

Thursday, March 15th, 1951.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probation Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wife's Protection Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to validate the Title to Special Timber Licences."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Site Act, 1918.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Certified General Accountants' Association of British Columbia."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chartered Accountants Act.'"

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act'" was again committed.

In the Committee of the Whole House, Mr. *H. E. Winch* challenged the decision of the Chairman.

The Speaker put the question—"Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?"

The House divided.

The ruling of the Chairman was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—31.

Messieurs

<i>Gould</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Morrow</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Ash</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Cates</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>	

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Whisker</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>			

The Committee continued to sit.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion that the Bill be now read a third time, Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harding*, in amendment,—

That, on the third reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hospital Insurance Act,’ ” the motion “that the Bill be now read a third time” be amended by striking out all words after “be,” and substituting therefor the words “read six months hence.”

The House divided.

The motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch* was negated on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Whisker</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>			

NAYS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Gould</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Ash</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Cates</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 p.m.

Friday, March 16th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Harrison Hot Springs."

On the motion of Mr. *Proudfoot*—Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Proudfoot*—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria Civic Arena Act.'"

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Qualicum Beach" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wife's Protection Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. How many fatal accidents occurred last year in industries covered by the "Workmen's Compensation Act"?
2. How many of these occurred in the logging and lumber industry?
3. What were the ages of the deceased?
4. How many (a) had dependents and (b) were single?

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

"1. Number of fatal claims reported in 1950, 205; *less* accidents occurring in 1949 but reported in 1950, 8; *plus* accidents occurring in 1950 but reported in 1951, 14; gross number, 211; *less* silicosis pensioners who died in 1950, 16; *less* fatal claims filed but not qualified under the Act, 30; net number of fatal accidents occurring in 1950, 165.

"2. Seventy-eight.

“ 3. The table below shows the number of cases by age at time of death:—

Age.	Number.	Age.	Number.	Age.	Number.
16.....	2	34.....	4	52.....	4
17.....	3	35.....	2	53.....	3
18.....	1	36.....	2	54.....	2
19.....	3	37.....	6	55.....	2
20.....	4	38.....	3	56.....	3
21.....	3	39.....	6	57.....	1
22.....	4	40.....	5	58.....	1
23.....	8	41.....	1	59.....	3
24.....	2	42.....	6	60.....	2
25.....	7	43.....	1	61.....	4
26.....	5	44.....	3	62.....	2
27.....	5	45.....	3	63.....	2
28.....	3	46.....	4	64.....	1
29.....	1	47.....	1	65.....	3
30.....	6	48.....	4	66.....	2
31.....	2	49.....	5	67.....	—
32.....	5	50.....	3	68.....	4
33.....	3	51.....	—	Unknown...	1

Total number of cases, 165.

“ 4. (a) One hundred and six, of whom sixteen were single, had dependents; and (b) fifty-nine were single without dependents.”

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. What is the present standard percentage-of-cost architect's fee for (a) sketch and (b) detailed plans upon which tenders are based for proposed hospital construction?

2. What supplementary fee is charged by the Hamilton associates for checking and approving proposed plans?

The Hon. Mr. Turnbull replied as follows:—

“ 1. Rates of fees paid to architects are negotiated between the architect and the board of directors of the hospital concerned. Generally speaking, the rates of fees are based upon the scale of figures established by the Architectural Institute of British Columbia, which are as follows: ‘ Clause 2, the above rate of commission (6 per cent) does not apply to works costing less than \$4,500, in such cases the minimum charge shall be 7½ per cent. Clause 3, in the case of works costing \$1,000 or less, the minimum charge shall be 10 per cent. Clause 6, the percentage charged is made up as follows, namely: (1) Preliminary studies and sketch drawings, 20 per cent of entire fee; (2) preliminary studies, sketch drawings, working drawings and specifications, sufficient for tendering on, 60 per cent of the entire fee; (3) preliminary studies, sketch drawings, working drawings, specifications, and details, 80 per cent of the entire fee; (4) preliminary studies, sketch drawings, working drawings, specifications, details, superintending the works in course of construction, and passing accounts, entire fee.’

