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## Monday, 7th May, 1917.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act for enabling Bodies Corporate to hold Property in Joint Tenancy" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance by the Crown of certain Lands for Public and Patriotic Purposes."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Relief Act.'"

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, 8TH MAY.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting a certain By-election holden in Vancouver City Electoral District on the Twenty-sixth Day of February, 1916" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

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## Tuesday, 8th May, 1917.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John G. Inkster*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was again committed. Reported without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed. Reported with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend to the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was adopted.  
Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production."  
On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry."  
Question proposed, "That the Bill be read a second time now."  
Mr. *Hall* moved in amendment, To leave out the words "be read a second time now," and insert in lieu thereof the words "be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *Whiteside, McGeer, K. C. Macdonald, Sutherland, Walters, Shatford, and Pooley*, for report."  
A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hall*, adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock to-morrow.  
And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

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Wednesday, 9th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Charles Croucher*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was read a second time.  
To be committed at the next sitting.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—  
Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act.'"  
Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act.'"

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act for enabling Bodies Corporate to hold Property in Joint Tenancy" was again committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to validate certain Sales of Land for Arrears of Taxes" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'North Vancouver City Incorporation Act, 1906'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production."

On the motion of Mr. *Barrow*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Establishment of Public Sampling and Concentrating Plants, Custom Smelters and Refineries, and to make Provision in Aid of the Treating or Buying of Ores," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*May 9th, 1917.*

*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. 54) intituled "An Act for the Establishment of Public Sampling and Concentrating Plants, Custom Smelters and Refineries, and to make Provision in Aid of the Treating or Buying of Ores," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

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Wednesday, 9th May, 1917.

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Thompson* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Mining, presented to the House on the 25th day of April, 1917, be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, the debate was again adjourned to the next sitting.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, from November 24th, 1916, to date, between the Hon. the Minister of Railways and the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company and Canadian Northern Railway Company, or any officer of either company, with respect to terminals and railway on Vancouver Island.

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

Whereas the Select Committee to inquire into the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway sent a telegram to Donald McLeod on Monday, April 16th, 1917, to attend before the said Committee and give evidence:

And whereas the said Donald McLeod left the same afternoon or evening for the United States, against the instructions of the Committee:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Speaker do issue a subpoena to the said Donald McLeod to personally appear at the Bar of the House forthwith to answer any questions and to answer for his said conduct, and to be dealt with as the House may see fit.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

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Thursday, 10th May, 1917.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Robert Hughes*.

Mr. *Pauline* presented the Second Report from the Public Accounts Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

May 10th. 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts begs leave to report as follows:—

We have examined all papers, documents, cheques, and vouchers connected with the purchase of the launch "Faloma," and have also examined such persons as in their judgment have relevant knowledge of the transaction.

(1.) The "Faloma" was built during the year 1910 for the then owners, the Pacific Marine Brokerage Company, at an apparent cost of \$8,000.

(2.) She was operated by the said company for over a year, and sold to the Department of Public Works on October 13th, 1911, for the sum of \$10,000.

(3.) The Hon. Thomas Taylor, then Minister of Public Works, issued instructions for the payment of this price on September 21st, 1911, after making inquiries as to the value of the "Faloma," and having her examined by his Deputy and the Inspector of Electrical Energy.

(4.) She was apparently in good condition at the time of purchase and operated satisfactorily for two years in the Public Works, Forestry, and Fisheries Departments, but since that time her engines have not been powerful enough to operate her economically and she is now lying at Thurston Bay.

(5.) The evidence does not disclose the payment of any commissions or campaign moneys by any member of the Pacific Marine Brokerage Company, and the transaction appears to have been an ordinary business deal, wherein the vendor has not made an excessive profit in view of the demand for boats at the time of sale.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. PAULINE, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry," and on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. Hall on the 8th instant.

A point of order having been raised, Mr. Speaker ruled thereon as follows:—

During the debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry," on the question proposed, "That the Bill be read a second time now," Mr. Hall moved an amendment, To leave out the words "be read a second time now," and insert in lieu thereof the words "be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Whiteside, McGeer, Sutherland, Walters, Shatford, and Pooley, for report."

A question was raised as to the motion being out of order at this stage. The debate on the motion was adjourned. I am asked to give a ruling on the point of order raised.

According to the Rules and Proceedings of this House, Sessional Standing Committees are appointed to which, under said Rules, are committed certain Public and Private Bills after receiving their first reading.

The Bill in question, not coming within the scope of the Standing Committees, would receive its second reading before being committed. (*See* Rule 66.)

When a Bill has been read a second time, a question is put, "That this Bill be committed," and a day is named for the committal.

If a Member desires that the Bill shall be committed to a Standing or Select Committee, he must make a motion to that effect as soon as the Bill has been read a second time. (*May*, 11th, 1877; Parliamentary Debates, 4 s, 745.)

The second reading is the most important stage through which a Bill is required to pass, for its whole principle is then at issue and is affirmed or denied by a vote of the House.

