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OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1915

Thursday, 21st January, 1915.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Thirteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Thomas Wilson Paterson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 2nd day of December, 1914, the Members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour Frank Stillman Barnard, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the Third Session of the Thirteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

Since you last met, the Empire has become involved in a mighty struggle in which Canada, as one of His Majesty's Dominions, is playing a conspicuous part. Especially gratifying is the splendid response from this Province to the call to arms.

A state of warfare has for the present materially altered the bright prospects of progress and development which one year ago presented themselves, and I realize that we all have a sacred duty to perform in facing with fortitude the situation created by our enemies. Though the task before us is a formidable one, we look with supreme confidence to the ultimate victorious outcome.

I am happy to say that, despite the unusual conditions of the time, the industrial activities of British Columbia have been well maintained.

The mineral output, although 15 per cent. less than in 1913, is estimated to be nearly \$3,500,000 greater than in 1911. The value of the output in 1914 was diminished to the extent of \$1,250,000 as the result of the lowering in price of all metals.

The timber industry is suffering from depression, but that is not so much due to war as to other conditions which prevailed for some months prior to its outbreak. It is confidently anticipated that efforts to increase the foreign export of lumber will soon restore the trade to its former state of prosperity. A partial compensation for this condition is found in the success attained in the manufacture of pulp and paper products, which are finding brisk markets.

It is gratifying to know that agricultural production in 1914 considerably increased over the previous year, and that nearly all branches of agriculture and horticulture are experiencing healthy expansion.

In fishing, 1914 has been a banner year. The output is estimated to have reached \$15,000,000 in value.

The year just ended has witnessed the practical completion of several important lines of railway in this Province. Among these are the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern Pacific, and the Kettle Valley. Important construction-work, in some instances nearing completion, has been carried on in connection with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo system on Vancouver Island, the Pacific Great Eastern, the Kootenay Central, the Kaslo and Slocan, and, to a most important extent, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. An amount of over \$26,000,000 was expended on the lines assisted by the Province, and in nearly every respect the railway programme at the beginning of 1914 has been carried out as then outlined.

The Government has been enabled to proceed with the expenditure for public works without any reduction, as provided for in the estimate for the present fiscal year.

Expenditure on railways and public works has afforded, as a consequence, continuous employment for a very large number of persons.

As an evidence of the high standing of the credit of the Province, and notwithstanding the financial stress in the money markets, \$2,700,000 of the loan authorized at the last Session of Parliament has recently been placed in New York, in short-term bonds, at a 4½-per-cent. rate of interest, realizing 98½, and payable at par in Victoria without any deduction for premium or exchange.

This year will witness the formal opening of the Panama Canal. To celebrate the completion of this great work an international exposition will be held in San Francisco, at which British Columbia will be represented. The Dominion Government has erected a suitable structure in which will be assembled a representative exhibit from Canada, and where, by reason of the especial significance of the Canal in respect to the development of the Pacific Coast zone, no effort is being spared to have the products of this Province well displayed.

The buildings for the University of British Columbia will not be proceeded with this year, as contemplated, but the course of instruction for undergraduates will, it is hoped, begin in the coming autumn term.

The British Columbia building in London, England, will be completed and occupied by the Agent-General and his staff early next summer. These new offices will enable the Agent-General to more effectively carry on his work in Great Britain.

The Commission to investigate the financial relations between the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada was interrupted, owing to the breaking-out of the war and subsequent conditions. Negotiations have been resumed toward reaching an early conclusion as to the appointment of a third Commissioner by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Following the reports submitted by the Royal Commissions of Agriculture and Labour, measures will be introduced during the present Session.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Morrison and the Honourable Mr. Justice McDonald, who were appointed to report on the redistribution of Provincial constituencies, have submitted the results of their work, which will be laid before the House in due course. A measure will be brought down dealing with the boundaries of the proposed new electoral districts.

Legislation will also be submitted for the relief of the debtor class in certain cases.

The Public Accounts for the past fiscal year and the Estimates of Expenditure of the coming year will be duly laid before you.