“ 2. When they are hired as building consultants they are paid in accordance with their contract, dated May 17th, 1949, on the following basis (cost of construction and fixed equipment and rate of fee): \$100,000 and under, 2 per cent; \$100,001 to \$200,000, 1.95 per cent; \$200,001 to \$300,000, 1.85 per cent; \$300,001 to \$400,000, 1.75 per cent; \$400,001 to \$500,000, 1.6 per cent; \$500,001 to \$600,000, 1.45 per cent; \$600,001 to \$700,000, 1.32 per cent; \$700,001 to \$800,000, 1.2 per cent; \$800,001 to \$900,000, 1.1 per cent; \$900,001 to \$1,000,000, 1.05 per cent; and \$1,000,001 and over, 1 per cent.”

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

1. From the Hospital Insurance Fund under the "Hospital Insurance Act," is payment or contribution made to a hospital or hospitals having an organized out-patient department or service of one-half of the cost of such service?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, what portion, if any, is paid or contributed?

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

"1. Yes; to one hospital only; 50 per cent of the net deficit on the operations of the Vancouver General Hospital's out-patient department is paid out of the Hospital Insurance Fund; the balance of the deficit is paid by the City of Vancouver. This was the only organized out-patient department in operation in British Columbia at the advent of hospital insurance and had been in operation for many years. The net deficit for the twelve months ended March 31st, 1950, was \$221,753.44, of which the Province paid \$110,876.71.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following question:—

What arrangements, if any, have been made by the British Columbia Research Council relative to paragraph 2 (*h*) of the declaration filed upon incorporation, namely: "To enter into such arrangements as are necessary with any person or organization in regard to patents arising out of work done by or for the Council?"

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

"All who are full-time employees of the Research Council must agree to assign to the Research Council, without remuneration, any patents which may be obtained from their investigations (for legal purposes, \$1 is paid for the assignment); it is to be understood that due consideration will be given to such an employee by the governing body of the Research Council should a patent prove valuable. All discoveries, inventions, and improvements in processes, apparatus, or machines made by a member or number of members of the technical staff of the Council shall be vested in the Council and shall be made available to the public under such conditions and payment of fees or royalties as the Council may determine, except where such staff is working on a project, the entire cost of which is being borne by an individual or firm. General terms are also laid out for equity arrangements in patents where industrial firms or associations have contributed all or part of the supporting funds."

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 4.55 p.m.

Monday, March 19th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *McLellan*.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Tuesday, March 20th, and all following days of the Session there will be three distinct sittings in each day, one from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *MacDougall*, adjourned to the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to validate the Title to Special Timber Licences" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Certified General Accountants' Association of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chartered Accountants Act.'"

The Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was about to enter.

THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Edwin Keary DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—

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

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bill.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill."

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the House, and the Speaker resumed the chair.

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

REPORT NO. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 19th, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

Whereas under Order 97 of the Standing Orders your Committee is required to report to the House on or before the 19th instant on the Private Bills referred to it:

And whereas your Committee finds that it will be impossible to report within the time limited as aforesaid:

Your Committee recommends that Order 97 of the Standing Orders be modified, and that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be extended to the 3rd day of April next.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

The Report of the Superintendent of Motor-vehicles for the Year 1949.

The Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

Mr. *Gillis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What portion of the cost of construction of the new wing at the Royal Columbian Hospital was paid by the Government of the Province of British Columbia?

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

“A grant was made of one-third of the estimated cost of the total project which included additional accommodation for nurses and other changes; the final cost of the project was more than estimated so that the total contribution by the Government was approximately 30 per cent.”

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

1. What has been the average annual cost for the last ten years of operating the two ferries on the Columbia River between Revelstoke and Arrowhead.

2. Has consideration been given in recent years to the building of a road between Twelve Mile and Sidmouth on the north side of the Columbia River and, if so, has the approximate cost been ascertained?

3. If an estimate of cost has been arrived at, what is the amount?

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

“1. Twelve-mile Ferry, \$10,367.23, including depreciation, and Twenty-four-mile Ferry, \$7,537.55, including depreciation.

“2. No.

“3. Answered by No. 2.”

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

1. Has the Hope-Princeton Highway between Hope and Allison Pass been fully completed and paved?

2. If not, why not?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Is the Vancouver General Hospital owned by the City of Vancouver?

2. If not owned by the City of Vancouver, by whom is it owned?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Vancouver General Hospital, incorporated under Private Act in 1902.”

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

1. Have any moneys been expended in eliminating two level railway crossings in the vicinity of Floods on the Trans-Canada Highway?