In a perusal of the authorities I cannot find where Bills of this character have been committed before receiving second reading, and it would appear that the English practice is quite clear that Public Bills, such as the Bill in question, are not committed until after second reading.

And on the authority of Rule 66, "Every Bill shall be read twice in the House before committal or amendment," I shall rule the motion out of order.

J. W. WEART, *Speaker.*

Debate on second reading resumed.

Bill read a second time and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Whiteside, Farris, K. C. Macdonald, Sutherland, Walters, Shatford, and Bowser, for report.

The Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting Liens of Wage-earners" was discharged.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act for the Protection of the Widows and Children of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors."

The Hon. the Attorney-General, on a point of order, objected to the Bill as being *ultra vires* of this Legislature, as it proposed to deal with funds and payments under Federal control and disbursed under Federal regulations.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision, and the debate was adjourned.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting a certain Election holden at Fort George Electoral District on the Fourteenth Day of September, 1916," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*May 10th, 1917.*

*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. 55) intituled "An Act respecting a certain Election holden at Fort George Electoral District on the Fourteenth Day of September, 1916," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*May 10th, 1917.*

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

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'"

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'North Vancouver City Incorporation Act, 1906.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance by the Crown of certain Lands for Public and Patriotic Purposes" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Relief Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production."

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to increase the Revenues of the Crown for the Year ending Thirty-first December, 1917" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* presented the following corrected reply to answers to questions by Mr. *Walters* on May 7th:—

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

1. How many persons are employed on the Quilchena Experimental Farm?
2. What is the salary of the Superintendent in Charge?
3. What is the aggregate pay-roll?
4. What was the cost of operating for 1915 and 1916?
5. What amount of profit was shown on working (if any) in these years?
6. How much was realized on the sale of products?

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

"1. One.

"2. \$100 per month.

"3. \$100 per month at present.

"4. For the year ending March 31st, 1915, \$4,591.39; for the year ending March 31st, 1916, \$3,259.68; for the year ending March 31st, 1917, \$3,740.84. These figures include the salary and travelling expenses of Professor W. J. Elliott, who until March 31st, 1917, directed the work on the Dry-farming Stations conducted by the Province.

"5. None.

"6. For the two years ending December 31st, 1916, receipts were \$179.14."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, 11th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Ernest G. Miller*.

The Hon. the Minister of Railways presented a Return of all correspondence, from November 24th, 1916, to date, between the Hon. the Minister of Railways and the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company and Canadian Northern Railway Company, or any officer of either company, with respect to terminals and railway on Vancouver Island.

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

By Mr. *Hall*—Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting Actions for the Recovery of Moneys due in respect of the Purchase Price of Lands."

By Mr. *Hall*—Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act.'"

By Mr. *Walters*—Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Thompson* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Mining, presented to the House on the 25 day of April, 1917, be adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Ross*, the debate was again adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. What system is adopted in taking on men for employment on Songhees Terminals?
2. On whose recommendation are these appointments made?
3. How many aliens are employed on the Songhees Terminal?
4. How many returned soldiers are employed on Songhees Terminal?
5. What is the total number of the men now employed thereon?
6. What wages are paid?

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

"1. System adopted is to hire men most practical to work.

"2. No recommendation necessary if men required. Applicants are taken on by Superintendent, and if found unsuitable for work are discharged.

"3. No aliens employed.

"4. As many as can do the work required. It must be understood that the nature of this work is at all times dangerous, requiring the services of men skilled at such work. Experience last year shows that engaging unskilled men resulted in injury to a number of workmen, and payment of compensation amounting to \$1,260.55 was made, whilst under present conditions only one accident of slight nature has occurred to date.

"5. Sixty-two men.

"6. Watchmen, \$2.50 per day; labourers, \$3 per day; drillers, \$3.75 per day; blacksmiths, \$4 per day; blacksmith's helper, \$3.50 per day; carpenters, \$4.50 per day; foreman, \$4 per day; engineer, \$175 per month; craneman, \$135 per month."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.



On the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting a certain Election holden at Fort George Electoral District on the Fourteenth Day of September, 1916" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Order called for the House to again resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900.'"

On a point of order, raised in Committee and reported to Mr. Speaker, the following ruling was given:—

On May 9th, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900,'" was committed, with Mr. *Schofield* in the chair. A point of order was raised by Mr. *Ross*, viz., as to "Whether sections 13 and 14 of the Bill as printed or the amendments proposed in substitution therefor are in order, inasmuch as the Rules of the House governing Private Bills not having been complied with." The Committee reported the matter to the Speaker for his decision.

Of the Rules and Orders of this House applicable to Private Bills, 76, 89, and 93 may be noticed.

Rule 76 shows that notice clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application is required, such notice to be published in the British Columbia Gazette and one newspaper as therein specified.

It would appear that the petitioners, the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, published two notices in the British Columbia Gazette and the local papers, relating to the amendments to section 125 of the original Act, in the following words:—

In the notice dated 30th November, 1916, paragraph 19: "To amend subsections (4) and (5) of section 125 of the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act' so as to enable the city to acquire water-powers."

