
Monday, 16th February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. S. Osborne*.

The following petition was received:—

From Robert M. Thompson and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate the "Northern Hydro-electric Company." (No. 8.)

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

By Mr. *Hall*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting 'The Ladysmith Lumber Company Railway Act, 1908.'"

By Mr. *Hall*—Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

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. *Bowser*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Ross*, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-traffic Regulation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* on the 12th instant (relief to soldiers from taxation).

The debate being continued was, on motion of Dr. *McIntosh*, adjourned until to-morrow.

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 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, 17th February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. Connell*.

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. *Burde*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Comptroller-General of the Province, 1919-20.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Conservation of Useful Domestic Animals," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to provide for the Conservation of Useful Domestic Animals," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 17th, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* on the 12th instant (relief to soldiers from taxation).

The debate being continued was, on motion of Mr. *Anderson*, adjourned until to-morrow.

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 5.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 18th February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. de B. Owen*.

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.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* on the 12th instant (relief to soldiers from taxation).

The debate being continued was, on motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

1. What are the total amounts of revenue from all sources collected in the Vancouver District during the past three years?
2. What are the corresponding total amounts collected at Victoria?
3. What are the corresponding total amounts collected in all other districts of the Province other than Vancouver and Victoria.

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- "1. 1917, \$1,093,175.33; 1918, \$1,844,499.34; 1919, \$2,319,925.28.
 "2. 1917, \$3,696,413.83; 1918, \$4,329,338.25; 1919, \$4,750,273.88.
 "3. 1917, \$3,124,597.96; 1918, \$2,641,221.95; 1919, \$3,975,163.97."

Mr. Schofield asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Was any insurance placed on the property of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway last year?
2. If so, were tenders called for same?
3. If so, who tendered and the price in each case?
4. What firm was successful in obtaining said order?
5. What was the amount of insurance placed and the rate?
6. Was the lowest tender accepted?
7. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
 "2. Yes.
 "3. United States Fire Insurance Co.; New Jersey Insurance Co.; Stuyvesant Insurance Co.; Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania (35 cents per \$100); Home Insurance Company of New York (50 cents); British Crown Assurance Corporation Ltd. (40 cents).
 "4. Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd.
 "5. \$2,241,970; 42½ per 100.
 "6. No.
 "7. Not considered advisable."

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

1. Is one E. C. Manning now employed as Forest Assistant or in any other capacity in the Forest Branch of the Lands Department?
2. If so, in what capacity, and at what office does he work from?
3. Where is his domicile?
4. When did he first enter the Provincial service?
5. What was his salary at that date?
6. What is his present salary?
7. How long was he a resident of British Columbia before entering the Forest Branch?
8. Was the said Manning a returned soldier?
9. If not, why was a returned soldier not appointed to the vacancy?
10. By whom was the said Manning recommended for employment?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
 "2. District Forester, Prince Rupert.
 "3. Prince Rupert.
 "4. June 1st, 1918.
 "5. \$185.
 "6. \$220.
 "7. One year.
 "8. No.
 "9. One with technical training and administrative experience required for the position not available.
 "10. District Forester, Vancouver, and Chief Forester, Victoria."

Dr. K. C. MacDonald asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. From whom was the steamer "Beaver" purchased?
2. Was the said steamer examined and reported upon by any competent person before purchase was made?
3. If so, who was the person making such examination and report?
4. What was the nature of the report?
5. On whose recommendation have alterations and repairs been made to the steamer "Beaver"?
6. Has the said steamer a rating from any reputable insurance company?
7. If so, what is such rating?
8. Has any valuation been made of the said steamer since repairs have been completed?
9. If so, what is such valuation?
10. By whom was such valuation made?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

"2. Yes.

"3. Captain W. H. Logan, Surveyor, Salvage Association.

"4. 'I consider the "Beaver" in excellent condition and quite fit to operate river waters without repair, or in fact any inland waters, and I would be quite willing to recommend her as a good risk to underwriters. It is difficult to place a valuation on any vessel at the present time, but to construct a vessel similar to the "Beaver" to-day would probably cost \$109,000; therefore, having regard to her age and the lack of business for her type, I would consider \$25,000 as a fair market value for the "Beaver."'

"5. Chief Inspector of Machinery J. Peck.

"6. Yes, Captain W. H. Logan, Surveyor for Underwriters.

"7. \$85,801.

"8 to 10. Answered by No. 7."

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

1. Did the *Victoria Times* issue a special edition on October 7th, 1919?
2. Did the Government supply articles to said edition from the different departments?
3. If so, what was the total amount the Government paid the proprietors of said paper on account of said edition?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. \$1,500."

Dr. McIntosh asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has the Council of the British Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons intimated to the Government its willingness to make any changes in present regulations that may be necessary to secure complete reciprocity with the other Provinces of Canada through the Dominion Medical Council?

2. If so, is the Government in accord with said request?

3. Will action be taken during the current Session of the Legislature?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. The matter is under consideration.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

Dr. Rose asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Who was the successful tenderer for the Kaslo-Ainsworth Road?
2. Was this firm's the lowest tender?
3. If not, why were they given the work?
4. What was the price of said contract?

5. Were any changes made by the Department after contract was entered into to change the prices of said work?
6. What did said work finally cost the Government?
7. Did it overrun the contract price?
8. If so, how much?
9. Is said road completed to the satisfaction of the Department?
10. If not, how much more work is yet to be done before it will be satisfactory to the travelling public?
11. If any more work is to be done, what does the Department estimate it will cost?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. Rawlings & LaBrash.
- "2. No.
- "3. Lowest tender: Carmino Maglio, \$19,500. Difference being small it was considered in the public interest to accept tender of Rawlings & LaBrash.
- "4. \$19,965.
- "5. Contract let for lump sum. Final adjustment not completed.
- "6 to 8. Answered by No. 5.
- "9. Final report not yet received from Engineer in charge.
- "10 and 11. Answered by No. 9."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has one Dr. E. C. Arthur, of Nelson, been appointed to the position of Inspector of Hospitals?
2. If so, when was he appointed and at what salary?
3. What was the age of said Arthur at the time of appointment?
4. Did the Prohibition Commissioner issue books of prescriptions to said Arthur under the "Liquor Act"?
5. If so, how many books has he issued him since he joined the Service?
6. How many prescriptions has said Arthur issued since he joined the Service?
7. Is said Arthur permitted to carry on a private practice while filling this position?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. November 12th, 1919; \$300 per mensem.
- "3. Sixty-three.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. One.
- "6. No information.
- "7. No."

