

**Monday, March 25, 1963**

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Provide for Inquiry into Highways Contract No. 819*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 25, 1963.*

*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. 86) intituled *An Act to Provide for Inquiry into Highways Contract No. 819*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 10) intituled *An Act to Amend the Succession Duty Act* was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled *An Act to Amend the Constitution Act* was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled *An Act to Amend the Securities Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 67) intituled *An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 72) intituled *An Act Respecting British Columbia School Districts Capital Financing Authority* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Act*.

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Superannuation Act*.

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 63) intituled *An Act Respecting Universities*.

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 71) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—43

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Huhn</i>
<i>Hobbs, Mrs.</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Speare</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Carnell</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chant</i>
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<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Martin</i>	<i>Dowding</i>
<i>Gaglardi</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

Bill read a second time (*nem. con.*), and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after today.

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

Bill (No. 45) intituled *An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act.*

Bill (No. 61) intituled *An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act.*

Bill (No. 64) intituled *An Act to Incorporate the Notre Dame University of Nelson.*

Bill (No. 66) intituled *An Act to Amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act.*

Bill (No. 68) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Services Medical Plan Act.*

Bill (No. 69) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act.*

Bill (No. 70) intituled *An Act Respecting the Family and Children's Court.*

Bill (No. 73) intituled *An Act to Amend and Repeal Certain Provisions of the Statute Law.*

Bill (No. 79) intituled *An Act Respecting the Establishment of a Health Sciences Centre at The University of British Columbia.*

Bill (No. 80) intituled *An Act to Amend the Victoria College Foundation Act.*

Bill (No. 81) intituled *An Act to Provide for an Exchange of Certain Petroleum and Natural-gas Rights and Certain Petroleum and Natural-gas Leases.*

Bill (No. 82) intituled *An Act for the Validation of Documents and Procedures under the Mineral Act and Placer-mining Act.*

Bill (No. 83) intituled *An Act to Make Certain Provisions to Facilitate Public Access over Private Roads.*

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

With reference to the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs:—

1. Who is the secretary?
2. When was he appointed?
3. What are his qualifications for this position relative to the knowledge of Indian affairs and Indian problems?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Roderick John McInnes is the Director of the Indian Advisory Act.

“ 2. His appointment became effective February 4, 1963.

“ 3. He won the appointment through an in-service competition in which there were several applicants. Mr. McInnes is a graduate of the executive development training course and has been in the Government service since 1939.”

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.08 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 26, 1963**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *L. Jannison*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,375 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1964.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,730 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1964.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$143,954 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division, to 31st March, 1964.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1964.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Pollution-control Board, to 31st March, 1964.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,600,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Winter Works Incentive Programme, to 31st March, 1964.

313. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1964.

314. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$81,666 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, General Administration, to 31st March, 1964.

315. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,970 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Social Assistance and Rehabilitation Division, to 31st March, 1964.

316. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,648,261 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Field Service, to 31st March, 1964.

317. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,378 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Medical Services Division, to 31st March, 1964.

318. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,257,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Social Assistance, to 31st March, 1964.

319. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, *Residence and Responsibility Act*—Administration, to 31st March, 1964.

320. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,780 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, New Denver Pavilion, to 31st March, 1964.

321. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$137,358 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Child Welfare Division, Administration, to 31st March, 1964.

322. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,400,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Child Welfare Division, Maintenance of Dependent Children and Grants to Homes, to 31st March, 1964.

323. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,696 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Provincial Home, to 31st March, 1964.

324. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$459,566 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Brannan Lake School for Boys, to 31st March, 1964.

325. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$310,398 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Willingdon School for Girls, to 31st March, 1964.

326. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$294,973 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Old-age Assistance, Blind Persons' Allowances, and Disabled Persons' Allowances Board—Administration, to 31st March, 1964.

327. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,499,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Old-age Assistance, to 31st March, 1964.

328. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$99,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Blind Persons' Allowances, to 31st March, 1964.

329. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$813,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Social Welfare, Disabled Persons' Allowances, to 31st March, 1964.

294. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,625 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1964.

295. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$191,638 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1964.

296. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,640,545 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government Buildings (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1964.

297. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Construction of Provincial Buildings, to 31st March, 1964.

298. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$596,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rentals, to 31st March, 1964.

299. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$706,841 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Safety Inspection Division, to 31st March, 1964.

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

In answer to the following question standing on the Orders of the Day in the name of Mr. *Strachan*:—

1. With reference to school operating costs, did the Provincial Government pay less than 50 per cent of such costs in any school districts in the 1961 and 1962 school-years?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what percentages were paid in the relevant school districts in 1961 and in 1962?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* stated that, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House and thereupon presented such Return.

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

1. What was the total construction cost of the following bridges: (a) Agassiz-Rosedale, (b) Kelowna, (c) Nelson, (d) Second Narrows, and (e) Oak Street?

2. Approximately what percentage of the construction cost of the following bridges was collected in tolls up to December 31, 1962: (a) Agassiz-Rosedale, (b) Kelowna, (c) Nelson, (d) Second Narrows, and (e) Oak Street?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“1 and 2. See Table G, page 60, 1963 Budget Speech for costs of construction and Table H, page 62, for revenue from tolls.”

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

With respect to expenditure made in the Province for education in the year 1962:—

1. What was the total sum?

2. What portion of the total sum was expended on (a) ordinary expenditure and (b) capital expenditure?

3. What portion of the total sum was contributed by (a) the Provincial Government, (b) the city and district municipalities, and (c) by the Provincial Government on behalf of rural areas of any school district?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“1. \$159,309,413 (exclusive of by-law, trust, etc., funds—school districts for the calendar year 1962, other services for the fiscal year 1961/62).

“2. (a) \$140,294,712 and (b) \$19,014,701.

“3. (a) \$77,560,148, (b) \$53,590,213 (inclusive of towns and villages), and (c) \$15,501,870.”

Mr. *Barrett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

With reference to the purchase of the Montebello Auto Court by the Department of Highways referred to in the Minister's answer to a question recorded in the Journals of this House, page 41, 1962:—

1. What was the name of the individual or company who made the evaluation of the property?

2. What was the exact value placed upon the property by the evaluator?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. H. M. Ballard and E. J. Russell.