2. If yes, (a) was any sliding ground encountered in the course of the work, (b) has any such slide been stopped permanently, (c) what amount of money has been spent to date in eliminating the crossings, (d) what mileage of new road is involved, and (e) has the work been completed?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) and (b) No; (c) \$225,009.61 (this includes Dominion Government's share of \$90,003.85); (d) 2.7 miles; and (e) yes.”

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

Referring to your reply (Votes and Proceedings, February 26th, 1951, page 2) *re* committee on nursing:—

1. On what dates has the committee referred to met?

2. On what dates were interim reports submitted?

3. Is there any indication when the final report will be completed?

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

“ 1. January 27th, 1950; February 17th, 1950; March 30th, 1950; May 12th, 1950; June 23rd, 1950; November 27th, 1950; December 7th, 1950; January 5th, 1951; and January 19th, 1951. This does not include special meetings and numerous meetings of the very active sub-committees.

“ 2. Cannot be specifically answered as the interim reports were in the nature of verbal progress reports.

“ 3. Impossible to set a definite date as members of the committee are still studying certain phases of nursing problems.”

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

1. Have any surveys and (or) foundation testings been made in connection with any projected bridge over the Columbia River at Trail?

2. If so, (a) when were they made and (b) what was the cost?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Did the British Columbia Government contribute anything to the building and furnishing of Mount St. Francis Home at Nelson?
2. If so, how much?
3. Is there any contribution made to operation?
4. If so, how much?
5. Under what classification is Mount St. Francis licensed?
6. What is the total patient capacity of Mount St. Francis?
7. How many patients are there at present?
8. How many of these are (a) private cases and (b) welfare cases?
9. How many of the welfare cases are (a) boarding-home cases and (b) nursing or bed patients?
10. Has the private application any preference over the welfare department application?
11. Are applications at present restricted to nursing or bed patients only?
12. If so, why?
13. Is preference given to applications from Kootenay residents?
14. How many patients, at present, are residents from outside British Columbia?
15. What are the rates charged at Mount St. Francis for (a) private nursing or bed patients, (b) private boarding-home cases, (c) welfare nursing or bed patients, and (d) welfare boarding-home patients?
16. Is the Department paying the difference between the pensions of the inmates and the total rate?
17. If so, what is this cost per month?

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

- " 1. Yes; building, laundry, and kitchen equipment; no furnishings.
- " 2. One hundred and fifty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty-one dollars and seventy-three cents to date.
- " 3. No; the fact that the Government pays for welfare cases at monthly rates might be interpreted as an indirect contribution toward operating costs.
- " 4. Answered by No. 3.
- " 5. Part II of the 'Hospital Act.'
- " 6. Ninety-eight beds.
- " 7. Sixty-nine patients.
- " 8. (a) Fifteen and (b) fifty-four.
- " 9. This question cannot be answered definitely at this time.
- " 10. No.
- " 11. Not necessarily.
- " 12. Answered by above.
- " 13. This institution is intended to serve the South-eastern Interior of British Columbia.
- " 14. None.
- " 15. (a) One hundred and fifty dollars per month maximum; (b) no rate established since these cases not normally admitted; (c) \$105 per month; and (d) see answer to (b).
- " 16. Yes; if welfare cases.
- " 17. Sixty dollars per month for a nursing or bed patient."

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 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Chaplain *Peebles*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

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

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Site Act, 1918.'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures."

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Twelve million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trans-Canada Highways Act.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Okanagan Flood-control Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928.'"

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Indian Inquiry Act.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apprenticeship Act.'"

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Harrison Hot Springs."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act.'"

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 19th, 1951.

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. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 19th, 1951.

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. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 19th, 1951.

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. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands 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. *Straith* made the following statement:—

On February 27th, 1951, President N. A. M. MacKenzie and some members of the teaching staff of the University of British Columbia made representations to the Executive Council with respect to the salaries of the teaching staff, and the Government has given consideration to their request that an additional grant be given to the University this year so that the Board of Governors of the University might supplement these salaries.

Representations have also been made to the Dominion Government by representatives of Canadian universities and requests have been made that grants be made to the universities to supplement the Provincial grants on the grounds that the universities render many services of a national nature and that the adequate financing of the universities is beyond the capacity of the Provinces. The Dominion Government has not yet announced its policy in this regard.

The Government feels that increases for the teaching staff of the University are justified at this time and is ready to undertake that such salaries be increased in the total amount of \$200,000 on a contingent basis, namely, that in the event that the Dominion Government should make a grant to the University of British Columbia for the next fiscal year up to or in excess of \$200,000, then this Government would not be called upon for any such grant, and in the event of any such Dominion Government grant being less than \$200,000, then this Government will make up the deficiency to that amount.