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

1. Who is the vendor of liquor at present at Prince Rupert?
2. When was he appointed?
3. Was he formerly in the Civil Service?
4. What salary or remuneration is he paid?
5. What is his age?
6. What was his former occupation?
7. Who was the former vendor?
8. Why was a change made?
9. Who recommended the present vendor for this position?

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

- "1. There is no vendor in strict sense. The Government Agent at Prince Rupert was authorized to supply liquor to drug stores only.
- "2. November 2nd, 1918.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. None as Government vendor.

"5. Born October 5th, 1868.

"6. Government Agent at Prince Rupert.

"7. None.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. Selected because of position occupied as Government Agent."

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

1. Does the Chairman of the Game Board receive a salary for his services?

2. If so, how much?

3. Does the Chairman of the Game Board charge sums on account of disbursements and expenses to his Department?

4. If so, what was the amount of said disbursements paid by the Department to or on account of the said Chairman for the years 1917, 1918, and 1919, with dates and details of the items contained in all vouchers sent in by the said Chairman pertaining thereto covering the said period?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Yes.

"4. These items appear in the Public Accounts."

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

1. Was John Drew Austin committed for trial by the Police Magistrate of the City of Vancouver on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences, or any other charge, during the year 1919?

2. If so, when?

3. Was said case ever submitted to the Grand Jury?

4. If so, when?

5. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes, by Deputy Police Magistrate.

"2. August 19th, 1919.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Nolle prosequi entered. Matter was one for civil and not criminal court. A civil proceeding was pending in regard to the same matter."

Dr. *McIntosh* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Who are the contractors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway extension to Prince George?

2. Who are the sub-contractors on said construction?

3. Of all men employed in said contracts and sub-contracts, how many men: (a) Are British subjects, (b) are foreigners, (c) are returned soldiers or ex-service men?

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

"1. The Northern Construction Company.

"2. Sub-contracts are let to returned soldiers, farmers, pre-emptors, teamsters, owners of motor-trucks, bridge builders, tie and timber makers, sawmills, and many others, but a list of such sub-contractors is not on record with the Department of Railways; all items of cost are carefully checked by competent accountants.

"3. This information is not available. Up to the time of the winter freeze-up there was an insufficiency of labour available for construction-work on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. I am informed that the Grand Trunk Railway, the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the Canadian National Railway all employed Asiatics either on construction or maintenance owing to the scarcity of labour. The Northern Construction Company were instructed to give preference of employment to (1) returned soldiers, (2) other British subjects."

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

1. Did the Government purchase an Overland five-passenger car for the Game Department from the French Auto Company, of Vancouver, last year?
2. If so, what did said car cost?
3. Where has said car been stored since its purchase?
4. What has it cost for storage, repairs, and upkeep since it was purchased?
5. Who pays for the above charges?
6. Was said car registered with the Motor Licence Department for private use?
7. If so, why was this done?
8. Is this car used by Dr. Baker, Chairman of the Game Commission, for his private use?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$1,523.
- "3. J. W. Thornton Garage, Vancouver.
- "4. \$221.03.
- "5. Game Department.
- "6. No, except in so far as the particulars supplied under Item (9) in 'Particulars of Motor' in form as prescribed by section 13, chapter 169, R.S.B.C. 1911, 'Motor-traffic Regulation Act.'
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. No."

Dr. *McIntosh* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Are men who take up land under the Soldiers' Settlement Board disqualified from holding public elective office under the present "Municipal Elections Act"?
2. If so, will the Government take steps to have the Act amended so as to remove this anomaly and injustice to ex-service men?

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the questions out of order on the ground that they asked for a legal opinion.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, 19th February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Right Rev. Bishop *McDonald*.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Eighth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 18th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been strictly complied with in respect to advertising, but there having been a substantial compliance with the Rules your Committee would recommend that the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended in order to enable petitioners to proceed with the Bill without payment of extra fees.

Petition No. 4—Corporation of District of Saanich Waterworks Bill.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Pauline*, Private Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to confer upon the Corporation of the District of Saanich certain Powers in connection with Water, Sewers, and Motor-buses" was received, introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Pooley*, on a question of privilege, referred to the following questions and answers:—

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

"1. Does the Chairman of the Game Board receive a salary for his services?

"2. If so, how much?

"3. Does the Chairman of the Game Board charge sums on account of disbursements and expenses to his Department?

"4. If so, what was the amount of said disbursements paid by the Department to or on account of the said Chairman for the years 1917, 1918, and 1919, with dates and details of the items contained in all vouchers sent in by the said Chairman pertaining thereto covering the said period?

"The Hon. Mr. *Farris* replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Yes.

"4. These items appear in the Public Accounts.' "

And objected that the answer to Question No. 4 was not a proper and correct answer, as the Public Accounts for 1919 had not been presented to the House.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled that the answer filed was a sufficient answer, and that if not satisfactory to the questioner an Order of the House for a Return could be asked for.

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

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Farris,</i>			

NAYS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Hancs,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Anderson.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	

Mr. *Giolma* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. How many men are employed on the engineering staff of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

2. Are any returned men?

3. If so, how many?

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

- "1. Forty.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Thirty-seven."

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. *Hawthornthwaite*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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.

Friday, 20th February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gilbert Cook*.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Ninth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 20th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders have not been strictly complied with in respect to advertising, but as there has been a substantial compliance with the Rules your Committee would recommend that the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill without payment of extra fees.

Petition No. 8—Northern Hydro-electric Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

1. Did the North Vancouver Game Association last year bring to the attention of the Game Board that one Gruber had young pheasants in his possession?
2. Was any action taken by the Department in this matter?
3. If not, why not?
4. Was said Gruber a German?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes, an investigation was made at once.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Do not know."