I ask for your consideration the expeditious dispatch of public business, and I rest assured that you will be guided in your deliberations by what you believe to be best in the present trying circumstances.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session be appointed for the following purposes:—

- 1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
- 2. On Public Accounts;
- 3. On Printing:
- 4. On Railways;
- 5. On Mining:
- 6. On Agriculture;
- 7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for papers, persons, and records.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

On the motion of the Hon. Sir Richard McBride, seconded by the Hon. Price Ellison,—

Resolved, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Bowser, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Dr. Young presented the following Reports:-

Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the year 1914.

The Forty-third Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

Friday, 22nd January, 1915.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean of Columbia.

The following petitions were presented:-

By Mr. Thomson—From the Saanich Municipality, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate a by-law and for enlarged powers. (No. 7.)

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain by-laws. (No. 2.)

By Mr. Tisdall—From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act and amending Acts. (No. 6.)

By Mr. Tisdall—From the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to extend limits and for enlarged powers. (No. 3.)

By Mr. *Tisdall*—From the Right Rev. Frederick Herbert DuVernet and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia. (No. 8.)

By Mr. Tisdall—From the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain acts and for enlarged powers. (No. 4.)

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Cawley (Chilliwack) moved, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie (Delta),-

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Honour for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further assuring His Honour that:—

- 1. We observe that since we last met, the Empire has become involved in a mighty struggle in which Canada, as one of His Majesty's Dominions, is playing a conspicuous part, and that especially gratifying is the splendid response from this Province to the call to arms.
- 2. We regret that a state of warfare has for the present materially altered the bright prospects of progress and development which one year ago presented themselves, and we realize that we all have a sacred duty to perform in facing with fortitude the situation created by our enemies. Though the task before us is a formidable one, we look with supreme confidence to the ultimate victorious outcome.
- 3. It is gratifying to know that, despite the unusual conditions of the time, the industrial activities of British Columbia have been well maintained.
- 4. We are glad to know that the mineral output, although 15 per cent. less than in 1913, is estimated to be nearly \$3,500,000 greater than in 1911. We note also that the value of the output in 1914 was diminished to the extent of \$1,250,000 as the result of the lowering in price of all metals.
- 5. We observe that the timber industry is suffering from depression, but that is not so much due to war as to other conditions which prevailed for some months prior to its outbreak. We are glad that you confidently anticipate that efforts to increase the foreign export of lumber will soon restore the trade to its former state of prosperity, and that a partial compensation for this condition is found in the success attained in the manufacture of pulp and paper products, which are finding brisk markets.
- 6. We are gratified to know that agricultural production in 1914 considerably increased over the previous year, and that nearly all branches of agriculture and horticulture are experiencing healthy expansion.
- 7. It is pleasing to note that, in fishing, 1914 has been a banner year, and that the output is estimated to have reached \$15,000,000 in value.
- 8. It is with pleasure we learn that the year just ended has witnessed the practical completion of several important lines of railway in this Province, among these being the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern Pacific, and the Kettle Valley, and that important construction-work, in some instances nearing completion, has been carried on in connection with the Esquimalt & Nanaimo system on Vancouver Island, the Pacific Great Eastern, the Kootenay Central, the Kaslo and Slocan, and, to a most important extent, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway; also that an amount of over \$26,000,000 was expended on the lines assisted by the Province, and that in nearly every respect the railway programme at the beginning of 1914 has been carried out as then outlined.
- 9. We are pleased to know that the Government has been enabled to proceed with the expenditure for public works without any reduction, as provided for in the estimate for the present fiscal year; and, as well, that expenditure on railways and public works has afforded, as a consequence, continuous employment for a very large number of persons.
- 10. It is extremely gratifying to find that, as an evidence of the high standing of the credit of the Province, and notwithstanding the financial stress in the money markets, \$2,700,000 of the

loan authorized at the last Session of Parliament has recently been placed in New York, in short-term bonds, at a 4½-per-cent. rate of interest, realizing 98½, and payable at par in Victoria without any deduction for premium or exchange.

11. It is also very gratifying that this year will witness the formal opening of the Panama Canal, and that to celebrate the completion of this great work an international exposition will be held in San Francisco, at which British Columbia will be represented. We note, too, with great pleasure that the Dominion Government has erected a suitable structure in which will be assembled a representative exhibit from Canada, and where, by reason of the especial significance of the Canal in respect to the development of the Pacific Coast zone, no effort is being spared to have the products of this Province well displayed.