In the notice dated 23rd December, 1916, paragraph 1: "To amend subsections (4) and (5) of section 125 of the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act' so as to enable the city to develop, maintain, and use any water-powers which they may acquire."

The object of a notice, I take it, is to bring to the attention of parties interested (if any) the fact that the petitioners are seeking certain powers or rights, or seeking relief from disabilities, in order that those interested (if any) may take such steps as they may be advised to oppose the application.

Rule 89. The failure on the part of the Private Bills Committee to report to the House in pursuance of the terms of this Rule that any provisions inserted in the Bill did not appear to have been contemplated in the notice for the same leads me to the conclusion that the Private Bills Committee must have been satisfied that the aforesaid notice in the Gazette contemplated the powers set out in sections 13 and 14 of the Bill and the proposed amendments, especially so when the said Committee's report, under date April 23rd, stated that the preamble of the Bill had been proved. Said report was received and adopted by the House without opposition.

Rule 93 states that "No important amendment may be proposed to any Private Bill, in a Committee of the Whole House, or on Report of the Bill, unless one day's notice of the same shall have been given, except the Member in charge of the Bill consents thereto."

If the House, by the adoption of the Committee's report, accepted sections 13 and 14 of the Bill as printed, the amendments on the Order Paper offered in substitution for these sections clearly come within the provision of Rule 93.

If the House by the adoption of the Committee's report did not so accept sections 13 and 14 of the Bill as printed, the said amendments, being important amendments, and within the scope and title of the Bill, may be proposed in pursuance of the terms of said Rule 93, and as sufficient notice has been given I am inclined to the opinion that they are in order.

I will quote English Rule (34): "It shall be an instruction to all Committees of the Whole House to which Bills may be committed that they have power to make such amendments therein as they shall think fit, provided they be relevant to the subject-matter of the Bill; but that if any such amendments shall not be within the title of the Bill, they do amend the title accordingly, and do report the same specially to the House." This Rule was adopted by the English House of Commons on 19th July, 1854, and is still in force.

This House does not appear to have any Rule of the same tenor.

I find upon consulting authorities that it is not uncommon for the House to give an instruction to a Committee to vary the terms of the Bill and to incorporate new and important provisions not contemplated by the applicants (*see* Commons Journal, Vol. 155, pp. 73, 80, 1900) where Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills reported that the standing orders had *not* been complied with *in re* "Baker Street and Waterloo Railway," "Glastonbury and Street Gas Bill," "The South Lancashire Tramways Bill," and the "Airdrie and Coatbridge Tramways Bill."

It was ordered that "an instruction to the Committee of the South Lancashire Tramways Bill to inquire whether it was advisable that penalties should be inserted in clause 56 of the Bill (cheap fares for the labouring classes) to secure compliance with the objects of the clause, and whether the clause should be amended in respect of the maximum fares charged; the sufficiency in numbers; and the hours at which the cars shall be run."

The Select Committee on the South Metropolitan Gas Bill recommended to the House:—

- (1.) That the standard price shall be reduced to three shillings and threepence, etc.:
- (2.) That the area south of the River Thames be transferred from the Gas Light and Coke Company to the South Metropolitan Gas Company at a fair and reasonable price.

A very sweeping recommendation.

A motion was made instructing the Committee to insert such clauses in the Bill as may be required to give effect to the recommendations.

The practice of this House in Committee of the Whole is in accordance with English Rule 34 (except as to Message Bills).

It would therefore appear that if the notices appearing in the Gazette and the local newspapers have been sufficient to satisfy the requirements of Rule 76, which apparently the Committee so found, and which apparently the House accepted by adopting the report of the Committee, sections 13 and 14 of the printed Bill are in order, and as the amendments in question come within the provision of Rule 93, I must hold that they are in order, and so rule.

J. W. WEART, *Speaker*.

Bill again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Monday, 14th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Theo. Habershon*.

The Hon. the Premier announced the resignation of the Hon. Attorney-General, *M. A. Macdonald*, and the acceptance of the same; also the appointment of *J. W. de B. Farris* as President of the Council.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'"

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'North Vancouver City Incorporation Act, 1906.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*May 14th, 1917.*

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

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*May 11th, 1917.*

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

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(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Agriculture and Railways presented a Report on the Investigation into the Financial Relations of the Government with the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company up to 31st December, 1916.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for auditing Public Accounts of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*May 14th, 1917.*

*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. 67) intituled "An Act to provide for auditing Public Accounts of the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

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Monday, 14th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act for enabling Bodies Corporate to hold Property in Joint Tenancy" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to validate certain Sales of Land for Arrears of Taxes" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance by the Crown of certain Lands for Public and Patriotic Purposes" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to increase the Revenues of the Crown for the Year ending Thirty-first December, 1917" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

#### TUESDAY, 15TH MAY.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting a certain By-election holden in Vancouver City Electoral District on the Twenty-sixth Day of February, 1916" was again committed.