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

1. Were Pat Powers and Lorne W. Campbell engaged in the Provincial Assessor's office at Vancouver last year?
2. Was there a shortage in their funds?

3. If so, what was the amount in each case?
4. Were they prosecuted?
5. Were they allowed out on suspended sentence?
6. If so, why?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes.

“3. Powers, \$270; Campbell, \$67.54.

“4. Yes.

“5. Yes.

“6. Because in the opinion of the Police Magistrate, Mr. H. C. Shaw, the ends of justice were so best served, because of previous character of accused, it being a first offence and restitution being made.”

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Who is the Public Utilities Commissioner?
2. When was he appointed and at what salary?
3. What other officials are connected with said Commission, giving their names and salaries in each case?
4. What has been the total cost of the Public Utilities Commission to date?

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

“1. John Ley Retallack.

“2. April 21st, 1919; \$625 per month.

“3. S. J. R. Remnant, Secretary, \$250 per month; W. R. Wellings, \$120 per month; Miss N. Sullivan, \$65 per month.

“4. \$12,444.77.”

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. Mr. *Farris*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Charitable and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 20th, 1920.

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. 18) intituled “An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Charitable and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 20th, 1920.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations, and to provide for their Regulation," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1920.

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. 17) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations, and to provide for their Regulation," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—
 That *F. A. Pauline*, Esquire, Member for Saanich, be appointed Deputy Chairman (Chairman of Ways and Means).

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on 12th instant, as follows:—

Whereas sections 122 and 123 of chapter 194 of the "British Columbia Railway Act," and sections 3 and 4 of chapter 52 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1916, require certain annual returns to be made to the Registrar of Joint-stock Companies:

And whereas the last annual report of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company was filed with said Registrar showing returns to October 14th, 1918:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of this House be granted that Returns be made to this House setting out information required by the above-mentioned sections, so far as the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company is concerned.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, seconded by Mr. *Pauline*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all communications between His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and the Honourable the Secretary of State in any way relating to the disallowance of chapter 71 of the British Columbia Statutes of 1917, and the disallowance of an Act passed at the 1919 Session of the Legislature entitled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904.'"

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence passing between Colonel A. Bruce Powley, Inspector of Labour Bureau at Vancouver, in the month of November last, and the Department of Labour dealing with the question of the employment of labour by one Peterson, contractor on the Pacific Highway, and the supplying of said labour by Sells's Employment Agency; also for a copy of the correspondence between the Labour Department and the Public Works Department dealing with the above matter; also copy of all correspondence received by the Attorney-General's Department in reference to the employment of labour for the Pacific Highway contract given to one Peterson.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, adjourned until the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Giolma*, seconded by Mr. *Duncan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing the following particulars: (1.) How many permits have been issued under the amendment of 1918 to the "Prohibition Act"? (2.) To whom were these permits issued, and the reason for issuing same in each case, giving the dates of each permit? (3.) By whom were these permits signed? (4.) How much liquor has been supplied under each permit by the Government Liquor Store? (5.) How much liquor has been supplied under each permit by druggists? (6.) What is the total amount to date issued under all permits by both liquor stores and druggists? (7.) How many permits are still in existence? (8.) How many permits have been cancelled, with the reason in each case for cancellation (if any)?

On the motion of Mr. *Hanes*, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of copies of telegrams sent by Mr. *Nelems*, Chairman of the Land Settlement Board, to any employee of said Board regarding the purchase of land, or asking or suggesting that they recommend the purchase of any parcel of land.

Mr. *Duncan* asked the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, Commissioner of Fisheries, the following question:—

What answer (if any) was given by the Dominion Government to the request embodied in the recommendation of the report of the Select Committee appointed by Resolutions of the 19th and 24th of February, 1919, to deal with schemes and suggestions with a view to rehabilitating returned soldiers, and presented and received on the 14th day of March, 1919, "That the Dominion Government be requested to turn over the entire fisheries of the Province of British Columbia to the Province of British Columbia by way of leasing such fishing-grounds or areas to the Province."

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

"The subject-matter of this Resolution was discussed with the Superintendent of Fisheries at Ottawa by the Commissioner of Fisheries of British Columbia during the month of April, 1919. We have no information that any action has been taken by the Dominion Government."

On the motion of Mr. *Giolma*, seconded by Mr. *Jackson*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas sugar is of prime importance in diet and essential to the health and comfort of people of all ages and conditions of life and of health, and is of vital necessity in the diet of the infant and the invalid:

And whereas throughout British Columbia an adequate supply of sugar has been for many months unobtainable by private households, and in consequence great hardship and suffering has ensued:

And whereas the lack of an adequate supply of sugar to preserve the fruit-crop of last year resulted in great economic loss to the fruit-producer and the housewife:

And whereas there is operating within this Province a sugar-refinery capable of manufacturing sugar in quantities greatly in excess of all demands within this Province; yet, notwithstanding the fact that whole ship-loads of raw sugar have been received and manufactured at such refinery, the grave shortage in domestic supply available still exists:

And whereas there is every indication that similar adverse conditions will continue to the serious inconvenience of our people and danger to health in many instances, together with economic disaster to the fruit industry of British Columbia, unless steps be taken to correct the situation:

And whereas candy and fancy cakes and confectionery employ enormous quantities of sugar in their manufacture, and all these products abound without restriction and are being manufactured and sold in greatly increasing volume:

And whereas the use of such candy, fancy cakes, and confectionery is a pure luxury and not essential in dietetics:

And whereas it is the just demand of our own people that their wants should be first supplied, and, furthermore, that ample sugar should be furnished for domestic use before any should be diverted to the manufacture of non-essential luxuries:

And whereas grave unrest and dissatisfaction abound in the premises, and it is therefore expedient that all the facts and circumstances surrounding the matter of production and distribution of sugar should be investigated and published:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That a Select Committee of five Members of this House shall be appointed, with instructions to inquire into the truth of the above allegations and all matters, including prices and cost, pertaining thereto, with power to call for persons, papers, books, and documents, to examine witnesses under oath, and to report their findings, recommendations, and the evidence to the House.