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

1. Were any purchases of oil and gasoline made by the Department in Grand Forks-Greenwood district during 1950?

2. If so, from what companies and in what amounts?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. British-America Oil Company, \$1,078; Imperial Oil, Limited, \$9,923; Shell Oil Company, \$1,567; and Standard Oil Company, \$2,304."

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

1. Has the Government received any petition from any person or persons asking that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway be not built between Squamish and North Vancouver?

2. If so, from whom?

3. Does the Pacific Great Eastern Railway own a right-of-way through the Municipality of West Vancouver?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. Brief prepared at the direction of the Council of the District of West Vancouver.

" 3. Yes."

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

1. What is the total road mileage in the Kaslo-Slocan riding being maintained by the Department of Public Works?

2. Of the above, what is the mileage in (a) the Kaslo-Lardeau area, (b) the Arrow Lakes area, and (c) the Slocan area?

3. What was the total amount spent by the Department of Public Works in the Kaslo-Slocan riding for the present fiscal year to date?

4. What amount of the above total was spent on (a) road maintenance and repair, (b) snow-removal, (c) roads, bridges, and ferries respectively, other than maintenance, and (d) administration?

5. Of the above total amount, how much was spent on road maintenance and repair in the Lardeau district?

6. What amount was spent in the Argenta area of the Lardeau district?

7. What was the total spent on road maintenance and repairs in the Kaslo area for the present fiscal year to date?

8. In the Kaslo area, what amount was spent for maintenance and repair on (a) the Kaslo-Coffee Creek Road, (b) the Kaslo-New Denver Road, (c) Shutty Bench Road, and (d) all other side-roads?

9. What was the total amount spent on road maintenance and repair in the Arrow Lakes area for the present fiscal year to date?

10. In the Arrow Lakes area, what amount was spent for maintenance and repair in the following sections of road: (a) Nakusp to New Denver Road, (b) Nakusp to Arrow Park Road, (c) Arrow Park to Bellevue Road, (d) Arrow Park to Glendevon, (e) Arrow Park to Burton, (f) Burton to Fauquier, (g) Needles to Edgewood, (h) Edgewood to Inonoaklin, and (i) other side-roads?

11. What was the total amount spent on road maintenance and repair in the Slocan area for the present fiscal year to date?

12. In the Slocan area, what amount was spent for maintenance and repair on the following sections of road: (a) New Denver to Nakusp, (b) Sandon Road, (c) New Denver to Silverton, (d) Silverton to Slocan City, (e) Slocan City to Passmore, and (f) other side-roads?

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

"1. As at March 31st, 1950: 643.88 miles.

"2. (a) In the Kaslo-Lardeau area, 175.10 miles; (b) in the Arrow Lakes area, 222.13 miles; and (c) in the Slocan area, 246.65 miles.

"3. The total amount spent by the Department of Public Works in the Kaslo-Slocan riding for the present fiscal year to date, \$333,481.05.

"4. (a) Spent on road maintenance and repair, \$132,529.37; (b) snow-removal, \$69,721.77; (c) roads other than maintenance (Dog Creek), \$19,917.92; ferries other than maintenance, \$22,515.14 (transferring Needles-Fauquier, \$7,934.97; transferring old Castlegar ferry, \$8,201.97; Needles ferry approaches, \$3,995.12; Project No. 225, \$2,383.08); and (d) administration, \$11,348.28.

"5. Spent on road maintenance and repair, Lardeau district (exclusive of snow-removal), \$9,646.52.

"6. Spent in Argenta area of Lardeau district (exclusive of snow-removal), \$1,176.93.

"7. Spent in Kaslo area (exclusive of snow-removal), not including Lardeau district and omitting Kaslo-New Denver Road (*see note below*), \$10,697.92.

"8. (a) Road No. 204, Nelson-Kaslo Road, \$7,270.96; (b) Road No. 165, Kaslo-New Denver Road, no segregation made between part in Kaslo area and part in Slocan area (*see note below*); (c) Road No. 168, Kaslo-North Road (Shutty Bench), \$1,559.36; and (d) side-roads, \$1,867.60.

"9. Spent in Arrow Lakes area (exclusive of snow-removal), \$12,936.21, omitting Slocan-Arrow Lakes Highway (*see* note below).