“ 2. \$132,500 (excluding equipment and furnishings).”

Mr. *Barrett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were any children who are wards of the Superintendent of Child Welfare awaiting entry to The Woodlands School as at December 31, 1962?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how are these retarded children cared for, (b) for what length of time have these retarded children been awaiting entry, and (c) how many of these children were awaiting entry at December 31, 1962?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) In foster homes; (b) 1 to 2½ years, 2 to 15 months, 3 to 12 months, 1 to 10 months, 1 to 9 months, 1 to 8 months; and (c) nine.”

Mr. *Perrault* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

With respect to highway contracts:—

1. In the period 1954 to 1962, inclusive, have any contractors who have been awarded projects on the basis of low bids subsequently defaulted for financial or other reasons and failed to complete these contracts?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, by years, (a) how many contractors have defaulted, (b) what are their names, (c) which of these defaulting contractors had submitted tender deposits with their bids, and (d) which of these defaulting contractors had submitted bid bonds?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Five; (b) 1956, Bo-Mount Construction Limited; 1957, Craig & Ralston Construction Company Limited, R. & L. Construction Company Limited; 1958, McClay Construction and Mutual Construction Company Limited (joint venture), Sterling Construction Company Limited; (c) all; and (d) none.

“ The undernoted contracts were assigned presumably because of financial difficulties, but the Department was not affected: Project No. 1023, awarded to Continental Contractors Limited, assigned to Mannix Limited; Project No. 907, awarded to McClay Construction Company Limited, assigned to Granite Construction Company Limited; Bridge Project No. 297, awarded to McClay Construction Company Limited, assigned to Granite Construction Company Limited; Project No. 1036, awarded to Windsor Construction Company Limited, assigned to Tide Bay Dredging Company Limited; and Project No. 1031, awarded to Windsor Construction Company Limited, assigned to Tide Bay Dredging Company Limited.”

Mr. *Barrett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

With reference to medical identity cards issued to recipients of social assistance, excluding supplementary social assistance paid to pensioners:—

1. How many cards were in issue on December 31, 1962, or at the latest date available?
2. How many heads of families were covered by the cards referred to in No. 1?
3. How many dependents were covered by the cards referred to in No. 1?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ Information not available.”

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

1. In the years 1952 to 1962 were any specific amounts of money requested by the University of British Columbia as general grants?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the amount in each year?
3. What amounts of money were actually granted by the Provincial Government in each of those years to the University of British Columbia as general grants?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Formal request not made in all years.
- “ 2. No record is maintained.
- “ 3. As voted by the Legislature for each year.”

Mr. *Barrett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to grants of social assistance made between April 1, 1962, and December 31, 1962:—

1. How many individuals were granted Social Allowance?
2. What was the case load and total number of recipients on a monthly basis?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1 and 2. Social Allowances were granted as follows:—

1962	Number of Grants (Cases Opened)	Case Load	Total Number of Recipients
April.....	4,184	27,777	61,822
May.....	5,151	27,328	60,280
June.....	5,143	27,179	59,944
July.....	4,554	25,832	56,466
August.....	4,678	25,655	55,166
September.....	4,447	24,783	53,614
October.....	6,233	25,784	55,899
November.....	6,297	27,234	59,412
December.....	4,613	28,493	62,667 ”

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.



**Tuesday, March 26, 1963**

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 37) intituled *An Act to Amend the Securities Act* was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled *An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act* was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled *An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

The Committee reported that on consideration of section 2 of Bill (No. 45) the Committee divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, it was *Ordered* that the report be adopted and the division be recorded as follows:—

YEAS—30

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>McKay</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Gagliardi</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bonner</i>		

NAYS—16

Messieurs

<i>Hobbs, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Turner</i>

Bill (No. 61) intituled *An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act* was committed, reported complete with amendments and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

The Committee reported that on consideration of section 7 of Bill (No. 61) the Committee divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, it was *Ordered* that the report be adopted and the division be recorded as follows:—

## YEAS—25

## Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Kiernan</i>			

## NAYS—20

## Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Hobbs, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>

## PAIR:

## Messieurs

*Bruch* *McKay*

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Bill (No. 70) intituled *An Act Respecting the Family and Children's Court* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Committee reported that on consideration of section 13 of Bill (No. 70) the Committee divided, and recommended that the division be recorded in the Journals of the House.

By leave of the House, it was *Ordered* that the report be adopted and the division be recorded as follows:—

## YEAS—27

## Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Murray</i>	

## NAYS—20

## Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Squire</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Hobbs, Mrs.</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>

Bill (No. 71) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled *An Act to Amend and Repeal Certain Provisions of the Statute Law* was committed, reported complete with amendments and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

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Bill (No. 82) intituled *An Act for the Validation of Documents and Procedures under the Mineral Act and Placer-mining Act* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled *An Act to Make Certain Provisions to Facilitate Public Access over Private Roads* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled *An Act to Provide for Inquiry into Highways Contract No. 819* was read a second time, and the Rules were suspended and the Bill committed forthwith.

Bill (No. 86) intituled *An Act to Provide for Inquiry into Highways Contract No. 819* was committed, reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for the third reading of Bill (No. 86), made by leave of the House, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—44

Messieurs

<i>Hobbs, Mrs.</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Huhn</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Speare</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chant</i>
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<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Richter</i>

NAYS—4

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>
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PAIR:

Messieurs

<i>Carnell</i>	<i>McKay</i>
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Bill read a third time and passed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.

Bill (No. 50) intituled *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter* was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

The Committee rose and reported progress.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *Murray* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed to examine and inquire into certain matters affecting the commercial fishing industry in British Columbia, as follows:—

#### REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 25, 1963.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed to examine and inquire into certain matters affecting the commercial fishing industry in British Columbia begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee held five meetings and heard submissions from individuals representing the following organizations:—

- (a) The United Fishermen's and Allied Workers' Union:
- (b) The British Columbia Federation of Labour:
- (c) The Fisheries Association of British Columbia:
- (d) The Pacific Trollers' Association:
- (e) The Amalgamated Conservation Society:
- (f) The British Columbia Federation of Fish and Game Clubs.