A point of order being reported to the Chair, Mr. Speaker *Weart* ruled the proposed amendment moved in Committee of the Whole by Mr. *Cowper*, as follows:—

"To add the following words at the end of section 9:—

"And the said Commissioners shall have power to and shall investigate and report on all facts and circumstances concerned with the collecting of campaign funds by or on behalf of the candidates at the aforesaid by-election or either of them, and of all funds solicited or received for political purposes by the aforesaid candidates or either of them, or by any person or persons purporting to be acting on behalf of them or either of them, at the time of the aforesaid by-election and at any time or times since the aforesaid by-election; and especially to inquire and report into all facts and circumstances in connection with the alleged payment of a sum of fifty thousand dollars by or on behalf of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, or P. Welch, or J. W. Stewart, or Angus Stewart, or D. McLeod, or Foley, Welch and Stewart for the assistance of Liberal candidates in the general election of the fourteenth September, 1916, and into the circumstances in connection with an alleged payment of a sum of fifteen thousand dollars by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, or P. Welch, or J. W. Stewart, or Angus Stewart, or D. McLeod, or Foley, Welch and Stewart for the purpose of assisting one Honourable M. A. Macdonald, a candidate at the by-election held in Vancouver the twenty-first December, 1916, and into the circumstances in connection with an alleged payment on the twenty-first December, 1916, of a sum of one thousand dollars in cash by D. McLeod out of the funds of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, or P. Welch, or J. W. Stewart, or Angus Stewart, or D. McLeod, or Foley, Welch and Stewart to the Vancouver City Liberal campaign committee

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at the request of one Honourable M. A. Macdonald, a candidate in the by-election held in the City of Vancouver on the twenty-first December, 1916.”

out of order on the grounds:—

That the same was not within the scope and title of the Bill. That the amendment would greatly enlarge the scope of the Bill, thereby entailing increased expenditure of public money. (See Speakers' Decisions, pages 26, 27, and 28.)

House again in Committee on the Bill.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.05 a.m.

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Tuesday, 15th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. Leslie Clay.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act’” was read a third time and passed.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted:—

Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to validate certain Sales of Land for Arrears of Taxes.”

Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to authorize the Conveyance by the Crown of certain Lands for Public and Patriotic Purposes.”

Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act.’”

Bill (No. 35) intituled “An Act to increase the Revenues of the Crown for the Year ending Thirty-first December, 1917.”

Bills to be read a third time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Taxation Act.’”

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. 34) intituled “An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons.”

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. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Agricultural Act, 1915.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons attending Places of Amusement.”

Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fort George Incorporation Act.’”

Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Industrial Home for Girls Act.’”

On the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Ross, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Labour," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*May 15th, 1917.*

*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. 68) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Labour," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*May 15th, 1917.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act for the Protection of the Widows and Children of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors," and on the point of order upon which Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. Speaker *Weart* gave his ruling on the point of order as follows:—

On May 10th the House resumed the adjourned debate on second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act for the Protection of the Widows and Children of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors." A point of order was raised by the Hon. the Attorney-General as to whether the Bill was not *ultra vires* of this Legislature.

The evident intent of the Bill is to make provision for the pay, emoluments, or remuneration to go to widows and orphans, without taking the ordinary procedure of going through the Courts, of any person who has been at any time since the 4th day of August, 1914, domiciled in British

Columbia, and has either enlisted or been mobilized as a Volunteer in the Forces raised by the Government of Canada in aid of His Majesty or any of his Allies as a Volunteer or Reservist, who has since been killed.

There are several classes of persons mentioned in section 2 of the Bill:—

(a.) Mobilized as Volunteers in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces:

(b.) Those who were domiciled in and left Canada and have joined the Army or Navy of His Majesty or any of his Allies in the War as a Volunteer or Reservist.

Dealing with the question of the Navy, it is clear that any person domiciled in British Columbia who has entered the Imperial service in the Navy in the present War is subject to Imperial laws, Statutes, and regulations to the same extent as if he had joined in Great Britain.

With reference to a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, there appears to me to be no question but that after his arrival in England he is subject to British authority.

With reference to domiciled British Columbians who may have entered the service of any of His Majesty's Allies as contemplated by section 2 of the Bill, it is difficult to say whether such persons are subject to British law or to the law of the allied country.

"The Regimental Debts Act, 1893," as amended by order made by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies dated December 3rd, 1915, and further amended by the Report of the Committee of the Privy Council of Canada dated 28th March, 1916, is fully empowered to decide on questions of domicile, validity of laws, of law and fact, and the distribution of military estates as laid down by the different sections of the Act; and, further, that no dispute will be entertained because of such decision or distribution.

Clearly, then, the Imperial authorities have dealt with the matter. The Statute "Regimental Debts Act, 1893," has been adopted and is part of the law of Canada, and it can be said that the Dominion authorities have fully covered the point raised in Bill No. 25 as to distribution of the estates of members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

If Bill 25 became law, there would then be both Dominion and Provincial legislation dealing with the same subject.

Any matters coming within any of the classes of subjects enumerated in section 91 of the "British North America Act" are exclusively within the power of the Parliament of Canada.