That such Committee consist of Mr. *Jackson*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Pooley*, *Thompson*, and *Giolma*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the year 1918-19 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

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

1. Who has been appointed as the Advisory Council under the "Department of Industries Act"?
2. What expenses have been paid the members of the Advisory Council in each case?
3. Was A. C. Flumerfelt member of said Council?
4. Has he resigned?
5. If so, when, and what reasons did he give for resigning?
6. Were these reasons in writing?
7. Will the Minister of Industries table a copy of all correspondence between said Flumerfelt and the Government regarding his resignation?

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

"1. Major R. J. Burde, M.C., M.P.P., Port Alberni; Mr. F. G. Dawson, Prince Rupert; Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, Victoria; Mr. Joshua Kingham, Victoria; Mr. J. H. McVety, Vancouver; Mr. J. E. W. Thompson, M.P.P., Vancouver; Mr. Nichol Thompson, Vancouver.

"2. Major R. J. Burde, \$58.25; Mr. F. G. Dawson, \$88.75; Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, *nil*; Mr. Joshua Kingham, *nil*; Mr. J. H. McVety, \$16.66; Mr. J. E. W. Thompson, \$56.20; Mr. Nicol Thompson, \$74; total, \$293.86.

"3. Yes.

"4. Yes.

"5. January 5th, 1920; not being in agreement with some of the decisions reached by the Advisory Council.

"6. Yes.

"7. Yes, if the House so orders."

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

1. Did the Department bore a well on the property of M. McMillan at Cobble Hill?
2. If so, at what depth was water struck?
3. What is the total amount expended on this work, giving particulars of who did the work and the amounts paid in each case?
4. Was one Fritz in charge of this work?
5. If so, how long did he work and what amount was paid him?
6. Did he cease work before it was finished?
7. If so, why?
8. Was said Fritz a British subject?
9. Did the Government own the drilling-machine?
10. If not, whose machine was used and the amount paid for hiring same?
11. How long did it take to do said work?
12. Are the public of Cobble Hill allowed to use the water taken from said well?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2 to 12. Answered by No. 1."

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Statutes Expiration Act.'"

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Sub-purchasers' Indemnity Act.'"

Mr. *Fisher* presented a petition from the Esquimalt Water Company, opposing Private Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria." (No. 6A.)

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 4.45 p.m.

Monday, 23rd February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Archdeacon J. H. S. Sweet.

The following petition was received:—

From the Esquimalt Water Company, opposing Private Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria." (No. 6A.)

Mr. Jackson presented the Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 23rd, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The the preamble of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, Chairman.

The report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of Children" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Hawthornthwaite on the 12th instant (relief to soldiers from taxation).

The motion was *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Poolcy,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McIntosh.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

NAYS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>			

Mr. F. J. A. MacKenzie asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Is the Sells Employment Agency of Vancouver carrying on an employment-agency business there?

2. If so, are they liable to be prosecuted for doing so?

3. If they are, is it the intention of the Government to prosecute them?

The Hon. Mr. Farris replied as follows:—

"1. Have no knowledge.

"2. If in violation of laws, yes.

"3. Yes, if liable to prosecution."

The following papers were presented :—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour.

First Annual Report of the British Columbia Public Utilities Commission for the Year ending December 31st, 1919.

First Report of the Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Provincial Legislation in Canada.

Report of the Public Library Commission, as required by section 6, subsection (e), of the "Public Libraries Act."

Mr. *Pooley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing all moneys paid out by the Government to or on behalf of the disbursements and expenses of the Chairman of the Game Board since the 31st day of March, 1919, to date, with dates and details of all items appearing in all vouchers pertaining thereto.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, adjourned until to-morrow.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow :—

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'"

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting Warehousemen's Liens."

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Statutes Expiration Act'" was committed. Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Sub-purchasers' Indemnity Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The following Bills were read a second time :—

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mount Robson Park Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to provide for the Conservation of Useful Domestic Animals."

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

1. Is one F. Furk employed as a Cost Accountant in the Agriculture Department?
2. If so, when was he appointed and at what salary?
3. Were applications called for this position?
4. Is said Furk a British subject?
5. What is his age?
6. Did said Furk serve overseas?
7. What work is said Furk doing, and under whose orders is he working?
8. Why was a returned soldier not appointed?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. June 20th, 1919; salary, \$150; increased November 10th, 1919, to \$175.

"3. No.

"4. Yes.

"5. Thirty-six.

"6. No, physically unfit for military service.

"7. Cost Accountant under orders Land Settlement Board.

"8. A man was required with special qualifications for the work, as it was necessary to install a system that would provide detailed information as to distribution of costs of operations and keep accurate check on stocks in store. This necessitated a man with a special knowledge in this line and Mr. Furk was known to have the necessary qualifications.

"9. The work was pressing and there was no returned soldier available who was known to be able to meet with the requirements."

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

1. Was Dr. F. I. McPhillips formerly surgeon at the Boys' Industrial School at Point Grey?

2. Has he been relieved of this position?

3. If so, for what reason?

4. How long had he held this position?

5. Who has been appointed in his place?

6. What salary is his successor receiving?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. His charges were considered high, amounting to \$5,085 for the past four years of his tenure of office, of which amount he was allowed and paid \$4,268.50.

"4. Since 1905.

"5. Dr. Stanley Paulin.

"6. \$600 per annum."

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

1. How many prosecutions were launched under the "Game Act" during the years (a) 1918 and (b) 1919?

2. How many convictions were obtained under said Act during (a) 1918 and (b) 1919?

3. What was the nature of the offences?

4. How many convictions were obtained during said years by constables who were Game Wardens prior to January 1st, 1917?

5. What was the nature of the offences in each case?

6. How many convictions were obtained by others than the above during the said years?

7. What was the nature of the offences in each case?

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

"1. Prosecutions 1918, 194; prosecutions 1919, 267.

"2. Convictions 1918, 159; convictions 1919, 235.

"3. Refer to Provincial Game Warden's Reports for 1918 and 1919.

"4. Convictions 1918, 40; convictions 1919, 65.