1. Your Committee noted a broad difference in view-points between various sections of the commercial fishing industry respecting ratification of certain amendments to the International North Pacific Fisheries Convention. Nevertheless, all sections of the industry expressed grave doubt that commercial fishing on the high seas was in the best interests of proper conservation and the principle of sustained annual productivity. It was also noted that all countries had a vested interest in those fish originating within their respective territorial boundaries, which accounted for the extensive research and conservation programmes being carried out by each of the participating nations.

Your Committee noted further that a lack of research data precluded an intelligent appraisal of the future effect of a herring fishery off the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

In view of these circumstances your Committee recommends that the following resolution be forwarded to the Government of Canada:—

Whereas a Special Committee of the British Columbia Legislature was appointed to examine and inquire into certain matters affecting the commercial fishing industry and those employed therein; and

Whereas that Committee subsequently met with principal organizations representative of that industry; and

Whereas there was general agreement among submissions made to the Committee that serious doubt existed that a wholesale commercial fishery on the high seas was in the best interests of proper conservation and the principle of sustained annual productivity; and

Whereas extensive research and conservation programmes were being carried out by each of the participating nations of the convention, particularly concerning those fish in which the respective countries had a vested interest as originating within their respective territorial boundaries; but

Whereas no research data was available from which to form an opinion as to the effect of a future Japanese herring fishery off the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands on immature salmon stocks;

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government of Canada give consideration to receiving representations from all segments of the British Columbia fishing industry prior to the ratification of amendments to the convention now under study; and

Be it further Resolved, That an immediate research programme be instituted to ascertain the future effect of a Japanese herring fishery off the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands on British Columbia herring quotas and immature salmon stocks.

2. Your Committee also noted basic agreement by all segments of the industry with the pressing need to amend the now obsolete 3-mile limitation of Canada's territorial waters. All submissions advocated a straight baseline drawn from headland to headland of British Columbia's outer coastline, and to provide protection for Canadian fisheries for a distance of 12 miles to seaward in support of the arguments offered. As a result thereof your Committee further recommends that another resolution containing this request be forwarded to the Government of Canada, as follows:—

Whereas precedent exists whereby nations have established the width of their territorial seas; and

Whereas the present 3-mile limit is inadequate for the protection of Canadian fisheries;

Therefore be it Resolved, That Canada take unilateral action to establish a headland to headland baseline along its outer coastal shoreline as recommended jointly by Canada and the United States of America at the 1960 United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea; and

Be it further Resolved, That Canada, while recognizing reciprocal fishing rights with the United States of America, declare exclusive fishing rights for a distance of 12 miles to seaward of that baseline; and

Be it further Resolved, That upon such declaration, Canada be prepared to enforce such measures.

3. Your Committee heard further submissions from interested groups respecting the possible adverse effects to spawning-grounds by logging and booming adjacent thereto, and the need to prevent the detrimental removal of gravel therefrom. The only specific instance of the latter mentioned was the Chemainus River, which lies within the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway land grant, and, therefore, outside of Provincial jurisdiction. Nevertheless, your Committee considers that a comprehensive study should be undertaken with a view to ensuring protection of the fishery resource. Your Committee, therefore, recommends as follows:—

That the Minister of Recreation and Conservation have a comprehensive study made, to be presented to the appropriate Committee at the 1964 Session of the Legislature, respecting:—

- (a) Jurisdictional and administrative management of the commercial fisheries of British Columbia; i.e., the Acts and regulations and their operations and enforcement;
- (b) The major problems associated with jurisdiction and administration such as pollution in streams, use of gravel in spawning-streams for industrial purposes, logging and booming practices in areas adjacent to spawning-grounds, relation of sports to commercial fishing, and selected problems.

And further to recommend that conclusions and recommendations form a part of this study.

And further to recommend that the Government give consideration to the appointment of a fisheries biologist to the Commercial Fisheries Branch to conduct such a study.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

The report was taken as read and received.

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following question:—

In respect of the difference of opinion between the Federal and the Provincial Governments concerning the jurisdiction of the offshore mineral rights and the continental shelf of British Columbia, what, if any, progress has been made with regard to settling the question as to which Government has jurisdiction?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“As there does not appear to be any likelihood of resolving this question short of action in the Courts, the Provincial Government has therefore appointed counsel and is drafting terms for referral to the Courts.”

Mr. *Cox* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

With reference to applications for the position of Superintendent of Public Works at Kamloops and the Minister's answer regarding this position recorded in the Journals of the House, 1961, page 175, when rating the successful applicant did the Civil Service Commission place him first, second, third, fourth, or fifth?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

“Information not of any public importance.”

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 1.22 a.m.

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Wednesday, March 27, 1963

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

300. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1964.

301. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$76,806 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, General Administration, to 31st March, 1964.

302. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,834 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1964.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,884 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Commercial Fisheries Branch, to 31st March, 1964.

304. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$653,331 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Game Branch, Administrative Division, to 31st March, 1964.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$267,929 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Game Branch, Fisheries Management Division, to 31st March, 1964.

306. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$206,017 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Game Branch, Game Management Division, to 31st March, 1964.

307. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$114,950 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Fish and Game Branch, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds, to 31st March, 1964.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$697,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Tourist Traffic, Travel Division, to 31st March, 1964.

309. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,125 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Tourist Traffic, California Office, to 31st March, 1964.

310. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,388 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Tourist Traffic, Photographic Branch, to 31st March, 1964.

311. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,636,768 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Parks Branch, to 31st March, 1964.

312. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Youth Training Programme, to 31st March, 1964.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Commercial Transport, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1964.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,182 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Commercial Transport, General Administration, to 31st March, 1964.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$63,350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Commercial Transport, Engineering Branch, to 31st March, 1964.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$429,266 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Commercial Transport, Weigh-scale Branch, to 31st March, 1964.

292. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$152,143 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, *Public Utilities Act* and *Cemeteries Act*, to 31st March, 1964.



293. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$209,544 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, *Motor Carrier Act*, to 31st March, 1964.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,609,974.67 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1962, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$451,580 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1964.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered forthwith.

The reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on February 27th and 28th and on March 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th were taken as read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the Rules were suspended and the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply were read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the question was put and agreed to,—

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

*Resolved*, That toward the making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Public Service of the Province, there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the following:—

- (1) \$3,609,974.67 to make good certain sums expended for the fiscal year ended the 31st day of March, 1962.
- (2) \$372,705,575 toward defraying the several charges and expenses for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1964.

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The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 84) intituled *An Act for Granting 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. 84) intituled *An Act for Granting 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, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

The Bill was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 64) intituled *An Act to Incorporate the Notre Dame University of Nelson* was read a third time and passed.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *An Act Respecting the Sale of Goods under Time Sale Agreements* a debate arose.

By leave of the House, at the request of Mr. *Strachan*, the motion was withdrawn.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Bodies Financial Information Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived and Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Elections Act* a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16

Messieurs

*Hobbs, Mrs.*  
*Mather, Mrs.*  
*Rhodes*  
*Calder*

*Cox*  
*Dowding*  
*Gargrave*  
*Barrett*

*Nimsick*  
*Haggen, Mrs.*  
*Macdonald*  
*Squire*

*Eddie*  
*Harding*  
*Strachan*  
*Turner*

## NAYS—29

## Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>McKay</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>			

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled *An Act to Amend the Municipal Act* a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:—

## YEAS—21

## Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Squire</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Hobbs, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>McKay</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Calder</i>			

## NAYS—27

## Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Murray</i>	

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled *An Act to Amend the Trade-unions Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived and Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled *An Act to Amend the Equal Pay Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived and Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled *An Act to Amend the Hours of Work Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived and Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 77) intituled *An Act to Amend the Annual Holidays Act* a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—21

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Squire</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Hobbs, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>McKay</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Calder</i>			

NAYS—28

Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Richter</i>

Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 78) intituled *An Act to Amend the River-bank Protection Act* a debate arose.

Bill ruled out of order as being in contravention of Standing Order 66 and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled *An Act to Amend the Attachment of Debts Act* a debate arose.

Motion negatived and Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House reverted to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. *Rhodes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

That Standing Order No. 3 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended by adding at the end thereof:—

"If at the hour of 11 o'clock p.m. the business of the day be not concluded and no time has been agreed upon for the next sitting, Mr. Speaker shall leave the chair until 2 o'clock p.m. the following day, or such other hour as may be agreed upon."

A debate arose.

Motion negatived.

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

Be it Resolved, That this House requests the Provincial Government to consider the advisability of urging the Federal Government to enact legislation which will enable the Province to assume complete administration of Indian affairs within the

Province of British Columbia, when such decentralization is requested by the Province and by the majority of the non-treaty and treaty Indians who are residents in the Province; and this House further requests the Provincial Government to consider the advisability of negotiating with the Federal Government for the financial arrangements which will permit the Province to make services, enjoyed by all the citizens of British Columbia, available to the Indians of the Province, and to undertake such specialized educational, developmental, and economic programmes as would be required by reason of the special needs and problems of the Indian communities; and that until such legislation is enacted and negotiations completed, this House urges the Provincial Government to continue its effort, within Provincial jurisdiction, to provide equal services to these Indian communities.

A debate arose.

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

Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Haggen*,—

That this Government give consideration to dispensing with the necessity of obtaining a fiat from the Crown before a citizen can proceed to take court action against the Crown.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Rhodes* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Mather*,—

That all correspondence from January, 1961, to date, between W. H. Merner, Administrator of Surrey Social Welfare Department, and the Department of Social Welfare relating to suggested improvements in the operation of Surrey Social Welfare Department be tabled in the House forthwith.

Motion negatived.

Mrs. *Hobbs* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harding*,—

Resolved, That a copy of the Crippen Wright engineering report on the Columbia River be tabled in this House forthwith.

Motion agreed to.

Mrs. *Hobbs* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*,—

That a special committee of seven members of the House be appointed to examine and inquire into the problem of traffic fatalities and accidents on the highways of the Province and their causes, and to report to the Legislature with its observations thereon and any recommendations as to any legislation to be adopted with reference thereto, and that such committee have power to send for persons, papers, or records.

A debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *Turner* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House after today.

Mr. *Calder* moved, seconded by Mr. *Squire*,—

That all correspondence, telegrams, and documents which have been exchanged between the Provincial Government, Territorial Council of Yukon, and the State of

Alaska, since January 1, 1959, relating to the Alaska-Yukon-British Columbia Conference on mutual interest be tabled in this House forthwith.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Perrault* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macfarlane*,—

Be it Resolved, By this Legislative Assembly that the Government of the Province of British Columbia be urged to exert every reasonable effort to co-operate with the Governments of Canada and the other Provinces to secure the incorporation of a Bill of Rights into the *British North America Act* as an integral part of our Constitution.

A debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House after today.

Mr. *Perrault* moved, seconded by Mr. *McGeer*,—

That the Government consider the advisability of establishing a printed verbatim account of the speeches, remarks, and proceedings of this Legislative Assembly and that this account be made available daily to the members of this Legislative Assembly and to those outside this Assembly who may wish to subscribe to such a Hansard record.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Perrault* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macfarlane*,—

That the Government consider the advisability of permitting the radio recording and subsequent broadcasting of all speeches and (or) proceedings of this Legislative Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

Mrs. *Mather* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*,—

Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that representations should be made by the Province of British Columbia to the Parliament of Canada with the object of securing amendment to the Criminal Code of Canada whereby exemption may be granted to Provincially controlled lotteries.

A debate arose.

On a point of order being taken, Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that it tends to dictate Government policy.

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

Be it Resolved, That this House give consideration to implementing a basic automobile insurance plan which would provide compensation to every victim of an automobile accident, and which insurance would be supplied at cost through a Government automobile insurance agency.

Motion negatived.