"10. (a), (b), (e), (f), and (g) Road No. 246, Slocan-Arrow Lakes Highway, no segregation made between part in Arrow Lakes area and part in Slocan area (*see* note below); (c) Road No. 14, Arrow Park-Bellevue Road, \$6,005.51; (d) Road No. 15, Arrow Park-West Demars Road, \$784.90; (h) Road No. 151, Inonoaklin Valley Road, \$2,367.38; and (i) side-roads, \$3,778.42.

"11. Spent in Slocan area (exclusive of snow-removal), omitting No. 246, Slocan-Arrow Lakes Highway (*see* note below), \$7,620.88.

"12. (a), (c), (d), and (e) Road No. 246, Slocan-Arrow Lakes Highway, no segregation made between part of this highway in Arrow Lakes area and part in Slocan area (*see* note below); (b) Road No. 241, Sandon-Three Forks Road, \$238.76; and (e) side-roads, \$7,382.12.

"NOTE.—The following roads are referred to above; these are main roads which are shared by areas and no financial segregation is kept (exclusive of snow-removal): No. 165, Kaslo-New Denver Road (total length from Kaslo to New Denver), \$18,384.70; No. 246, Slocan-Arrow Lakes Highway (total length from Kaslo-Slocan south boundary to boundary of Kaslo-Slocan district and Vernon district), \$73,243.14."

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

1. Were any forest management licences issued in (a) Kamloops or (b) Nelson Forest Districts during 1950?

2. If so, to whom and for what areas?

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

"1. (a) No and (b) yes.

"2. In the Nelson Forest District, to the Passmore Lumber Company, Limited, for the Little Slocan River drainage, comprising 196,825 acres in all (Forest Management Licence No. 3)."

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

1. How many teachers enrolled with respect to the summer school for teachers held in Victoria during 1950?

2. What courses had enrolment in excess of 50, 75, 100, and 125 respectively?

3. (a) Was the normal seating capacity of the various classrooms adequate for the number of students enrolled and, (b) if not, how were the excess students seated?

4. (a) On what date were the calendars of the courses first available for mailing and (b) what was the dead-line date for registration?

5. (a) How many of the faculty were from the United States of America, (b) what was the enrolment in their respective courses, and (c) were they advised as to the probable enrolment and size of their classes?

6. (a) What library facilities were available to the students; (b) were fines imposed in connection with the reserve section of the library; (c) if yes, upon what basis were fines imposed; and (d) what was the amount of the largest fine levied against any student?

7. Is smoking permitted in the classrooms while classes are in session?

8. Was a fire drill held at any time during the session of 1950?

9. (a) What insurance, if any, is carried covering accident to a student during or arising out of class operations; (b) were any injuries received by students attending the 1950 session; (c) if yes, was any compensation paid; and (d) if yes, what was the amount of same?

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

“ 1. One thousand three hundred and nine.

“ 2. Lecture courses with enrolments in excess of 50 students, 13; 75 students, 11; 100 students, 9; 125 students, 5. Classes are of three types: (a) Straight lecture courses in which size is determined generally by seating accommodation; (b) practical arts and similar courses are limited in size because of the nature of instruction; and (c) workshop groups in which definite limits in size are made to permit committee work and discussion.

“ 3. (a) Yes; in cases in which normal seating arrangements of a school classroom were required; for lecture courses, normal classrooms were not used or, if so, desks were removed to permit college lecture-room arrangement; and (b) seats were obtained from the Victoria School Board.

“ 4. (a) April 12th, 1950; and (b) without late registration fee, May 13th; with late fee, July 3rd.

“ 5. (a) Nine; (b) 136, 135, 132, 118, 128, 118, 116, 116, 98, 94, 88, 82, 80, 69, 54, 30, and 20; and (c) yes.

“ 6. (a) Reference books requested by instructors were secured from Summer School Library, Public Library Commission, Normal School Libraries, and Victoria Public Library—library and study rooms were provided; (b) yes; (c) if over fifteen minutes late, 15 cents; for one hour, 30 cents; per day, 50 cents; and (d) \$1.50, unless books were damaged or lost.

“ 7. No.

“ 8. No; not with adults.

“ 9. (a) None; (b) not in classes—one in softball game—a broken collarbone; (c) no; and (d) fellow players made a collection.”

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 5.10 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21st, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Milley*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 21st, 1951.

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. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 21st, 1951.

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. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 21st, 1951.