"5. 1918: Carrying firearms without a licence, 13; deer in possession during close season, 4; grouse in possession during close season, 3; pump-guns not properly plugged, 3; moose-meat in possession during close season, 2; insectivorous birds in possession, 2; shooting game birds from power-boat, 2; killing a deer during close season, 1; having game on premises of a shop, 1; killing a grouse during close season, 1; hen pheasant in possession, 1; having game in possession during close season, 1; hunting during close season, 1; keeping game in cold storage, 1; trespassing on game reserve, 1; head-lights and firearms in possession, 1; refusing to stop auto for an officer, 1; giving false information to an officer, 1; total, 40. 1919: Carrying firearms without a licence, 17; hunting deer with dogs, 7; killing deer during close season, 5; pit-lamping, 4; hunting game birds from power-boat, 4; non-residents hunting without a licence, 4; deer in possession during close season, 2; having deer-meat on premises of a logging camp and eating-house, 2; guiding non-resident hunters without a licence, 2; having game birds upon shop premises, 2; hunting between sunset and sunrise, 3; killing hen pheasant during close season, 1; possession of pheasant during close season, 1; hunting game birds with P.F. licence,

1; using F.F. licence on lands other than his own, 1; killing deer under one year in age, 1; in possession of beaver-pelts without a permit, 1; killing bear during close season, 1; setting net for the taking of game birds, 1; giving false information to an officer, 1; possession of grouse during close season, 1; refusing to stop to be searched, 1; pump-gun not properly plugged, 1; trapping racoon during close season, 1; total, 65.

"6. Convictions 1918, 119; convictions 1919, 170.

"7. 1918: Game in possession during close season, 6; venison on premises of a restaurant, 1; exceeding bag limit on deer, 1; trapping without a licence, 1; hunting wild-fowl from power-boat in tidal waters (January 1st, 1918, to March 31st, 1918), 4; non-resident carrying firearms without a licence, 1; furnishing false information, 1; pump-gun not plugged, 4; killing grouse during close season (gaol sentence), 1; killing deer during close season, 1; killing fawns, 5; fawn in possession, 1; allowing dogs to run deer, 5; killing female moose, 1; killing caribou during close season, 1; caribou-meat in possession illegally, 12; killing mountain-goat illegally, 2; killing bear without a licence, 1; killing pheasants during close season, 3; killing grouse during close season, 1; grouse in possession illegally, 4; hunting ducks during close season, 1; ducks in possession illegally, 1; European partridge in possession illegally, 1; hunting illegally with farmer's free licence (April 1st, 1918, to December 31st, 1918), 1; non-resident carrying firearms without a licence, 1; carrying firearms without a licence, 36; trespassing in pursuit of game in game reserve, 5; trespassing in pursuit of game, 7; trapping during close season, 2; boy under sixteen carrying firearms illegally, 1; carrying firearms in auto illegally, 1; firearms and head-lights in possession (pit-lamping) (gaol sentence), 2; removing traps illegally (gaol sentence), 1; killing grouse during close season (gaol sentence), 1; game in possession illegally (gaol sentence), 1; total, 119. 1919: Killing caribou during close season, 1; in possession of deer-meat under one year in age, 7; deer in possession during close season, 5; killing deer during close season, 6; killing deer under one year in age, 1; running deer with dogs, 1; having deer-meat on premises of a logging camp, 2; possession of game during close season, 5; unlawful sale of deer-meat, 1; killing willow-grouse during close season, 1; possession of blue grouse during close season, 2; killing grouse during close season, 2; possession of grouse during close season, 6; possession of hen pheasant during close season, 2; possession of hen pheasant and grouse during close season, 1; possession of hen pheasant and partridges during close season, 1; hunting pheasants without a licence, 1; possession of wild duck during close season, 1; killing ducks during close season, 2; shooting swans during close season, 1; shooting game birds without a licence, 1; hunting game birds during close season, 1; hunting game birds in prohibited area, 3; carrying firearms without a licence, 35; carrying firearms without a licence (under age), 1; carrying firearms without accompanying badge, 6; non-resident carrying firearms without a licence, 2; using another person's licence, 1; killing game without a licence, 3; carrying a pump-gun not plugged, 12; possession of an automatic shotgun, 2; carrying firearms in auto illegally, 5; trapping without a licence, 11; possession of traps without a licence, 3; removing a licensed trapper's traps, 2; possession of pelts of fur-bearing animals illegally, 2; hunting game during close season, 3; trespassing in pursuit of game, 3; game on premises of a restaurant, 1; non-resident carrying firearms without a licence, 1; trapping without a licence, season 1918-19 (gaol sentence), 1; trapping during close season and carrying firearms without a licence (gaol sentence), 1; non-resident trapping (three men tried on the following also: Killing fur-bearing animals, killing mountain-goat, calf moose, carrying firearms without a licence) (gaol sentences), 16; trapping without a licence (gaol sentence), 1; possession of pheasants during close season, 1; total, 170."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to establish a Subnormal Boys' School" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company, and between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Province of British Columbia, and By-law Number 2080 of the said Corporation passed in connection therewith, and to enable the said Corporation to carry out the Intent and Purposes of the said By-law and Agreements" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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 p.m.

Tuesday, 24th February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dean *C. S. Quinton*.

The Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, presented on the 23rd instant, was *Ordered* to be returned to said Committee for further consideration.

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, Private Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Northern Hydro-electric Company" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the name of Mrs. *Smith* be added to those composing the Private Bills Committee.

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

1. Has the Provincial Government insured any property within the Province against loss by fire?
2. If so, what property, and what was the amount of the premium during (a) 1917; (b) 1918; (c) 1919?
3. With what companies is it insured?
4. Through what agents?
5. Are all these companies licensed to do business in British Columbia?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Parliament Buildings; Court-house, Vancouver; and Government House. All three-year policies.