Mr. *Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Mather*,—

That this Fourth Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the Province of British Columbia urge upon the Government of Canada that the acquisition of nuclear weapons for the equipment of Canadian forces either at home or abroad is not in the best interests of the Canadian people or the cause of world peace.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—19

Messieurs

<i>Hobbs, Mrs.</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Shelford</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	

NAYS—31

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Skilling</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>McKay</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	

Mr. *McGeer* moved, seconded by Mr. *Perrault*,—

That this Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that redistribution of seats in the Provincial Legislature should be undertaken before the next Provincial general election:

And that the Provincial Government should request forthwith that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia appoint an independent commission to reapportion the electoral districts according to an agreed upon formula which takes into account both area and population.

A debate arose.

On a point of order being taken, Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that it involved an obligation on the Government to bring in a Bill.

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

Resolved, That the briefs received from the fisheries council and the fishermen's union be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries.

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

That a Special Committee of this House consisting of nine members—five to be appointed by the President of the Council, three by the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and one by the House leader of the Liberal Party—be appointed to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as may pertain to the impact

of automation and mechanization on the social and economic welfare of the people of British Columbia, and to report their observations, opinions, or recommendations thereon to the Legislature from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers, and records as required, and to hold meetings between sessions of this Legislature.

A debate arose.

On a point of order being taken, Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that it is inoperative as it would be impossible of implementation.

Mr. *Perrault* moved, seconded by Mr. *McGeer*,—

Resolved, That the Government recommend to the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority that free transportation on its transit system be provided during slack hours to those receiving Old-age Assistance, Old Age Security with Supplementary Social Allowance, Blind Persons' Allowance, and Disabled Persons' Allowance.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Matthew*, that the motion be amended as follows:—

That after the word "Government" in the first line thereof the word "recommend" be deleted and the following words inserted: "give consideration to recommending."

On a point of order being taken, Mr. Speaker ruled the previous motion out of order on the ground that it affects Crown revenue.

Mr. *Rhodes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Calder*,—

That this Government appoint a Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to inquire into methods and procedures used by all political parties in British Columbia to obtain party funds:

And further to make recommendations as to procedures that should be adopted by law to limit the spending by each party and each candidate at election time along with any other relevant recommendations.

A debate arose.

On a point of order being taken, Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order as it imposed an obligation on the Crown.

Mr. *Shelford* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*,—

Whereas, according to the report of the Bureau of Economics and Statistics tabled in the House during the last Session, the price charged the motorist varies more than 20 cents from one area to another, for example: Vancouver, 36.9 cents; Alberni, 47.9 cents; Princeton, 48.9 cents; Revelstoke, 49.9 cents; Pavilion, 53 cents; Williams Lake, 51 cents; Burns Lake, 50.5 cents; Atlin 65 cents; and Fort Nelson, 58 cents; and that the commercial and Government accounts purchase gas approximately 10 cents less than service-stations in the same locality:

Be it Resolved, That the Government give consideration to appointment of a Royal Commission to study all phases of petroleum-marketing practices in this Province and to make recommendations thereon.

Motion agreed to.



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

That the resignation of Mr. *Rhodes* from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing be accepted, and that Mr. *Macdonald* be appointed in his stead.

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

That the full report and recommendations of the tribunal headed by Mr. Justice James Coady relating to the payment of an extra \$1,799,730 to Perini Pacific Limited for work on Port Mann Bridge be tabled in this House immediately.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Price* moved, seconded by Mr. *Shelford*,—

That this House request this Government to petition the Federal Government for an increase in the old-age and blind pensions from \$65 per month to \$85 per month.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Perrault*,—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing which was read and received by this House on Thursday, March 14, 1963, be now adopted and permission granted to make the Royal Canadian Mounted Police report available to the members of the Committee “in camera.”

A debate arose.

On a point of order being taken, Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that a Select Standing Committee or any committee of the House may not do indirectly what the House cannot do. It is improper for the House to require the production of documents unless they are of an official or public nature, and it is a matter of public policy that police reports do not come within this category.

An appeal was taken from the Speaker's decision.

The House divided.

The Speaker's decision was sustained on the following division:—

#### YEAS—32

##### Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Carnell</i>
<i>McKay</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Gagliardi</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Richter</i>

#### NAYS—16

##### Messieurs

<i>Hobbs, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Turner</i>

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

That the Government of the Province of British Columbia urge the Federal Government to delay ratification of the North Pacific Treaty until the next session of the Federal Parliament, where it may be brought to the floor of the House of Commons for consideration.

Mr. *Shelford* presented the report of the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries, on the matters referred to it pursuant to motion passed on February 11, 1963, as follows:—

#### REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 27, 1963.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries begs leave to report as follows:—

Pursuant to motion of February 11, 1963, your Committee was ordered convened to study the following matter: To consider the following reports which were requested to be prepared:—

- (a) The Forest Service to indicate the disposition of the unallocated volume of timber available for sale from the Yalakom Sustained-yield Unit:
- (b) The Parks Branch of the Department of Recreation and Conservation to present a study of the overmature timber stands within Garibaldi Park with a view to allowing select cutting in areas unsuitable for recreational development:
- (c) The Forest Service to detail the inventory for Tree-farm Licence No. 38 and give information concerning reinventory of the Soo Sustained-yield Unit:
- (d) The Forest Service to present a study of all timber leases, licences, and berths to see if the harvest of trees from these tenures is being delayed so that the stands become overmature and thus reduce the potential productive capacity of such Crown lands:
- (e) The Forest Service to present an analysis of the timber sales in the Vancouver Forest District to indicate any change in the acquisition of quotas within sustained-yield units from that presented to the Committee at the last Session:
- (f) The Forest Service to give the details of the operation of the 30 to 50 per cent contract cutting clauses in tree-farm licences.

And further to consider bidding practices relating to Crown timber sales in sustained-yield units, and to consider matters which may be related to any of the above problems, and to hear such persons as may wish to make representations on these and related matters.

Sixteen meetings were held by your Committee, and representations were heard from the following:—

- (1) Ahbau Forest Association.
- (2) Crooked River Forest Association.
- (3) Cottonwood Forest Association.
- (4) Parsnip Forest Association.
- (5) Willow River Forest Association.