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. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. Have any payments been made from the Hospital Fund on account of deficits incurred by hospitals prior to the passing of the "Hospital Insurance Act"?
2. If so, (a) to what hospitals, (b) on what dates, and (c) in what amount to each?
3. Have any hospitals been permitted to include any deficits incurred prior to the passing of the "Hospital Insurance Act" in their compilation of charges made to the Hospital Insurance Fund?
4. If so, (a) what hospitals and (b) in what amounts respectively?

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

- " 1. No.
- " 2. Answered by No. 1.
- " 3. No.
- " 4. Answered by No. 3."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.04 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. J. Wickens*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Construction Act, 1950,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 13th, 1951.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Construction Act, 1950,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Cates*, the following correspondence, presented by him as a Return, was *Ordered* entered in the Journals of the House:—

ATTORNEY-GENERAL, PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, March 1st, 1951.

The Honourable G. McG. Sloan,
Chief Justice of British Columbia,
Court-house, Victoria, B.C.

MY DEAR CHIEF JUSTICE:

Spokesmen for a large group of organized labour of the Province called upon us some time ago with representations relating to labour matters.

In presenting their requests they, of course, recognized the fact that it would be impossible to deal with all of the subjects now under the Workmen's Compensation Board's jurisdiction until your report was available for consideration. They suggested, however, that in their opinion an interim report could be obtained dealing with the following matters:—

1. Increasing the percentage of the compensation permissible from 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ of the wage to a higher percentage.
2. Increase of dependents' allowances.
3. Increase in the wage ceiling, now fixed at \$2,500.

I pointed out that it was unlikely, in my opinion, that you could give an interim report until all evidence had been submitted and arguments heard, but, in view of their request, I am writing you to ask if it is possible to make an interim report in regard to these matters.

Yours very truly,

G. S. WISMER,
Attorney-General.

COURT OF APPEAL.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S CHAMBERS,
LAW COURTS, VANCOUVER, B.C.,
March 7th, 1951.

*The Honourable Gordon S. Wismer, K.C.,
Attorney-General,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

MY DEAR MR. ATTORNEY:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 1st inst., wherein you ask if it is possible for me to make an interim report covering the following three specific heads of the matters now under inquiry by me as Royal Commissioner investigating the "Workmen's Compensation Act" and its administration by the Workmen's Compensation Board, namely:—

1. Increasing the percentage of the compensation permissible from 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ of the wage to a higher percentage.
2. Increase of dependents' allowances.
3. Increase in the wage ceiling, now fixed at \$2,500.

I have given your letter much consideration and have reached the conclusion that I am unable to make an interim report covering these matters at this stage of the inquiry.

At the inception of the inquiry it was deemed advisable to divide the classification of witnesses into four main groups:—

1. Representations made by organized labour and those supporting the labour view-point.
2. Personal complaints.
3. Organized industry and those supporting the employer view-point.
4. The presentation of evidence by the Workmen's Compensation Board.

At the conclusion of the evidence there will, of course, be extensive argument by counsel and others representing these various groups.

So far, we have concluded the evidence in chief from the labour groups and those making personal complaints and are now engaged on hearing the view-points expressed by the employer groups. This latter evidence has not yet been fully heard.

I may say in passing that to date I have taken the evidence of 613 witnesses, which covers approximately 13,000 pages of transcript, and in addition there have been filed many hundreds of exhibits.

I do not feel that I am in a position to make an interim report covering the three specific heads that you enumerate until the inquiry is completed and evidence heard from all parties on all sides of the questions in issue and argument is heard. To make an interim report now would certainly invite the inevitable and deserved criticism that I had not acted judicially in reaching conclusions of fact before all parties were given an opportunity to be heard.

I would also point out that opinion on these matters is far from being unanimous. For instance, the following employer organizations, among others, strongly object to any increase in the scale of compensation from the present 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent and also object to raising the present maximum of \$2,500 on which compensation is based, namely: British Columbia Manufacturers' Association, Canadian Manufacturers' Association (British Columbia Division), Canadian Pulp and Paper Association (Western Branch), Canadian Restaurant Association (British Columbia Region), Consolidated Red Cedar Shingle Association of British Columbia, Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association, Mining Association of British Columbia, Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association, and Salmon Cannery's Operating Committee.

I may add that this group of employer organizations does not object to a moderate increase in the allowance of dependent widows and children.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Canadian National Railway Company object to increasing the 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ -per-cent allowance, and also object to any increases in dependent's allowances, but would not oppose a moderate increase in the present ceiling of \$2,500.