"*Parliament Buildings*.—Name of company, premium, and agent are as follows: Guardian Assurance Co., \$46.25, A. T. Abbey; Commercial Union Assurance Co., \$185, A. W. Bridgman; Phoenix Insurance Co., Hartford, \$92.50, B.A. Trust Co.; Alliance Insurance Co., Philadelphia, \$92.50, B.A. Trust Co.; Employers' Liability Assurance, \$185, Burdick Bros.; Phoenix Assurance, London, \$185, B.C.L. & I. Agency; B.A. Assurance Co., Toronto, \$185, P. R. Brown; Dominion Assurance Co., \$46.25, Geo. S. Brown; Merchants' Fire Assurance Corp., \$46.25, Geo. S. Brown; The London Mutual Assurance, \$46.25, Geo. S. Brown; Millers' National, \$46.25, Geo. S. Brown; The Palatine, \$46.25, J. H. Baker; Law Union & Rock, \$46.25, A. S. Barton; National of Hartford, \$46.25, J. L. Beckwith; Employers' Liability, \$46.25, Bullen & Jamieson; L'Union of Paris, \$92.50, Cameron Investment; American Central, \$92.50, Cameron Investment; Firemen's Insurance, \$92.50, Coast Builders & Brokers, Ltd.; Fidelity-Phoenix, \$92.50, Arthur Coles; The Ocean, \$92.50, Arthur Coles; Liverpool-Manitoba Assurance, \$693.75, L. U. Conyers; National Union, Pittsburgh, \$185, Cross & Co.; Yorkshire, \$46.25, Currie & Power; Nova Scotia Fire, \$46.25, Currie & Power; Fidelity Fire Underwriters, \$92.50, Currie & Power; Springfield, \$46.25, Colonial Trust; London Mutual, \$46.25, A. E. Jones; The Nationale Fire, Paris, \$46.25, Duck & Johnston; The Mount Royal, \$46.25, Duck & Johnston; Fire Insurance Co. of Canada, \$46.25, Duck & Johnston; The Stuyvesant, \$46.25, Duck & Johnston; Agricultural, \$92.50, Dalby

& Co.; Quebec Assurance Co., \$92.50, Dalby & Co.; Law Union & Rock, \$92.50, R. S. Day; The Guardian, \$92.50, R. S. Day; Canadian Fire, \$138.75, Douglas Mackay; The Palatine, \$92.50, Douglas Mackay; Mechanics & Traders, \$92.50, Dunfords, Ltd.; The Globe Indemnity, \$92.50, Dunfords, Ltd.; Union Insurance Society, \$46.25, Dodwell & Co.; Atlas, \$185, J. G. Elliott; British Crown, \$185, Empire Realty Co.; Queensland Insurance Co., \$92.50, Elliott & Crow; Hudson's Bay, \$46.25, R. N. Furgeson; Westchester, \$46.25, R. N. Furgeson; Northern Assurance Co., \$185, D. & B. Findlay; The Mercantile, \$46.25, P. J. Crow; The Phoenix of Hartford, \$46.25, P. R. Fleming; London Guarantee, \$46.25, W. G. Gaunce; British North Western, \$46.25, T. J. Goodlake; The Dominion of Canada, \$92.50, Griffith Co.; The Phoenix Insurance Co., Paris, \$46.25, Griffith Co.; The Equitable Fire & Marine, \$46.25, Griffith Co.; British Empire Underwriters, \$46.25, H. Hastings; Western, \$92.50, Heisterman & Co.; Norwich Union, \$92.50, Heisterman & Co.; Queens of America, \$46.25, A. H. Harman; Royal Exchange, \$92.50, E. E. Heath; The Acadia, \$92.50, E. E. Heath; Pacific Coast, \$92.50, Island Investment; Union Assurance Co., \$185, E. M. Johnson; Caledonian, \$185, A. W. Jones, Ltd.; Aetna, \$277.50, Richard Hall & Son; Hartford Fire or New York Under Agency, \$185, J. Kingham & Co., Ltd.; Atlas, \$46.25, King Bros.; Globe Indemnity, \$46.25, F. M. Kilner; Niagara, \$185, Leeming Bros.; The Mercantile, \$92.50, Lloyd-Young Co.; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$693.75, Lee & Fraser; The Canadian Fire, \$92.50, A. Lineham; The Acadia, \$46.25, F. Lewin; Niagara, \$92.50, F. M. McGregor; Federal Underwriters, \$601.25, McPherson & Co.; Federal Underwriters, \$92.50, McPherson & Co.; The Commercial Union, \$46.25, T. P. McConnell; Provincial Insurance Co., \$46.25, W. J. McKeon; Sun Insurance Office, \$46.25, A. A. Meharey; General Fire Assurance Corp., \$185, C. S. Mann; The Century Insurance Co., \$277.50, Mackay & Gillespie; The London Assurance Co., \$92.50, Wm. Monteith & Co.; Liverpool-Manitoba, \$92.50, S. P. Moody; Globe Underwriters Agency, \$92.50, Fred. C. Nevin; North British & Mercantile, \$92.50, B. C. Oddy; North West Fire, \$92.50, Payne & Pitts; Sun Insurance Co., \$92.50, Pemberton & Son; Scottish Union & National, \$92.50, Pemberton & Son; Citizens' Insurance Co., \$46.25, R. B. Punnett; Queen Insurance Co., \$185, R. P. Rithet Co.; The Century, \$46.25, Robertson & Co.; Connecticut, \$185, Swinerton & Co.; Alliance Assurance Co., \$46.25, A. Coles; Springfield, \$92.50, J. R. Saunders; Hartford Fire, \$185, Turner-Beeton Co.; Eagle & British Dominions, \$46.25, Trust Co. of Victoria; British Colonial, \$92.50, G. I. Warren; Royal, \$92.50, R. V. Winch Co.; London & Lancashire, \$92.50, R. V. Winch Co.; Alliance of Philadelphia, \$46.25, J. Keith Wilson; London Assurance, \$46.25, Wise & Co.; The Canada Accident, \$185, E. White & Son.

