-Girls' Clubs?
2. Has the Government granted any financial aid to these organizations? If yes, how much?
3. Who is the leader and organizer of these clubs?
4. Has the Government made any inquiries as to the fitness and training of the leader of the clubs to occupy this position? If yes, what are his qualifications?
5. Does the Government consider that the organization of juveniles into a group termed "Junior G-Men," and training for the detection of crime and in the art of finger-printing, has any educational value?

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

“ 1. No official information.

“ 2. No.

“ 3. No information.

“ 4. No.

“ 5. Consideration has not been given to this matter.”

*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 5.38 p.m.

## Thursday, November 18th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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. *Bryan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Thursday, November 18th, 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 Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 3) intituled “ An Act to create a Department of Trade and Industry and to provide for the Investigation of Matters of Economic Importance, the Encouragement of Industry, the Collection and Publication of Statistics, the Development of Trade, and the Stimulation of Tourist Traffic,” enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 18th, 1937.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

To insert the following as section 27 of said Bill, and renumber the following section:—

“ 27. (1.) Subject to subsection (2), all powers, authorities, and functions which under the ‘ Department of Industries Act,’ chapter 127 of the ‘ Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936,’ are at the commencement of this Act vested in or exercisable by the Minister of Industries, either by himself or upon the recommendation of the Advisory Council or with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, shall, so far as the same continue in existence and capable of being exercised after the commencement of this Act, be vested in and exercisable by the Minister of Trade and Industry either by himself or with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, as the case requires.

"(2.) After the commencement of this Act, no assistance to any person by way of loan, guarantee, or guarantee of securities shall be authorized or given by virtue of the provisions of the 'Department of Industries Act.'

"(3.) Subject to the provisions of sections 7 and 9 of the 'Department of Industries Act' remaining in force to the full extent necessary to administer and apply the Industrial Development Fund and to administer, safeguard, and dispose of the property and securities acquired or held under that Act, the 'Department of Industries Act' is hereby repealed."

To add to said Bill the following section:—

"28. Any of the moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the Economic Council for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1938, remaining unexpended may be paid and applied for the purposes of Part II. of this Act."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to create a Department of Trade and Industry and to provide for the Investigation of Matters of Economic Importance, the Encouragement of Industry, the Collection and Publication of Statistics, the Development of Trade, and the Stimulation of Tourist Traffic," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be added to and stand part of the Bill and be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented a Return in reply to the following questions by Mr. *E. E. Winch*:—

1. Are any of the school free-text, authorized, or complementary books written by officials who occupy positions in the educational system of the Province?

2. If yes, what books, names of the authors, and what position do they respectively occupy?

3. Do such authors receive royalties on the sale of their books?

4. Are any of the authors of the books above mentioned members of a committee which advises the Department of Education as to the course of studies and the books specified and authorized? If yes, which?

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

1. What is the total industrial pay-roll of British Columbia?

2. How much by way of 1-per-cent. tax was collected for the fiscal year ended March 31st last?

3. How much of this amount was returned to the wage-earners who did not have a taxable income?

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

"1. No segregation kept as between industrial and other pay-rolls.

"2. \$1,750,611.57.

"3. For total amount refunded, see Votes and Proceedings for November 10th, 1937, page 4.

"No segregation is kept as between amounts wholly and partially refunded."

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

1. How many gallons of gasoline were used in (a) passenger-cars and (b) motor-trucks owned by the Department of Public Works during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1937?

2. How many gallons of gasoline have been used in such passenger-cars and motor-trucks for each month from April 1st, 1937, to September 30th, 1937?

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

“1. (a) Passenger-cars, 35,093; (b) motor-trucks, 355,361.

“2. Passenger-cars: April, 3,171; May, 3,662; June, 3,558; July, 3,713; August, 3,162; September, 3,107. Motor-trucks: April, 31,302; May, 35,357; June, 39,154; July, 39,608; August, 33,540; September, 31,559.”

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

1. What has been the total sum paid between November 17th, 1934, and November 1st, 1937, by way of commissions at the rate of 7½ per centum upon the construction of the Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge to the Fraser River Bridge Co., Ltd.?

2. Have any other payments for any other purpose or by way of fees or expenses been made to the Fraser River Bridge Co., Ltd., between November 17th, 1934, and November 1st, 1937?

3. If question No. 2 is answered in the affirmative, what were such payments made for and what was the amount of each?

4. Have any payments been made in the form of commissions, fees, salary, wages, or in any other form to James A. Collins, except for and on behalf of the Fraser River Bridge Co., Ltd.?

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

“1. See Public Accounts for fiscal years 1935–36 and 1936–37. Payments during fiscal year 1937–38 will be published in due course. Percentage of payments has been retained until final and satisfactory completion of the work.