- (6) Stuart Lake Forest Association.
- (7) West Lake Forest Association.
- (8) Quesnel Forest Association.
- (9) Williams Lake Forest Association.
- (10) Savona Timber.
- (11) Independent Timber Converters Association.
- (12) B.C. Truck Loggers' Association.
- (13) Fichtner Lumber Company Limited.
- (14) Leboe Lumber Limited.
- (15) Nance Lumber Company.
- (16) S. B. Trick Lumber Company Limited.
- (17) McDermids & Lofting Limited.
- (18) Red Rock Lumber Limited.
- (19) Hansard Lumber Company Limited.
- (20) B.C. Spruce Sales Limited.
- (21) Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association.
- (22) Eagle Lake Sawmills Limited.
- (23) Pondsosa Pine Lumber Company Limited.
- (24) Frolek Sawmills Limited.
- (25) Hampton Lumber Mills Limited.
- (26) Independent Loggers' Association, Vancouver Island.
- (27) Independent Squamish Loggers' Association.
- (28) Truck Loggers' Association.
- (29) Halston Planing Mills Limited.
- (30) Terrace Forest Products Limited.
- (31) Halston Lumber Limited.
- (32) Punjab Lumber Company Limited.
- (33) S. & M. Lumber Company Limited.
- (34) Mr. Boulton, professional forester.
- (35) Merritt Diamond Mills Limited.
- (36) Mr. H. MacWilliams.
- (37) Empire Mills.
- (38) Random Services Corporation Limited.
- (39) Canadian Forest Products.
- (40) MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Limited.

Many letters with suggestions were received by mail from many individuals and companies.

1. The timber quota situation throughout the Coastal sustained-yield units was reviewed, and it showed no increasing accumulation by the large integrated companies which would require legislative recommendations from the Committee at this time. It is recommended that in future monthly timber-sale reports any change in ownership of quota be indicated. This would only require the original quota-holder to be named. The report is requested to be mailed to all Committee members.

2. Evidence given before the Committee would indicate that section 18 of the *Forest Act* has proven ineffective in dealing with alleged blackmail practices as they relate to bidding for timber at competitive auctions. It is recommended that the Forest Service give consideration to this problem of providing more adequate legislation and bring recommendations before the Committee at the next Session.

3. It is respectfully recommended to the Legislature that in the future the Forestry Committee be set up by special resolution by the end of the first week of the new Session to allow proper time for the consideration of the matters which are referred to it for study and report.

4. The Committee recommends that attention be given to establishing park boundaries in such a manner that both the park lands and the forest lands adjacent can be managed in an efficient manner. Present boundaries of large parks pay no attention to natural topographic divisions.

5. The bidding problem associated with the special sale area in the vicinity of Kamloops was given particular attention by your Committee. It is recommended that present sale regulations be continued, with the added proviso that sealed-tender bidding be allowed. If sustained yield is achieved, such special provisions could then be abolished.

6. The Committee considered the request to cancel Timber Sale X87083 without the loss of deposit. On the evidence presented, the Committee found no fair and proper basis for recommending such a request.

7. The Committee gave consideration to the establishment of a special stumpage appraisal zone within the Fraser Canyon section of the Yale Sustained-yield Unit. It is recommended that such an appraisal zone be established, based upon the selling price of lumber, and that the southern boundary of such a zone be in the vicinity of the Alexandria Bridge. It is recommended that such a zone should be maintained only as long as manufacturing plants are located within this region.

8. The Committee recommends to the Forest Service that in cases where roads and other works have been constructed to open up timber sales and it has not been possible to amortize such a capital sum before the sale is completely logged, that an allowance for this cost be made in future appraisals, payable to the original timber-sale owner who made the expenditure and paid by the new timber-sale purchaser who might use these works.

9. The operation of the 30 to 50 per cent contract clause in tree-farm licences was reviewed. As a general rule the Committee found that the clause was being honoured. However, no standard type of contract seemed to prevail even within a single licence area. As far as it was practical, even those licence-owners without such a clause were having a large percentage of their logging work done under contract. The Committee recommends that a signed contract should be the basis for recognition by the Forest Service of the requirements under the clause and that the annual report covering the licence area should indicate the basis upon which contract prices, terms, and conditions were arranged. Such reports could be the subject of a general review of the Committee next Session.

10. The examination of bidding practices both within and without sustained-yield units occupied the greatest amount of time of your Committee. Northern operators strongly favour direct allocation of timber, with any possible bidding limited to the operators established within each unit. The truck loggers and other Coastal interests did not express support for such complete types of control. At this stage in the competitive demand for timber, the Committee feels that allocation would require both increased responsibility for management and a regimented higher level of wood utilization. This may be acceptable at some future time, but with the present state of the industry it does not seem proper to impose such a requirement. It is recognized that irresponsible bidding does take place and is the cause of serious concern. Several alternative suggestions were presented and studied by the Committee. These included direct allocation of timber, the imposi-

tion of a bidding fee, and the limiting of bidding to the established operators in each individual unit. It is agreed that each of the suggestions presented has merit, but the Committee could find no strong recommendation from industry for any one solution. As a consequence, the Committee proposes that the matter be thoroughly studied by those interested or affected during the coming year and made the subject of further inquiry and report at the next Session. This should cause no serious objection as the northern operators based their case on the need to invest capital to take advantage of a chip market which will be available when the pulp-mills are built. There is still more than one year's grace before such installations need be made. While such study is proceeding, it is noted that the Minister may exercise his power to reject certain bids for timber if he considers that a resulting sale would not be in the public interest.

11. The Committee received the report from the Forest Service outlining the handling of timber leases, licences, and berths. It is recommended that the Forest Service maintain a close supervision of such holdings to ensure that the owners actively harvest such areas in the public interest, and that the Forest Service submit a further report to the Committee at the next Session.

C. M. SHELFORD, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. *Perrault* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

With respect to chronic hospital accommodation:—

1. What was the rated capacity of the chronic hospitals in British Columbia as of December 31, 1962?

2. What is the estimated requirement for such beds in British Columbia at the present time for (a) patients with a chance of rehabilitation and (b) patients with no chance of rehabilitation?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. This question cannot be answered definitely since there are no chronic hospitals in British Columbia. There are acute care hospitals, rehabilitation and convalescent care hospitals, mental hospitals, and private hospitals.