12. While we observe that the buildings for the University of British Columbia will not be proceeded with this year, as contemplated, we are pleased to know that it is hoped that the course of instruction for undergraduates will begin in the coming autumn term.

13. We are glad to be informed that the British Columbia building in London, England, will be completed and occupied by the Agent-General and his staff early next summer; and that these new offices will enable the Agent-General to more effectively carry on his work in Great Britain.

14. We observe with much interest that the Commission to investigate the financial relations between the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada was interrupted, owing to the breaking-out of the war and subsequent conditions; and also that negotiations have been resumed toward reaching an early conclusion as to the appointment of a third Commissioner by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

15. We note that, following the reports submitted by the Royal Commissions of Agriculture and Labour, measures will be introduced during the present Session.

16. We are gratified to know that the Honourable Mr. Justice Morrison and the Honourable Mr. Justice McDonald, who were appointed to report on the redistribution of Provincial constituencies, have submitted the results of their work, which will be laid before the House in due course; and that a measure will be brought down dealing with the boundaries of the proposed new electoral districts.

17. The legislation to be submitted for the relief of the debtor class in certain cases will have our earnest consideration.

18. We note that the Public Accounts for the past fiscal year and the Estimates of Expenditure of the coming year will be duly laid before us.

19. These and all other matters which may be brought before us will receive our careful and earnest attention.

A debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House,

The Hon, the Minister of Finance presented the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ended 31st March, 1914.

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

F. S. BARNARD.

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws respecting Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

22nd January, 1915.

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. 2) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws respecting Summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading on Monday next.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

Monday, 25th January, 1915.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. Clay.

The following petitions were received:-

From the Saanich Municipality, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate a by-law and for enlarged powers. (No. 7.)

From the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain by-laws. (No. 2.)

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend its corporate Act and amending Acts. (No. 6.)

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From the Right Rev. Frederick Herbert DuVernet and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia. (No. 8.)

From the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain acts and for enlarged powers. (No. 4.)

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.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Magistrates Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act.'"

Mr. Place asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:-

- 1. What portion of Vote No. 315 of the Session of 1914, "\$60,000 for Immigration," has been expended?
 - 2. If any, for what purpose?
 - 3. Are any claims for service chargeable to this vote outstanding at present time?
 - 4. If so, how much?

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The Hon. Price Ellison replied as follows:—				
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	"(2.)	Vote 315—Immigration and Publicity—		
		Kinematograph work for Agriculture Department, films, operator's		
		salary, rent, etc., advertising British Columbia		
		Advertising	1,760	60
		Salvation Army, grants	4,166	67
		Colonist Printing & Publishing Co., various pre-emptors' maps,		
		cuts, etc	3,246	80
		Freight, expressage	775	17
		Photographs	228	88
		Subscriptions, various papers	55	55
		Rent, exhibition space at Vancouver	2,250	00
		Telegrams	155	02
		Industrial Bureau, Vancouver, furniture, etc	173	00
		Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Co., lumber	44	75
		B.C. Mining Exchange, copies paper	60	00
		Heaton's Agency, London, England, 45,000 booklets, 'Opportunities		
		in British Columbia'		55
		E. Jacobs, general publicity work	749	97
		Straker Bros., London, England, painting various views of British		
		Columbia in oils		75
		Macdonalds, Ltd., Vancouver, 4 pages advertising 'Along Imperial		
		Highway'		00
		J. Hanbury & Co., miniature office building for St. John, N.B., Exhi-		
		bition, built of British Columbia lumber	392	50
			\$20,019	19
	"(3,)	Yes.		
		E. Jacobs, salary for January, 1915	\$ 80	33
	(~1)	Rent of exhibition space at Vancouver, January, 1915		
		Salvation Army, approximate		
			\$5,027	66 "
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Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until two o'clock to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Tuesday, 26th January, 1915.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. Dr. Clay.

Mr. Mackay presented a petition from The Uplands, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill re subdivision maps and re agreement with Oak Bay Municipality. (No. 5.)

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.

On the motion of Mr. Hayward, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Dr. Young presented the Second Annual Report of the Botanical Office of the Province of British Columbia for the year 1914.

The Hon, the Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Auditor-General of British Columbia, 1914-15.