"Court-house, Vancouver.—Name of company, premium, and agent are as follows: Quebec Fire, \$43, Northern Securities, Ltd.; Connecticut Fire, \$86, Macaulay & Nicholls; Springfield, \$86, Macaulay & Nicholls; Citizens of Missouri, \$64.50, Macaulay & Nicholls; Dominion of Canada, \$64.50, Macaulay & Nicholls; Commercial Union, \$250, Macaulay & Nicholls (furniture); Springfield, \$50, Macaulay & Nicholls (furniture); California, \$172; Burnett & Matheson; American Central, \$172, Vancouver Insurance & Vessel Agency, Ltd.; British Crown Assurance Co., \$43, A. S. Matthew & Co.; St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance, \$387, B. S. Brown, Ltd.; British Crown Assurance, Ltd., \$86, A. S. Matthew & Co.; Canadian Fire Insurance Co., \$215, Campion & Pound; Mercantile Fire Insurance, \$86, Mills Ross, Ltd.; Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Co., \$129, N. J. MacArthur; Continental of N.Y., \$172, P. Donnelly; Canada Accident Co., \$172, A. W. Woodward; Canada Accident Co., \$86, A. W. Woodward; Continental of N.Y., \$86, Vancouver Insurance & Vessel Agency, Ltd.; Caledonian of Edinburgh, \$172, E. W. Maclean, Ltd.; Canada Accident Assurance Co., \$64.50, Allan & Richards; Western Assurance Co., \$86, Buscombe Securities Co.; British America Assurance Co., \$43, Ceperley, Rounsefell & Co.; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$43, Ceperley, Rounsefell & Co.; Sun Insurance Co., \$215, Horne, Taylor & Co.; Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Co., \$86, N. J. MacArthur; Fidelity-Phoenix, \$86, H. Bell-Irving & Co., Ltd.; Nova Scotia Fire, \$215, MacAulay & Nicholls; Aetna Insurance Co., \$129, Vancouver Insurance & Vessel Agency, Ltd.; Queen of America, \$86, Balfour-Guthrie & Co.; Northern Assurance Co., \$64.50, Allan & Richards.

"Government House.—Name of company, premium, and agent are as follows: Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co., \$100, Lee & Fraser; Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co., \$50, Lee & Fraser; Caledonian Insurance, \$50, A. W. Jones, Ltd.; London Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Canada (furniture), \$20, Duck & Johnston; Commercial Union Assurance, \$50, A. W. Bridgman; Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Co. (furniture), \$50, Green, Burdick Bros., Ltd.; Western Assurance (furniture), \$50, Heisterman, Foreman Co.; Norwich Union Fire

Office (furniture), \$50, Heisterman, Foreman Co.; Mount Royal Assurance Company of Montreal (furniture), \$20, Duck & Johnston; Aetna Insurance Co., \$100, Richard Hall; Niagara Fire Insurance Co., \$50, Leeming Bros., Ltd.

"3 and 4. Answered by No. 2.

"5. Yes."

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

1. What is the total amount of money expended for the period between April 1st, 1919, and December 31st, 1919, in Fort George Electoral District for: (a) Bridge construction; (b) bridge repairs; (c) road construction; (d) road repairs?

2. How much of the total amount under the above heads was expended under the supervision of: (a) Hugh Taylor, General Foreman; (b) D. Menard, General Foreman; (c) J. D. Moore, General Foreman, or any other General Foreman?

3. What was the total amount expended in Fort George Electoral District for: (a) Public buildings, exclusive of school-houses; (b) school-houses?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. (a) \$28,597.87; (b) \$2,540.65; (c) \$48,290.25; (d) \$25,519.09.

"2. Hugh Taylor, General Foreman: (a) \$25,569.33; (b) \$2,225.65; (c) \$46,240.25; (d) \$21,081.19. D. Menard, General Foreman: (a) \$3,028.54; (b) \$315; (c) \$2,050; (d) \$4,437.90.

"3. (a) \$879.67; (b) nil."

The Report on Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Crown Lands Sub-purchasers' Indemnity Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mount Robson Park Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to provide for the Conservation of Useful Domestic Animals" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to establish a Subnormal Boys' School."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

The debate continuing was, on the motion of Mr. Ross, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Charitable and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation."

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations, and to provide for their Regulation."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to regulate the Hours of Labour in certain Industries in the Province of British Columbia" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. Was the insurance on the Court-house at Vancouver renewed?
2. If so, when, and why?
3. What was the amount of said insurance?
4. To whom were cheques issued for said insurance, with amounts in each case for said insurance?
5. Who was entrusted with the placing of said insurance?
6. Were any tenders called before same was placed?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. April, 1919; in the public interest.

"3. \$430,000

"4. Northern Securities, Ltd., \$43; Macaulay & Nicholls, \$816; Burnett & Matheson, \$172; Vancouver Insurance & Vessel Agency, Ltd., \$387; A. S. Matthew & Co., \$129; B. S. Brown, Ltd., \$387; Campion & Pound, \$215; Mills Ross, Ltd., \$86; N. J. MacArthur, \$215; P. Donnelly, \$172; A. W. Woodward, \$258; E. W. MacLean, \$172; Allan & Rickards, \$129; Buscombe Securities Co., \$86; Ceperley, Rounsefell & Co., \$86; Horne, Taylor & Co., \$215; H. Bell-Irving & Co., \$86; Balfour-Guthrie Co., \$86.

"5. G. E. Macdonald.

"6. No."

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 24th, 1920.

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. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

EDWD. GAWLER PRIOR,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 24th, 1920.

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. 22) intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Creameries and Dairies," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, 25th February, 1920.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Wm. Stevenson.

Mr. Jackson presented the Eleventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 25th, 1920.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended, and that the time for reporting Private Bills to the House be extended to March 10th, 1920.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Mr. F. J. A. MacKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Were Lots 1303, 1304, 1305, 1307, and 1308, property of the South Nicola Coal Co., sold for taxes in October, 1918?
2. If so, did said lots revert to the Crown?
3. On what date did they become Crown property?
4. Did Joseph Walters, member for Yale, make application to the Department of Lands to purchase or lease these coal lands?
5. If so, on what date was application made by said Walters?
6. What has the Department done with Walters' application?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. These lots were offered for sale on October 24th, 1918, for unpaid taxes, but there were no bidders.

"2. Yes.

"3. October 24th, 1919.

"4. Yes.

"5. November 22nd, 1919.

"6. Application favourably considered."

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

1. Were the expenses of transportation of E. C. Manning, District Forester of Prince Rupert in 1918, and family from Calgary to Prince Rupert paid by the Department?