"2. See above."

Mr. *Cox* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

1. What is the Department's present definition of a chronic patient?

2. How many, if any, patients being treated by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service now are classed as chronics?

3. How many, if any, applications for the construction of chronic hospitals have been received by the Department since September, 1960?

4. How many, if any, of No. 3 have been approved?

5. How many, if any, of No. 3 are completed and where are they located?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. Under the programme of hospital insurance, patients are defined only as acute care patients or as rehabilitation and convalescent care patients.

"2 and 3. None, see above.

"4 and 5. Not applicable."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. How many professional engineers were employed in the Highways Branch of the Department of Public Works at April 1, 1953?

2. (a) Have any of these professional engineers referred to in No. 1 left the employ of the Department since that date and (b) if so, how many?

3. What are the names of those professional engineers, if any, who have left the Department and on what date did they do so?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Fifty-five.

“ 2. (a) Yes; (b) eighteen resigned, eleven retired, two transferred, and two died.

“ 3. N. M. McCallum, March 31, 1956; A. B. Sanderson, February 15, 1955; H. R. Murray, April 30, 1955; J. Ford, September 30, 1955; N. Hepburn, January 31, 1955; D. T. Willis, March 27, 1956; S. J. Cunliffe, February 29, 1956; R. C. Thurber, April 30, 1957; R. S. Cunliffe, April 30, 1959; R. Murfitt, October 5, 1954; A. R. Colby, January 9, 1953; J. A. Millican, March 13, 1956; W. Bottomley, January 22, 1954; B. L'Hirondelle, June 18, 1954; L. E. Willis, May 4, 1956; D. A. Welsh, May 18, 1954; T. S. Hughes, June 1, 1955; and O. W. H. Roberts, October 16, 1956.

“ This answer is based on the only records which are available.”

Mrs. *Hobbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

With reference to construction contracts listed in the Journals of the House, 1960, page 157, and 1961, page 45:—

1. Have the following projects been completed: Ben Ginter Construction Company Limited, Projects No. 779, No. 254, No. 311, No. 1127, and No. 322; Continental Contractors Limited, Project No. 1023; McClay Construction Company Limited, Projects No. 907 and No. 297; Perini Pacific Limited, Project No. 267; Windsor Construction Limited, Projects No. 1036 and No. 1031; and View Construction Company, Projects No. 110 and No. 1104?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the amount of each of the contracts and (b) what was the amount finally paid in each case?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ No.”

Mr. *Perrault* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

With respect to hospital finance:—

1. What were the individual submissions of each hospital in British Columbia to the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Services for moneys required for operation of these hospitals for the year ended December 31, 1962?

2. What were the individual amounts of money subsequently allocated to these hospitals for their operating costs?

3. Which hospitals were subsequently given supplementary grants?

4. What were the sums of money in those supplementary grants?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ Information not available.”

Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

With respect to the University of British Columbia Teaching and Research Hospital:—

1. Has a schedule for Provincial Government financial commitments toward the planning, construction, and operation of this hospital been established?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what are the amounts scheduled, (b) what are the specific allocations by purpose, and (c) what is the total amount of money allocated?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. While the Provincial Government has made a general commitment in respect of payment of grants in aid of the proposed hospital at the University of British Columbia, plans have not yet been developed by the University to the stage where the architects can provide the accurate estimates of cost necessary to form the basis for such a schedule.

"2. See No. 1."

Mrs. *Mather* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

With reference to the Premier's Committee for World Relief:—

1. Have any voluntary contributions been received for the fund?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how much was received and (b) has the Government made any matching grants on a dollar-for-dollar basis?

3. Has any of the \$50,000 Government grant been disbursed and, if so, in what amount?

4. How many meetings of the Committee have taken place since its inception?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$420.83 and (b) to be matched.

"3. No.

"4. Three formal and several informal."

Mr. *Perrault* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

With respect to hospital care in British Columbia:—

1. What was the average length of hospital bed occupancy in the year ended December 31, 1962?

2. What was the percentage of occupancy of such beds in each of the years 1952 to 1962, inclusive?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. Estimated average length of stay of adult and child patients in British Columbia public hospitals in 1962, 9.5 days.

"2. Percentage occupancy of rated bed capacity: 1952, 78.9 per cent; 1953, 82.3 per cent; 1954, 83.6 per cent; 1955, 84.4 per cent; 1956, 84.6 per cent; 1957, 85.2 per cent; 1958, 84.2 per cent; 1959, 82.5 per cent; 1960, 81.9 per cent; 1961, 82 per cent; and 1962, 82 per cent (estimated)."



Mrs. *Mather* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

1. What is the number of hospital beds available in the Province of British Columbia for chronic patient care (excluding mental hospital care): (a) Number in general hospitals and (b) number in private hospitals?

2. What is the number of hospitals recognized as chronic hospitals under British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. This question cannot be answered definitively since there are no hospitals designated specifically for chronic patient care in British Columbia. Hospital beds are classified under acute care, rehabilitation and convalescent care, and nursing-home care.

“ 2. *Nil. See above.*”

Mrs. *Mather* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

1. What was the total number and amounts of all hospital budget deficits reported to the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance in the year 1961?

2. What amounts, if any, were paid to hospital boards to cover the deficits referred to in No. 1?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ This information should be obtained directly from the hospitals concerned.”

Mr. Speaker declared a recess of ten minutes.