On the motion of the Hon. Sir Richard McBride, seconded by the Hon. Dr. Young, it was Resolved.—

That W. H. Hayward, Esquire, Member for Cowichan, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the House

On the motion of the Hon. Sir Richard McBride, seconded by the Hon. Dr. Young, it was Resolved,—

That A. H. B. Macgowan, Esquire, fourth Member for Vancouver City, be appointed Deputy Chairman (Chairman of Ways and Means).

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

Wednesday, 27th January, 1915.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Rev. C. T. Scott.

Mr. Gifford presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain debenture by-laws. (No. 1.)

The petition from The Uplands, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill re subdivision maps and re agreement with Oak Bay Municipality (No. 5), was received.

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.

On the motion of Mr. Place, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Standing Committees for the Session were appointed as follows:—

Private Bills and Standing Orders—Messrs. Pooley, Campbell, Lucas, Tisdall, Fraser, and Williams.

Mining—Messrs. Campbell, Mackay, MacLean, McDonald, Wood, Hunter, Manson (Comox), and Williams.

Railways-Messrs. Caven, Callanan, Watson, and Jackson.

Public Accounts-Messrs. McGuire, Shatford, and Manson (Dewdney).

Municipal Matters—Messrs. Manson (Skeena), Miller, Behnsen, Davey, Gifford, Cawley, Mackenzie, MacLean, and Schoffeld.

Agriculture—Messrs. Mackenzie, Cawley, Lucas, Wood, Place, Jackson, Forster (Columbia), and Williams.

Printing-Messrs. Watson, Schofield, Shaw, and Place.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

Thursday, 28th January, 1915.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Rev. C. T. Scott.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of New Westminster, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to validate certain debenture by-laws (No. 1), was received.

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.

Mr. Place moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Williams,-

That the Resolution be amended by adding as clause 19 the following words:-

"19. This House regrets that Your Honour's Government has not deemed it necessary to place before the House and Province any explanations of its knowledge of, its dealings with, or its intentions regarding the deplorable collapse of the Dominion Trust Company."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:-

YEAS—2.

Messieurs

Place,

Williams.

NAYS—32.

Messieurs

Manson, Wm., McBride, Young, Shaw. Ellison, Taylor, Watson, Tisdall, Callanan, Thomson, Ross. Fraser. Schofield, MacKenzie, Miller, Macgowan, Manson, Michael. Jackson. Hunter, Gifford, Manson, Wm. J., MacLean, Caven, McGuire, Wood. Pooley. Campbell. Mackay, Forster, H. E., Bowser, Foster, W. W., Behnsen.

Debate resumed.

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Forster, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Friday, 29th January, 1915.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Rev. J. B. Warnicker.

Mr. Pooley presented the First and Second Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, January 28th, 1915.

Mr. Speaker:

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

That the following petitions have complied with the Standing Orders:-

No. 1-New Westminster debentures.

No. 2-West Vancouver by-laws.

No. 3-North Vancouver re Lot 272.

No. 4-North Vancouver.

No. 5-Uplands, Limited.

No. 6-Vancouver City.

No. 7-Saanich by-laws.

No. 8-Anglican Theological College.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. Pooley, Chairman.

The report was received.

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, January 28th, 1915.

Mr. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limit be extended for presenting petitions to the House from February 1st to February 8th, 1915.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY. Chairman.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and then the report was adopted.

The following Private Bills were introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee:—

By Mr. Thomson—Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to confer upon the Corporation of the District of Saanich certain Powers and to validate certain By-laws."

By Mr. Tisdall—Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia."

By Mr, Tisdall—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."

By Mr. *Tisdatl*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act legalizing the Payment by the City of North Vancouver of certain Moneys and annexing District Lot 272 and the Foreshore in Front of said District Lot."

By Mr. *Tisdall*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to validate certain Notices to Purchase given by the District of North Vancouver to the Vancouver Power Company, Limited, of Company's Lighting Plant, and authorizing the City of North Vancouver to complete Purchase of Company's Plant."

By Mr. Gifford—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting the City of New Westminster, British Columbia."

By Mr. Mackay—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Uplands, Limited."

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.

Resolution agreed to.

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

That the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be presented to His Honour by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.