Subsection (7) thereof deals with militia, military, and naval service, and defence.

Section 92 of said Act contains subjects of exclusive Provincial legislation.

Subsection (13) deals with property and civil rights in the Province.

In the language of Sir Arthur Wilson, *in re "La Cie Hydraulique"* and "*The Continental Light and Heat Company*," 1909 Appeal Cases (194): "Where a given field of legislation is within the competence both of the Parliament of Canada and of the Provincial Legislature, and both have legislated, the enactment of the Dominion Parliament must prevail over that of the Province if the two are in conflict," which they clearly would be if Bill No. 25 became law.

The Supreme Court of British Columbia held in the case of *Queen vs. Bowell*, 4 B.C. Reports, 498, that the Province had no right to tax the income of a Dominion official, and that legislation purporting to do so was *ultra vires* of the Province.

If the Province cannot tax the income of a Dominion official while living, domiciled within the Province, surely it cannot attempt to deal with the estate of a person who at the time of his death was not amenable to Provincial laws.

It seems to me apparent that as the Imperial authorities have dealt with the subject-matter of the Bill, and the Dominion authorities having adopted the "Regimental Debts Act, 1893," which is now part of the law of Canada, fully covering the points raised in Bill No. 25 as to the distribution of estates of persons who at the time of their death were not amenable to Provincial laws, the Bill, if it became law, would be *ultra vires* of this Legislature.

J. W. WEART, *Speaker*.

With leave of the House the Bill was withdrawn.

On the question of the right of a Member to rise to a "question of privilege" for the purpose of making a personal explanation involving no urgency, Mr. Speaker *Weart* ruled as follows:—

"The proceedings of the House may be interrupted at any moment by a motion based on a question of privilege. (*May*, 10th ed., 270.)

"Such motions may be made without notice. (*May*, 10th ed., 245, 271.)



"But if a Member can give notice he should do so. (*May*, 10th ed., 271.)

"The correction of an erroneous statement made in debate by another Member is not a matter of privilege. (*May*, 10th ed., 270.)

"A personal explanation can be made, without question before the House, but no debate should ensue thereon. (*May*, 10th ed., 319.)"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Whiteside*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 15th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to validate certain Sales of Land for Arrears of Taxes."

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance by the Crown of certain Lands for Public and Patriotic Purposes."

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to increase the Revenues of the Crown for the Year ending Thirty-first December, 1917."

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was again committed. Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act for enabling Bodies Corporate to hold Property in Joint Tenancy" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fort George Incorporation Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, adjourned until the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to provide for auditing Public Accounts of the Province" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 p.m.

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Wednesday, 16th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gilbert Cook*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the amendment of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act'" by the addition of the following as section 8:—

"8. Where on the thirty-first day of January, 1917, any person was, pursuant to the provisions of the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act,' entitled to obtain a Crown grant or a proportionate allotment of lands which are found to comprise timber lands as defined in section 39 of the 'Land Act,' the Minister of Lands may, notwithstanding the provisions of the 'Land Act,' authorize the issue of a Crown grant to such person, subject to the reservation in respect of

the timber on such portion of the lands as is found to be timber lands of the payment to the Crown of the stumpage value of the timber as determined by the Minister of Lands, such payment to be in addition to royalties."

*Government House,  
May 16th, 1917.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the amendment accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee having in charge Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act.'"

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,  
May 16th, 1917.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was again committed.

Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again later this sitting.

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

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act for enabling Bodies Corporate to hold Property in Joint Tenancy."

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fort George Incorporation Act.'"

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was again committed.

Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What amount of money was at the credit of the Constituency of Dewdney in the Public Works Department when the Government took office?
2. How much of this amount has been expended up to 31st March last?
3. On what roads did this expenditure take place, and what amount was expended on each?
4. Is it the intention of the Government to construct a road from Fort Moody to Ioco?
5. If so, when will this construction be commenced?
6. Has an estimate been made of the cost of this road?
7. If so, what is the amount?
8. Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the Trunk Road from Harrison Bay to Agassiz this year?
9. What is the estimated cost of this road?
10. Is it the intention of the Government to complete the Dewdney Trunk Road from Stave River to Cedar Valley Road this year?
11. What amount (if any) has been set aside for this work?

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

"1. \$8,725.25.

"2. \$5,135.34.

"3. General roads and supplies, \$161.60; supervision, \$283.16; Burns Road, \$54; Dewdney Trunk Road, Section 1, \$143.50; Dewdney Trunk Road, Section 2, \$241.45; Dewdney Trunk Road, Section 3, \$558.75; Dewdney Trunk Road, Section 4, \$45.90; Dewdney Trunk Road, Section 5, \$126.85; Dewdney Trunk Road, Section 6, \$533.28; Dewdney Trunk Road, Section 7, \$365.46; Dewdney Trunk Road, Section 8, \$18; Dewdney Trunk Road, Section 9, \$50.50; Hatzic Prairie-Dewdney, \$83.87; Hatzic Prairie-Sylvester, \$116.63; Ioco Road, \$114; Mission-Stave Lake, \$9; Mission Townsite, \$1,254.86; McDonald Road, \$4.50; McNeil, Rannie & Campbell, \$40.50; Newton Road, \$108.18; Nicomen Island Road, \$131.50; Pickles Road, \$64.87; Pitt River Bridge, \$105.22; Pitt River Road, \$22.30; Silverdale Road, \$296.46; Smith Road, \$33; Log Jam, North Lillooet River at Yennadon, \$150; Island Road, \$18.