“2. No.

“3. Answered by No. 2.

“4. No.”

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

1. Have any extras been allowed or paid on Project No. 2 (now Project No. 1) contract awarded to the Associated Engineering Company for reconstruction of 4.7 miles of Malahat section, Victoria–Menzies Bay Highway?

2. If so, what amount has been allowed or paid?

3. Are there any outstanding amounts or claims in relation to the said contract?

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

“1. No; a relocation of part of the work was carried out, with a consequent increase in the quantities.

“2. See answer to No. 1.

“3. No.”

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

1. What was the amount, if any, paid by the Government to the Fraser River Bridge Co., Ltd., between November 17th, 1934, and November 1st, 1937, for expenditures incurred by the Fraser River Bridge Co. under clause 6 of the agreement dated November 17th, 1934, between the said Bridge Company and the Government (chapter 35, Statutes of British Columbia, 1935)?

2. Was any interest allowed to the Fraser River Bridge Co., Ltd., for moneys so expended?

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

“1. No payments made.

“2. See answer to No. 1.”

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

1. Has the Associated Engineering Co., Ltd., Vancouver, been engaged upon reconstruction-work on the Malahat Drive between Goldstream and the Summit between January 1st, 1936, and November 1st, 1937?

2. What was the tender, or tenders (if contracts awarded in sections), of the Associated Engineering Co., Ltd., for such work?

3. What will be the total cost of such work?

4. Did the original tender of the Associated Engineering Co., Ltd., for that section of the Malahat Drive between Goldstream and Scenic View include hard-surfacing the road?

5. If question No. 4 is answered in the negative, what was the extra cost for such hard-surfacing, and by whom was it done?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. For contract let in 1936 see Public Works Annual Report, 1936-37. Details of tenders received and contracts awarded during 1937-38 will be published in Public Works Annual Report in due course.

"3. For expenditures during 1936-37 see Public Accounts for that year, page 285, under Project No. 1, and page 286, under Project No. 2; expenditures during 1937-38 will be published in due course.

"4. No.

"5. \$10,246.07; by Department."

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

1. How many gallons of gasoline were used in (a) passenger-cars and (b) motor-trucks owned by the Department of the Provincial Secretary during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1937?

2. How many gallons of gasoline have been used in such passenger-cars and motor-trucks for each month from April 1st, 1937, to September 30th, 1937?

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

"1. (a) 13,119¾ gallons; (b) 10,046¼ gallons. In addition, 1,688 gallons were used for tractors and 151 gallons for lawn-mowers, laboratory, garage, cement-mixer, and general use.

"2. Passenger-cars, 7,397 gallons; motor-trucks, 5,638 gallons. In addition, 742 gallons were used for tractors and 127 gallons for lawn-mowers, laboratory, garage, cement-mixer, and general use. (Figures segregated by months are not available.)"

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

1. At any time between November 17th, 1934, and November 1st, 1937, did the Hon. the Minister of Public Works approve of the Fraser River Bridge Co., Ltd., incurring any financing or legal costs for the protection of the Government's interest, relative to the construction of the Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge, in accordance with provisions of clause 7 of the agreement dated November 17th, 1934, and being the Schedule to chapter 26, Statutes of British Columbia, 1935?

2. If answered in the affirmative, what were the costs so approved, and for what purposes was approval given?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Was the Court-house at Rossland decorated for Coronation Day?

2. If so, what was the total cost of such decoration, and who was the contractor?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$249. Jones Tent & Awning Co., for flags and bunting, etc.; C. W. Gibbard, Rossland, for erecting scaffold, putting up and taking down decorations."

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

What is the number of employees at present with the Bureau of Provincial Information?

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

“ Five.”

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Has the Economic Council done any work on the survey of the housing problem in British Columbia, instructions for which were given by the Legislative Assembly in a Resolution passed on March 23rd, 1936?

2. If yes, will any interim findings be available for the information of members of the House?

3. Approximately when will the report be completed?

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

“ 1. Report has been tabled with the House.

“ 2. Answered by reply to question 1.

“ 3. Answered by reply to question 1.”

*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 5.44 p.m.

## Friday, November 19th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented the Report (in two volumes) of the Commissioner, the Hon. Mr. Justice M. A. Macdonald, relating to the Coal and Petroleum Industries.

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. *Murray*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 22) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Hours of Work Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 23) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Hospital Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 24) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Marriage Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 25) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Coal-mines Regulation Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *Cameron*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “ An Act respecting Industrial Settlements.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Marriage Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 27) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Insurance Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 28) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Female Minimum Wage Act.’ ”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 21) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1936.’ ”

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

Whereas it is desirable to inquire as to the working of the "Provincial Elections Act"; and

Whereas an analysis of the recent general election will disclose an imperative need for amendments to said "Provincial Elections Act":

Be it therefore Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House be appointed forthwith to inquire fully into the operation of the provisions of said Act.