The Canadian Collieries takes the position, supported by factual material, that any increases in these allowances would mean a loss in their British Columbia coal mines operations, probably resulting in many men being deprived of employment therein.

I merely mention some of these things in order to bring to your attention the fact that these three matters you mention are not easy of determination. Strong submissions have been made from both sides and a considerable number of employer groups are yet to be heard.

I would also like to point out that many other subjects before me—for instance, an increased rehabilitation programme—might well, in the end, tend to increase the overall burden on industry. It follows that the whole of the scope of the inquiry must be regarded in its entirety and in its effect on industry when reaching a determination upon any particular aspect of the subject-matters under review.

There is no question whatever that pensioners or dependents who are attempting to live on awards made in the years gone by are indeed finding it most difficult and also complain of the necessity for them to pay hospitalization insurance premiums. What can be done to aid these unfortunate people is, of course, not within the scope of my inquiry to suggest, and I do wish it understood, as I pointed out in 1942, that any increased pensions cannot benefit those present pensioners or dependent widows for whom awards were made from funds raised by assessment on industries, many of which may now no longer exist.

I would think that the evidence should all be heard during the next two or three months; just how long argument will take after that, I have no means of knowing. However, I fully expect to complete and file my report in ample time for its study prior to the next Session of the House.

Yours very truly,

GORDON MCG. SLOAN.

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

1. What was the total cost of constructing the Big Bend section of the Trans-Canada Highway from the time of the Federal-Provincial agreement in 1928 to its completion in 1940?

2. How much of this cost was borne by (a) the Dominion of Canada and (b) the Province of British Columbia?

3. What has been the average annual cost to the Province to maintain this highway since its completion in 1940?

4. Has the Provincial Government undertaken any new construction on this highway since 1940 and, if so, where and at what cost?

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

"1. By virtue of changes in the original arrangement whereby the Dominion Government undertook to construct the east leg of the Big Bend Highway and the Province the west leg, the total cost of this project is not known; the Dominion ultimately took over the construction of the whole section from Golden to Revelstoke, its expenditure purported to have exceeded \$3,000,000. For the period 1928 to 1932, our records indicate a Provincial outlay of \$656,862.67 on preliminary construction, right-of-way, camps, plant and equipment, etc. Unemployment relief funds expended in the area also tend to make Big Bend Highway costs indeterminate.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$42,600.24.

"4. No."

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

1. What individual appropriations have been made available to your Department since and including 1947 as provided for under the "Government Liquor Act," being section 117 of chapter 192 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948"?

2. What sums, if any, of such appropriations remain unexpended?

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

"1. Order in Council No. 1643, August 19th, 1947, \$20,000; Order in Council No. 2372, October 15th, 1948, \$30,000; and Order in Council No. 665, April 6th, 1950, \$30,000.

"2. As at March 21st, 1951, \$18,567.74."

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

1. Are employees under the Liquor Control Board covered by any form of superannuation?

2. If yes, what are the terms of same; that is, governing (a) Government, (b) employee contribution, (c) benefits, and (d) number covered?

3. What is (a) the present financial status of the fund, if any, or (b) what provision pertains to its control, and (c) guarantee of permanence?

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

"1. Yes.

"2 and 3. Superannuation plan for Liquor Control Board employees carried with The Crown Life Insurance Company of Toronto, Ont. Each employee when joining plan is given a separate contract with the company and all superannuation payments are made direct by the company to the member."

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* also presented a Return in amplification of the answers to the foregoing questions.

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

1. Has the Department finalized its plans with respect to a route through the City of Revelstoke to connect the Revelstoke–Sicamous section of the Trans-Canada Highway with the Big Bend section of the same highway?

2. If so, what is the route selected?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Answered by No. 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 5.40 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28th, 1951.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. B. Rowell*.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked leave of the House to make a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance and submitted the following statement of the matter proposed to be discussed:—

MADAM SPEAKER:

I ask leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance.

In conformity with section 35 of Standing Orders, I will submit to you a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed. It reads as follows:—

The Vancouver Daily Province, under date of Tuesday, March 27th, states that Vancouver and New Westminster hospitals, on and after April 1st, will ask public-ward patients to pay co-insurance charges in advance of admission to hospital.

The Daily Colonist, under date of Wednesday, March 28th, states that patients in Victoria will be asked to pay the full co-insurance charge in advance of admission to hospital.