"4. Yes.

"5. At an early date.

"6. Yes.

"7. \$7,166.

"8. No.

"9. \$26,000.

"10. No.

"11. None."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, 16th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*May 16th, 1917.*

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

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Standing Rules and Orders were suspended, and then the Hon. the Premier moved, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary,—

That whereas His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, did enact chapter 49 of the Statutes of 1916, being an Act intituled the "British Columbia Prohibition Act":

And whereas section 61 of the said chapter 49, 1916, enacted that the said Act should come into force on the 1st day of July, 1917, pursuant to the provisions of the "Prohibition and Woman Suffrage Referendum Act," being chapter 50 of the Statutes of 1916:

And whereas section 11 of the said chapter 50 enacted that, if it appeared that a majority of votes were given in favour of bringing into force the said "British Columbia Prohibition Act," the said Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall forthwith order the issue and publication of a Proclamation bringing the said "British Columbia Prohibition Act" into force throughout the Province on the 1st day of July, 1917:

And whereas under the provisions of chapter 41, Statutes of 1916, provision was made for the taking of the votes of Volunteers overseas:

And whereas it is alleged that very serious irregularities and frauds took place in connection with such overseas voting:

And whereas the majority of votes given against the "British Columbia Prohibition Act" is said to have been 822:

And whereas it is alleged that of the votes counted against the "Prohibition Act" numbers largely in excess of the said 822 votes were irregularly and fraudulently recorded:

And whereas it is desirable to cause the fullest investigation possible to be made in respect of such irregularities and frauds, to the end that the true intent of the majority of the voters may be given effect to:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the following Resolution:—

"That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause to be placed before this House for its consideration a Bill which will provide for a full investigation into the matter of the alleged or any frauds or irregularities in connection with the taking of the vote overseas on the question of the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act,' to the end that the true decision of the voters thereon may be ascertained and made effective, and that the facts found upon such investigation and the evidence adduced thereon be submitted to the Legislature at an adjourned meeting thereof to be convened not later than the 15th day of August, 1917."

A debate arose.

Mr. Schofield moved the adjournment of the debate, which was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Shatford,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>			

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Mansham,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Fisher,</i>	<i>Brewster,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Keen,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>		

Resolution agreed to.

House in Committee of the Whole.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved.* That whereas His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, did enact chapter 49 of the Statutes of 1916, being an Act intituled the "British Columbia Prohibition Act":

And whereas section 61 of the said chapter 49, 1916, enacted that the said Act should come into force on the 1st day of July, 1917, pursuant to the provisions of the "Prohibition and Woman Suffrage Referendum Act," being chapter 50 of the Statutes of 1916:

And whereas section 11 of the said chapter 50 enacted that, if it appeared that a majority of votes were given in favour of bringing into force the said "British Columbia Prohibition Act," the said Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall forthwith order the issue and publication of a Proclamation bringing the said "British Columbia Prohibition Act" into force throughout the Province on the 1st day of July, 1917:

And whereas under the provisions of chapter 41, Statutes of 1916, provision was made for the taking of the votes of Volunteers overseas:

And whereas it is alleged that very serious irregularities and frauds took place in connection with such overseas voting:

And whereas the majority of votes given against the "British Columbia Prohibition Act" is said to have been 822:

And whereas it is alleged that of the votes counted against the "Prohibition Act" numbers largely in excess of the said 822 votes were irregularly and fraudulently recorded:

And whereas it is desirable to cause the fullest investigation possible to be made in respect of such irregularities and frauds, to the end that the true intent of the majority of the voters may be given effect to:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause to be placed before this House for its consideration a Bill which will provide for a full investigation into the matter of the alleged or any frauds or irregularities in connection with the taking of the vote overseas on the question of the "British Columbia Prohibition Act," to the end that the true decision of the voters thereon may be ascertained and made effective, and that the facts found upon such investigation and the evidence adduced thereon be submitted to the Legislature at an adjourned meeting thereof to be convened not later than the 15th day of August, 1917.

Resolution reported and adopted.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service" was again committed. Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Relief Act'" was again committed.  
 Progress reported.  
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915'" was committed.  
 Reported with amendments.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 p.m.

## Thursday, 17th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. S. J. Thompson.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*May 17th, 1917.*

*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. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.  
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting Actions for the Recovery of Moneys due in respect of the Purchase Price of Lands."

On the motion of Mr. Ross, the debate was again adjourned until the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act respecting a certain By-election holden in Vancouver City Electoral District on the Twenty-sixth Day of February, 1916" was considered.