Be it further Resolved, That the said Committee be empowered to send for persons, papers, and records, to examine same and to take evidence under oath, and to report their findings to this House.

Be it still further Resolved, That said Committee be empowered to consider ways and means of amending said "Provincial Elections Act" in order to increase its value and efficiency, and to report their recommendations to this House.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Telford*:—

That a Return be filed of all correspondence, all tenders submitted, and all contracts in connection with the supplying of bridge and other timbers used, or on hand to be used, for the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Whereupon, by leave of the House, the notice of motion was withdrawn.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mrs. *Steeves* on 16th instant as follows:—

Whereas "An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance" was passed by the Legislature on March 31st, 1936; and

Whereas Health Insurance progressively applied was endorsed by a majority vote of the people of British Columbia in a plebiscite submitted to them on June 1st, 1937; and

Whereas the Government has not brought the provisions of the "Health Insurance Act" into operation; and

Whereas it has been reported in the public press on October 12th, 1937, that the Premier stated that Health Insurance would not be brought into operation until the Rowell Commission had reported:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the Government has forfeited the confidence of the people in neglecting to put the "Health Insurance Act" into operation.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—7.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	

NAYS—33.

Messieurs

<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Patterson</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Crone</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>			

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the following papers:—

Report of the Royal Commission appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act" with reference to the Home of the Friendless.

Report of the Royal Commission appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act" with reference to the Beban Mine disaster.

Report of the Royal Commission appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act" with reference to Burns & Company, Limited, labour dispute.

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1937.

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

1. What are the *per capita* costs to the Government for the free text-books supplied for use in each grade from I. to XII. respectively?

2. Exclusive of free books, what are the costs per pupil of text-books required for use in each grade from I. to XII. respectively?

3. Exclusive of free books, what are the costs per pupil for supplementary books authorized for use in each grade from I. to XII. respectively?

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

"1. The cost per pupil to the Government for free text-books is as follows: Grade I., 77½ cents; Grade II., 52½ cents; Grade III., 94½ cents; Grade IV., \$1.14; Grade V., \$1.37½; Grade VI., \$2.02½; Grade VII., 86½ cents; Grade VIII., 95 cents. There are no books on the free list above Grade VIII. In addition to the above, drawing-paper, flags, wall-maps, and some supplementary readers, etc., are also supplied free.

"2. The average cost of prescribed text-books (exclusive of free books) to be purchased by the parents of pupils in Grades I. to XII. is as follows: Elementary School—Grade I., *nil*; Grade II., 25 cents; Grade III., 75 cents; Grade IV., 25 cents; Grade V., \$1.95; Grade VI., 25 cents; average, 59 cents a grade. Junior High—Grade VII., \$7.25; Grade VIII., \$1.65; Grade IX., \$2.80; average, \$3.90 a grade. Senior High—Grade X., \$8.45; Grade XI., \$8.05; Grade XII., \$3.10; average, \$6.53½ a grade. The cost differs somewhat according to options chosen by a pupil in junior or senior high school.

"3. Pupils are not required to purchase supplementary books."

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

1. In what high schools, if any, did a substantial reduction (10 per cent. and upward) in the enrolment of pupils take place for the school-years ended June, 1936 and 1937, respectively?

2. Did a proportionate reduction take place in the elementary school enrolment in the same districts?

3. What explanation accounts for such discrepancy, if any?

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

"1. Of the 43 high schools in operation in cities in June, 1937, only one, Merritt, had fewer in attendance during the school-year 1936-37 than during 1935-36. The number in attendance at Merritt High School for 1935-36 was 76 and for 1936-37 was 66. The total attendance at the Merritt schools dropped from 365 in 1935-36 to 335 in 1936-37. The total attendance at all city high schools increased from 15,866 in 1935-36 to 16,529 in 1936-37. The attendance at all high schools in district municipalities increased in 1936-37. In 1935-36 the total attendance was 3,819 and in 1936-37, 4,157. In rural districts five high schools showed slight decreases in 1936-37. Howe Sound decreased from 37 to 26, North Bend from 23 to 19, Qualicum Beach from 47 to 42, Smithers from 53 to 51, University Hill from 55 to 41, and Vanderhoof from 18 to 16. These were usual fluctuations. The total attendance in rural high schools increased from 1,434 in 1935-36 to 1,652 in 1936-37.