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HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

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

*E. G. MacMinn*, Esq., Clerk Assistant of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) *An Act to Amend the Landlord and Tenant Act.*
- (No. 2) *An Act to Repeal the Hospital Construction Aid Tax Act.*
- (No. 3) *An Act to Amend the Provincial Home-owner Grant Act.*
- (No. 4) *An Act Respecting the Removal of Tolls from Certain Toll-bridges in the Province.*
- (No. 6) *An Act to Amend the Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act.*
- (No. 7) *An Act to Amend the Probate Fees Act.*
- (No. 8) *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act.*
- (No. 9) *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 1962.*
- (No. 10) *An Act to Amend the Succession Duty Act.*
- (No. 12) *An Act to Amend the City of Greenwood Debt Refunding Act, 1941-42.*
- (No. 13) *An Act to Amend the Logging Tax Act.*
- (No. 14) *An Act to Amend the Line Fences Act.*
- (No. 15) *An Act to Amend the Soldiers' Land Act.*
- (No. 16) *An Act to Amend the Poultry and Poultry Products Act.*
- (No. 18) *An Act to Amend the Stock Brands Act.*
- (No. 20) *An Act to Amend the Horned Cattle Purchases Act.*



- (No. 21) *An Act to Amend the Apiaries Act.*
- (No. 25) *An Act to Amend the Meat Inspection Act.*
- (No. 26) *An Act to Amend the Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act.*
- (No. 27) *An Act to Amend the Labour Relations Act.*
- (No. 28) *An Act to Amend the Chiropody Act.*
- (No. 29) *An Act to Amend the Cornea Transplant Act.*
- (No. 30) *An Act to Amend the Credit Unions Act, 1961.*
- (No. 31) *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Act.*
- (No. 33) *An Act to Amend the Supreme Court Act.*
- (No. 34) *An Act to Amend the Attachment of Debts Act.*
- (No. 35) *An Act to Amend the Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act.*
- (No. 36) *An Act to Amend the Administration Act.*
- (No. 37) *An Act to Amend the Securities Act.*
- (No. 38) *An Act to Amend the Co-operative Associations Act.*
- (No. 39) *An Act to Amend the Summary Convictions Act.*
- (No. 40) *An Act to Amend the Small Debts Courts Act.*
- (No. 41) *An Act to Amend the Insurance Act.*
- (No. 43) *An Act Respecting the Public Trustee.*
- (No. 44) *An Act to Amend the Children of Unmarried Parents Act.*
- (No. 45) *An Act to Amend the Motor-vehicle Act.*
- (No. 46) *An Act Respecting Training-schools for Children.*
- (No. 47) *An Act Respecting the Boundaries of the Land Adjacent to the Okanagan River.*
- (No. 48) *An Act to Amend the Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act.*
- (No. 50) *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter.*
- (No. 61) *An Act to Amend the Milk Industry Act.*
- (No. 62) *An Act to Amend the Municipal Superannuation Act.*
- (No. 63) *An Act Respecting Universities.*
- (No. 64) *An Act to Incorporate the Notre Dame University of Nelson.*
- (No. 66) *An Act to Amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act.*
- (No. 67) *An Act to Amend the Land Registry Act.*
- (No. 68) *An Act to Amend the Public Services Medical Plan Act.*
- (No. 69) *An Act to Amend the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act.*
- (No. 70) *An Act Respecting the Family and Children's Court.*
- (No. 71) *An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act.*
- (No. 72) *An Act Respecting British Columbia School Districts Capital Financing Authority.*
- (No. 73) *An Act to Amend and Repeal Certain Provisions of the Statute Law.*
- (No. 74) *An Act to Provide for the Payment of a Grant to Laura Ruth Newton.*
- (No. 75) *An Act to Amend the Constitution Act.*
- (No. 79) *An Act Respecting the Establishment of a Health Sciences Centre at The University of British Columbia.*
- (No. 80) *An Act to Amend the Victoria College Foundation Act.*
- (No. 81) *An Act to Provide for an Exchange of Certain Petroleum and Natural-gas Rights and Certain Petroleum and Natural-gas Leases.*
- (No. 82) *An Act for the Validation of Documents and Procedures under the Mineral Act and Placer-mining Act.*
- (No. 83) *An Act to Make Certain Provisions to Facilitate Public Access over Private Roads.*
- (No. 86) *An Act to Provide for Inquiry into Highways Contract No. 819.*

His Honour was pleased in Her Majesty's name to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by *E. K. DeBeck*, Esq., Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

“In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

Then Mr. Speaker addressed the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 84) intituled *An Act for Granting Certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia*.

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

“In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.”

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

Your deliberations and labours have been long and arduous, and I desire to express my thanks for the earnestness and attention that you have shown in this the Fourth Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of British Columbia.

Legislation has been enacted during this Session which is of significance and benefit to the citizens of this Province.

It is commendable to note that the *Act Respecting Universities* and related Acts establish two new universities—the University of Victoria and the Simon Fraser University—and make provision for school district colleges and other colleges throughout the Province.

I note also the incorporation of the University of Notre Dame at Nelson.

The *Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Act* provides for the enlargement and improvement of apprenticeship training programmes.

I am gratified that the *Act to Repeal the Hospital Construction Aid Tax Act* has removed the amusement tax.

The logging industry will be encouraged by your decision to make reductions in the logging tax, which should result in greater employment opportunities in this important industry.

Your amendments to the *Provincial Home-owner Grant Act* will still further assist the citizens of British Columbia and encourage home-ownership in the Province.

You are to be congratulated on continuing the municipal *per capita* grants and the authorization of legislation which will provide an annual grant to municipalities equivalent to a 15-mill levy on Provincial property.

*An Act to Amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* will be of great value to this Province in that it provides the necessary legislative means for secondary recovery from petroleum reservoirs, thereby substantially increasing the total recovery of oil.

*An Act Respecting the Removal of Tolls from Certain Toll-bridges in the Province* will be of benefit to our citizens.

I note that you have approved more stringent provisions regarding the inspection of meat on a Provincial basis by your amendment to the *Meat Inspection Act*.

Amendments to the *Securities Act* will provide for the protection of the public with regard to investments.

The *Act Respecting Training-schools for Children* will improve and augment the present industrial schools.

The *Act to Amend the Labour Relations Act* makes alternate provision for the settlement of labour disputes, which will tend to decrease the cost and to accelerate the procedure.

These and other measures which you have carefully considered and authorized should contribute substantially to the well-being of our people.

I thank you for the supplies you have granted for the Public Service.

Honourable Members, I now relieve you of your legislative duties, and I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) then said:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please the Lieutenant-Governor to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.