Mr. *Bowser* moved to amend section 8, line 6, by inserting after the word "conducted" the words "and the conduct of all persons concerned therein."

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

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Labour" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service" was adopted. Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to promote Increased Agricultural Production" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the House the following amendments to Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'":—

To insert the following as section 4 and to renumber the sections following:—

"4. Section 8 of said chapter 222 is hereby amended by striking out clause (18) of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

"(18.) The income of every person up to and including fifteen hundred dollars."

To strike out the word "Two" in line 44 of section 4, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Four."

To strike out the word "Two" in line 46 of section 4, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Three."

To add at the end of section 8 the words "and by striking out the words 'one thousand' in the fourth line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'fifteen hundred.'"

To strike out the whole of section 9, and to renumber the sections following.

To strike out the figures "1,000" in item 1 of section 15.

To strike out the figure "6" in line 1 of section 17, and insert in lieu thereof the figure "5."

To strike out the figure "9" in line 2 of section 17, and insert in lieu thereof the figure "7."

*Government House.*

*May 17th, 1917.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the proposed amendments accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge said Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.



Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act'" was committed. Reported with amendments.

Reported to be considered at the next sitting.

Mr. *Whiteside* presented a report from the Select Committee to which Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry" was referred for consideration and report, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

May 17th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry" begs leave to report the said Bill with the following recommendations:—

That your Committee met on the 15th instant and the 17th instant and heard representations made on behalf of the dental profession, and begs leave to recommend that the following suggestions be considered by the Committee of the Whole during the consideration of the said Bill in that Committee:—

1. That section 4 of the proposed Act be amended by striking out the words "to be appointed and" where the same appear in the first and second lines of said section 4.

2. That sections 5 and 6 of the said Bill be struck out, and the following sections substituted therefor as Nos. 5, 6, and 7:—

"5. The number of persons to be elected as members of the Council shall be seven, to be elected from the following dental electoral districts as herein set out: Provided always that the number of persons to be elected may be increased from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

"6. The Province shall be divided into five dental electoral districts, to be known as Districts No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5. District No. 1 shall comprise the Provincial Electoral Districts of Victoria City, Saanich, Esquimalt, Cowichan, the Islands, Newcastle, Nanaimo, Alberni, Comox, Atlin, and Skeena, and shall be entitled to elect two members. District No. 2 shall comprise the Provincial Electoral Districts of Delta, Chilliwack, Dewdney, Richmond, and New Westminster City, and shall be entitled to elect one member. District No. 3 shall comprise the Provincial Electoral District of Vancouver City and North Vancouver City, and shall be entitled to elect two members. District No. 4 shall comprise the Provincial Electoral Districts of Cariboo, Lillooet, Yale, Kamloops, Okanagan, Similkameen, Columbia, and Revelstoke, and shall be entitled to elect one member. District No. 5 shall comprise the Provincial Electoral Districts of Slocan, Ymir, Nelson City, Rossland City, Kaslo, Fernie, Cranbrook, Grand Forks, and Greenwood, and shall be entitled to elect one member.

"7. The number and boundaries of the said dental electoral districts, and the number of the representatives apportioned to each, may be changed from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the Council."

There should be added at the end of section 7 of the said Bill the following: "Provided that members of the Council of the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia appointed pursuant to chapter 64 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911,' and amending Acts shall be deemed to be members of the Council pursuant to this Act until the third Monday in April, 1918."

3. That section 19 of the said Bill be amended by adding after the word "books," in the first line thereof, the words "of record."

4. That section 20 of the said Bill be amended by striking out the word "semi-annual" in the sixth line thereof, and substituting therefor the word "annual."

5. That subsection (a) of section 21 of the said Bill be amended by striking out the word "Department" in line 13 thereof, and substituting therefor the word "Superintendent"; and subsection (b) of said section 21 is amended by adding thereto the following: "Provided that the Council may in the case of any person who has practised dentistry in any Province of Canada in conformity with the law of any such Province for a period of ten years, the Council may waive all or any of such requirements relative to his preliminary education and register such person as a member of the College."

6. That section 48 of the said Bill be amended by adding after the word "witnesses," in the fourth line thereof, the words "and for the production of books, papers, and documents by such witness or witnesses."

7. That section 50 of said Bill be amended by adding thereto the following: "And the Court of Appeal shall have all the powers which may by this Act be exercised either by the committee, or Council, or Examiners, or the Judge appealed from."

8. That section 51 of the said Bill be amended by striking out the words "any member" in the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the words "the president."

9. That section 54 of the said Bill be amended by adding thereto the following: "and the further sum of fifty dollars forfeited as aforesaid has been duly paid, unless the Council sees fit to waive the whole or any part of such payment."

10. That section 58 of the said Bill be amended by striking out the word "expired" in the first line thereof, and substituting therefor the word "unexpired."

11. That subsection (a) of section 65 of the said Bill be amended by striking out the word "and" in the first line thereof, and substituting therefor the word "any."