"2. Yes, approximately, except at North Bend, Qualicum Beach, and Tsolum, where usual fluctuations gave increases in elementary schools of 3, 17, and 11, respectively. University Hill showed no change.

"3. Answered by No. 2."



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

Since the "Old-age Pension Act" has been in operation in British Columbia, what sum has been recovered from the estates of pensioners by the Province; and, of such amount recovered, is the Federal Government credited with the 75 per cent. which it has contributed to the fund?

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

"The 'Old-age Pension Act' became operative in British Columbia on September 1st, 1927. From that date to November 16th, 1937, there has been received from the estates of deceased pensioners the sum of \$79,614.59. The Federal Government have received their share of this collection—namely, from September 1st, 1927, to November 1st, 1931, 50 per cent. and thereafter 75 per cent."

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

1. Did one J. Evans Flack, Burnaby, die intestate, and was property taken in charge by the Department of the Attorney-General?
2. If yes, what disposition has been made of the property?
3. If sold, through whom was the sale made?
4. Were tenders called for?
5. If by advertisement, in what papers did same appear and dates thereof?
6. To whom was commission paid, if any, and what was the amount thereof?
7. Had the deceased any relatives?
8. What attempts have been made to locate same?

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

"1 to 8. The estate of the said J. Evans Flack, intestate, was not taken in charge by the Department of the Attorney-General, but was administered through the Official Administrator, New Westminster, and from whom such information as is desired may be obtained according to the provisions of section 54 of the 'Administration Act.'"

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

What action, if any, has been or will be taken to remedy the condition referred to in the Report of Public Schools for the year 1935-36, page 67: "The fees of the Summer School for Teachers, held each year in Victoria, are high for teachers who have to go from outlying parts of the Province, and have to keep themselves on \$780 per year, and also, in many cases, have to send occasional remittances home. The fees of the University of British Columbia summer session are absolutely prohibitive where such persons are concerned," thereby enabling teachers from outlying parts of the Province to take the summer courses referred to?

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

"The average salary paid to the teachers in the public schools of the Province during the year 1936-37 showed a considerable increase over that of the previous year. This average increase was greater than the cost of tuition fees at the Summer School in Victoria or at the University. In July, 1937, more than 1,000 teachers from practically all parts of the Province were able to attend the Summer School of Education in Victoria and over 600 at the University of British Columbia at Point Grey."

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

1. Has the attention of the Attorney-General been called to the exceptionally large amount of unsettled life-insurance claims (non-resisted) outstanding as reported in the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Annual Reports of the Superintendent of Insurance: 1936 (1935 business), \$296,675.55; 1937 (1936 business), \$548,427.19?
2. What action, if any, does the Department recommend in dealing with those companies which are persistently tardy in effecting settlement of unresisted claims?

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

"1. Yes. However, if the reports of the Superintendent of Insurance for a longer period than 1936 to 1937 are examined, it will be found that the figures quoted for those two years are not exceptionally large relatively to the total amounts paid out by the companies.

"2. The Department is not aware that any company is persistently tardy in effecting settlement of unresisted claims."

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

1. What was the daily average cost of keeping prisoners in Oakalla Gaol for the last fiscal year?
2. At the present time?
3. What is the cost of administration and overhead per prisoner per day at Oakalla Gaol?

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

- “1. See report tabled in the House.
- “2. Information will be available in report for current fiscal year to be submitted next Session.
- “3. See report tabled in the House.”

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

1. What were the travelling expenses of the Attorneys-General, and each of them, between March 31st, 1937, and August 31st, 1937?
2. Have all such expenses incurred between such dates been paid?

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

- “1 and 2. This information will appear in due course in the Public Accounts for the current fiscal year.”

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

1. Has the attention of the Game Department been called to the small concrete-floored cages in which the bears are confined at Victoria and Stanley Park, Vancouver?
2. Is it proposed to amend the “Game Act” to prohibit confining wild animals under such unnatural conditions, and to require that all forms of wild life, when in captivity, must be kept under conditions approximating that of their natural habitat?

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

- “1. No, but matter will be investigated.
- “2. It is not intended to amend the ‘Game Act’ with reference to animals in captivity.”

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

1. Were permits to trap beaver granted by the Game Department during this past year?
2. If yes: (a) In what districts; (b) how many were trapped; (c) were they taken alive for transport to other districts for stocking purposes or killed for the value of their skins?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. (a) Alberni, Courtenay, Nanaimo, and Bowron Lake Game Reserve; (b) 108; (c) 33 were taken alive by Game Branch officials at Bowron Lake Game Reserve for liberation in other districts, and 75 were trapped in those places where they were doing damage, or had increased on registered trap-lines, warranting their trapping under permit. Pelts in the latter case are sold.”

*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 5.50 p.m.