2. If so, what amounts were paid in respect of the same: (a) For transportation of E. C. Manning; (b) for transportation of his family; (c) for transportation of his furniture and effects; (d) for other incidentals (if any)?

3. In what portion of British Columbia did the said E. C. Manning have his domicile during the year prior to June 1st, 1918?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. E. C. Manning came from Calgary to Victoria and eighteen months later was promoted to Prince Rupert on resignation of District Forester there.

"2. Total expenses of the two moves are as follows: (a) Transportation of E. C. Manning, \$55; (b) transportation of Mrs. Manning, \$54.95; (c) transportation of furniture and effects, \$389.02; (d) incidentals, \$197.40.

"3. None. The year's residence in British Columbia referred to in a previous question was in 1912-13, when Mr. Manning was employed in the C.P.R. forestry service."

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

1. Has the Department of Agriculture notified the Advisory Board of the Women's Institutes that they have not been properly appointed?

2. If so, what is the authority for coming to this conclusion?

3. When was such notice given to the Advisory Board?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Section 75A of the 'Agricultural Act' as enacted by section 10, chapter 3, 1917, and section 75A as enacted by section 12, chapter 3, 1917.

"3. October 31st, 1919."

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

1. What amount of money for loaning to farmers was placed at the disposal of the Land Settlement Board by the Government during 1919?

2. How many loans were granted by the Land Settlement Board out of such money?

3. What was the aggregate amount of money thus loaned?

4. What rate of interest has been charged to borrowers on such loans?

5. From what source or sources has the money been obtained for said loans?

6. What rate of interest is such money costing the Province, and what is it costing the Board?

7. How many applications for loans have been received by the Land Settlement Board during 1919?

8. How many applications were refused, and the total amount represented by these applications?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. Money placed at the disposal of the Land Settlement Board was for the general purposes of the Board. No specified amount was granted for loaning to farmers.

"2. During 1919 one hundred loans were passed.

"3. Amount of same, \$183,700.

"4. Rate of interest, 7½ per cent.

"5. 'Loan Act' of 1917.

"6. The source of this specific amount cannot be clearly defined, as parts of it were secured at rates of 5% per cent. and 6½ per cent. respectively.

"7. One hundred and eighty applications received, \$452,650.

"8. Sixty-two rejected and withdrawn, \$207,800."

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

1. How many and what are the names of the directors of the Land Settlement Board?
2. What salaries have been paid to each per month during 1919?
3. What was the total amount of salary paid each director during 1919?
4. What were the monthly expenses of each director during 1919?
5. How many officials and clerks were employed by the Land Settlement Board during 1919?
6. What was the total amount of salaries paid the staff of the Land Settlement Board during 1919?
7. What was the total amount paid by the Land Settlement Board for expenses of staff and other incidental disbursements during 1919?
8. How many officials were discharged during 1919, giving particulars and reasons in each case?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. Five, as follows: J. A. Macdonald, Director; D. D. Munro, Director; C. R. Ward, Director; W. S. Latta, Director; R. D. Davies, Director.

"2. \$175 per month to November 30th; \$200 per month in December.

"3. J. A. Macdonald, \$2,125; D. D. Munro, \$2,125; C. R. Ward, \$2,125; W. S. Latta, \$1,220.80; R. D. Davies, \$900; F. R. E. DeHart, \$1,225.

"4. Monthly expenses of each director as follows:—

	Macdonald.	Munro.	Ward.	DeHart.	Latta.	Davis.	Nelems.
Jan.	\$ 59 10	\$ 106 35	\$ 165 40	\$ 120 00	.....	.....	\$111 50
Feb.	126 90	147 95	105 35	201 35	.....	.....	.....
Mar. ...	122 10	132 40	125 70	99 95	.....	.....	.....
April ...	144 85	140 75	145 30	227 73	.....	.....	.....
May	196 70	223 40	312 75	424 64	.....	.....	.....
June ...	189 75	169 25	222 90	215 38	\$115 98	.....	.....
July ...	145 25	238 55	207 85	241 12	115 80	.....	.....
Aug. ...	170 60	335 00	214 10	.....	204 55	\$158 10	.....
Sept. ...	186 85	200 00	150 80	.....	172 45	142 55	.....
Oct.	415 45	230 15	181 60	.....	141 00	171 50	.....
Nov. ...	127 90	190 45	87 55	.....	50 45	156 80	.....
Dec. ...	158 20	171 80	191 65	.....	19 75	115 00	.....
	<u>\$2,043 65</u>	<u>\$2,286 05</u>	<u>\$2,110 95</u>	<u>\$1,530 17</u>	<u>\$819 98</u>	<u>\$743 95</u>	<u>\$111 50</u>

"5. Officials, 8 (members); clerks and office staff, 25.

"6. Total salaries paid, \$17,039.44.

"7. Expenses of staff, \$1,665.03.

"8. Seven officials discharged: Maxwell Smith. F. R. E. DeHart. A. F. Walker, engaged on appraisal work which was finished for season; services not required during winter months. W. H. Kirchner, in charge of Vancouver Office, which was closed November 1st; services no longer required. G. H. Outram, temporarily employed in Vanderhoof Office until returned soldier available. P. M. Sanford, Assistant Accountant, employed one month; unsatisfactory. M. Shearer, Stenographer; only remained four days."

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mount Robson Park Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to provide for the Conservation of Useful Domestic Animals" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden of the Province, 1919.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Societies for Charitable and other Useful Purposes, and to provide for their Regulation" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to establish a Subnormal Boys' School" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Incorporation of Co-operative Associations, and to provide for their Regulation" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until to-morrow.

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has the Government paid out any amounts on the Kaslo-Ainsworth Road over and above the contract price of \$19,965?

2. If so, what was the amount paid, to whom, and for what reason?

3. When does the Public Works Department expect a final report from the Engineer in charge as to the completion of the work?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$3,074.15; Rawlings & LaBrash; additional work.

"3. Final report on completion of work received, but not the report on final adjustment."

The Hon. the Minister of Mines presented a Return, pursuant to section 15, chapter 58, Statutes of British Columbia, 1919, "Coal-mines Regulation Act Amendment Act, 1919."

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.