12. That subsection (c) of said section 65 be amended by inserting after the word "Council," in the seventh line thereof, the following words: "and has also produced evidence of preliminary education equivalent to that required by subsection (d) of section 21 of this Act"; and by adding at the end of said subsection (c) the following: "and shall continue in force for the period of one year from the date of issue thereof, and at the discretion of the Council may from time to time be renewed for additional periods not exceeding one year."

13. That section 75 of the said Bill be amended by striking out the words "member of the College, or other" in the first line thereof, and by inserting between the word "surgery" and the word "upon," in the third line thereof, the words "or to exhibit specimens of dental work"; and by striking out the words "or place of practice, except by the written consent of the Council" where the same appear in the fourth and fifth lines of said section 75.

14. That section 76 of the said Bill be amended by inserting before the word "It," in the first line thereof, the words "In respect of the practice of dentistry"; by striking out the words "member of the College" in the first line thereof, and substituting therefor the word "person"; by inserting between the word "or" and the word "method," in the third line thereof, the words "as to the"; by inserting after the word "public," in the seventh line thereof, the words "or to claim superiority over neighbouring dental practitioners; or to publish reports of cases or certificates in the public press, or otherwise"; and by inserting after the word "anæsthetic," in the eighth line thereof, the words "or advertise examinations of teeth free of charge"; and by striking out the words "who is either an associate or an employee of such member" where the same appear in the ninth and tenth lines of said section 76, and substituting therefor the words "engaged as principal or employee."

15. That section 83 be amended by inserting before the word "all" the words "the Council shall have power to fix and pay the salary or remuneration to be paid or allowed to each officer, employee, or servant of the College, and to each member of the Board of Examiners in respect of the services to be performed in connection with the holding of examinations provided for in this Act, and."

16. That there be added as section 66 to said Bill the following:—

"66. The Council may at their discretion, and upon the request of the Provincial Secretary, or Mayor or Reeve in Council of any town or municipality not at present being served by any dentist, grant a permit to practise dentistry for one year, on payment of the prescribed examination fee, to any of the following:—

"(a.) Holders of Dominion Dental Council certificates:

"(b.) Graduates of any recognized dental school in the British Dominions:

"(c.) Graduates of any recognized dental school or college in the United States of America, which school or college is a member of the National Association of Dental Faculties, such graduates being required to produce evidence of preliminary education as provided by subsection (d) of section 21."

"Such permit shall be subject to revocation if the holder violate any of the provisions of this Act."

17. Add to section 65 the following: "Such permit shall be subject to revocation if the holder violate any of the provisions of this Act or the rules and regulations of the College."

18. That the sections of the Bill be renumbered in accordance with these recommendations.

D. WHITESIDE, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was considered.

Mr. *Ross* moved to add at the end of section 14 the following proviso:—

"Provided, however, that before any by-law passed under subsections (1), (4), or (5) of this section shall take effect it shall be submitted to and receive the assent of the electors, in conformity with and in the manner provided by the requirements of section 103 of this Act in respect of by-laws requiring the assent of the electors, and shall not come into force until approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

Negatived.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Mr. *Manson* presented the Second Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
May 17th, 1917.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing begs leave to report as follows:—

That the following be printed, namely:—

- (1.) The report of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company investigations into the matter of relations with the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company up to December 31st, 1916.
- (2.) Return, correspondence from November 24th, 1916, to May 17th, 1917, between the Hon. the Minister of Railways and the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company.

Your Committee further reports that the following be not printed, namely:—

- (1.) Return, Minister of Lands, March 23rd, with regard to Willow River investigations.
- (2.) Return, Minister of Agriculture, March 12th, Agricultural Credit Regulations.
- (3.) Return, Minister of Agriculture, March 1st, further agricultural regulations.
- (4.) Return, correspondence *re* resignation of William Manson as Chairman of Agricultural Credit Commission.
- (5.) Return, Attorney-General correspondence *re* resignation of Constables Markland and McNeely.
- (6.) Return, Attorney-General correspondence *re* dismissal of Deputy Game Warden James Stather.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. M. MANSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, 17th May, 1917.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Report on Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Dentistry" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Investigation of Methods of Taxation and for the Creation of a Permanent Board of Taxation," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*May 17th, 1917.*

*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. 74) intituled "An Act to provide for the Investigation of Methods of Taxation and for the Creation of a Permanent Board of Taxation," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

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:—

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Semi-monthly Payment of Wages," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*May 17th, 1917.*

*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. 75) intituled "An Act respecting the Semi-monthly Payment of Wages," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Civil Service" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was adopted. Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Relief Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act allowing Municipalities to adopt Proportional Representation in Municipal Elections" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 35 of the Statutes of 1915."

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution of Trusts (War Facilities) Act.'"

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act.'"

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

*Resolved,* That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House rose at 12.55 a.m.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act relating to the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Relief Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Collection of a Tax on Persons attending Places of Amusement" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Labour" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to provide for auditing Public Accounts of the Province."

The debate was, on the motion of Mr. *Jackson*, again adjourned until the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*May 18th, 1917.*

*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. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage and Dyking Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

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-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12.40 p.m.