According to press reports, Vancouver, New Westminster, and Victoria hospitals will collect advance payments irrespective of the anticipated length of stay and will make refunds should hospitalization be less than ten days.

This policy is one neither discussed, anticipated, nor authorized at the present sitting of the Legislature. In view of changes made in the “Hospital Insurance Act,” it is a policy which will cause an additional burden of worry upon the sick people of the Province. It may, in many instances, be either a deterrent to sick persons entering hospital or cause great additional mental strain on ill persons who should be free from worry. There is also grave doubt in many minds as to the legality of the policy.

For the foregoing reasons and as this declared policy is to go into effect on April 1st, it is deemed a matter of major public importance which should be discussed by the Legislature at this time and upon which, in the public interest, there should be a statement on policy from the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare and a statement on its

legality from the Hon. the Attorney-General. I therefore request your consideration, Madam Speaker, of leave of the House to adjourn the House for the purpose of discussing this very definite matter of urgent public importance.

And filed with the Clerk excerpts from the newspapers referred to.

Leave was granted.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

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

The debate continued.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, "That the Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply to consider the specific matter of Interim Supply."

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding in the whole nine million eight hundred thousand dollars towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1952, not otherwise provided for, and being substantially but not exceeding one-twelfth of the amount of each of the several items set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1952, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present Session.

That the Resolution be received and read a first time.

That the Resolution be now read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolution be now read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding in the whole nine million eight hundred thousand dollars towards defraying the several charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1952, not otherwise provided for, and being substantially but not exceeding one-twelfth of the amount of each of the several

items set forth in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1952, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present Session.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of Mr. *Braden*, seconded by Mr. *McRae*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas this Legislature at its last Session unanimously passed a Resolution urging adoption of an all-Canadian route through the Yellowhead Pass for the proposed transmission of natural gas from the gas-fields of Alberta to Vancouver and other British Columbia points:

And whereas important gas discoveries have since been made in the Peace River area of Alberta and British Columbia, which gas can best be marketed via a route through the Pine Pass:

And whereas the Alberta Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board has recommended in its interim report of January, 1951, (1) that the only gas available for export is the gas lying beyond economic reach of Alberta consumers, which includes the gas reserves of the Peace River area, and (2) that no gas found in the major gas-fields lying in that part of the Province from the Edmonton area south to the International Border could be allocated to a market outside of the Province:

And whereas the interests of Canada as a whole will best be served if natural gas from the Peace River areas of Alberta and British Columbia is transmitted to its closest markets, namely, British Columbia and the Pacific Coast:

And whereas it is vital that the maximum encouragement be given to the discovery and development of the oil and gas resources of this Province and to the industrial development of the Interior of the Province:

And whereas, in view of the foregoing facts, the route which best serves the interests of this Province and the Dominion as a whole is the aforesaid Pine Pass route and such pipe-line route having been proposed:

And whereas any proposed crude-oil pipe-line to the Pacific Coast should, in the interests of the Province, follow an all-Canadian route, and at the same time provide for the marketing of oil found in this Province:

And whereas it is proposed to build a crude-oil pipe-line from Northern Alberta to Vancouver via the Yellowhead and Pine routes to provide for marketing such oil:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly urges upon the appropriate authorities, in the interests of both British Columbia and Canada, the adoption of (1) the Pine Pass route for natural-gas transmission pipe-line and (2) the combined Yellowhead and Pine Pass route for the crude-oil pipe-line, which will provide for the marketing of oil discovered in British Columbia.

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

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

And whereas the proposed changes in Dominion housing legislation will place further obstacles in the way of prospective builders and owners:

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

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urges the Government of British Columbia to request the Dominion Government to set up an Advisory Commission, composed of representatives of Dominion, Provincial, and municipal governments, in order to inquire into Canada's housing needs, to examine the adequacy of present Dominion and Provincial housing legislation, and to make recommendations for more speedy and efficient action on housing:

And be it further Resolved, That, pending inquiry by the Commission as proposed, this House recommends that the Provincial Government should call a Provincial-municipal housing conference in order to discuss ways and means to implement the "Housing Act" of British Columbia, 1950, with special reference to the following matters: (a) Assembly and servicing of suitable land; (b) measures to lower construction costs; (c) the ability of municipalities to finance low-rental housing projects under the terms of existing legislation; (d) relation of housing to town and regional planning; and (e) administration of low-rental housing projects and provision for metropolitan housing authorities, if necessary.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.