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NEW WESTMINSTER, THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Twenty-eighth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 21st day of November, 1966, calling together the Legislative Assembly to meet at the City of New Westminster, the members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *W. D. Black*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that he does not see fit to declare the cause of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *R. M. Strachan*, that *William Harvey Murray*, Esquire, member for Prince Rupert Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

E. K. DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared Mr. *William Harvey Murray* duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.
Prayers by the Bishop of New Westminster.

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read, as follows:—

“ OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

“ VICTORIA, B.C., October 20, 1966.

“ Mr. E. K. DeBeck,

“ Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,

“ Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

“ Re General Election, September 12, 1966

“ SIR,—His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by His Proclamation issued on the 5th day of August, 1966, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill vacancies caused by such dissolution.

“ The elections were duly held pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Elections Act*.

“ I transmit herewith the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer setting forth the names of the members who were elected in the respective electoral districts.

“ Yours very truly,

“ L. J. WALLACE,

“ Deputy Provincial Secretary.”

(ENCLOSURE)

“ CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF VOTERS,

“ VICTORIA, B.C., October 20, 1966.

“ L. J. Wallace, Esq.,

“ Deputy Provincial Secretary,

“ Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

“ General Election, September 12th, 1966

“ SIR,—The Twenty-seventh Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on August 5th, 1966, and writs calling for a general election were issued on August 5th, 1966, and made returnable October 20th, 1966. The day for the nomination of candidates was set for August 29th with polling day being September 12th, 1966.

“ From the returns received, I hereby certify the election of the following members to represent the respective electoral districts in the Legislative Assembly, as set out hereunder:—

ALBERNI.....	H. R. McDiarmid.
ATLIN.....	Frank Arthur Calder.
BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN.....	Francis Xavier Richter.
BURNABY-EDMONDS.....	Gordon Hudson Dowding.
BURNABY NORTH.....	Eileen Elizabeth Dailly.
BURNABY-WILLINGDON.....	Frederick Justin Vulliamy.
CARIBOO.....	William Collins Spere.

CHILLIWACK.....	William Kenneth Kiernan.
COLUMBIA RIVER.....	James R. Chabot.
COMOX.....	Daniel R. J. Campbell.
COQUITLAM.....	David Barrett.
COWICHAN-MALAHAT.....	Robert Martin Strachan.
DELTA.....	Robert Wenman.
DEWDNEY.....	George Mussallem.
ESQUIMALT.....	Herbert J. Bruch.
FORT GEORGE.....	Ray Gillis Williston.
KAMLOOPS.....	Philip Gaglardi.
KOOTENAY.....	Leo Thomas Nimsick.
LANGLEY.....	Hunter B. Vogel.
MACKENZIE.....	Isabel Pearl Dawson.
NANAIMO.....	David Daniel Stupich.
NELSON-CRESTON.....	Wesley Drewett Black.
NEW WESTMINSTER.....	John McRae (Rae) Eddie.
NORTH OKANAGAN.....	Patricia Jane Jordan.
NORTH PEACE RIVER.....	Dean Edward Smith.
NORTH VANCOUVER-CAPILANO.....	Raymond Joseph Perrault.
NORTH VANCOUVER-SEYMOUR.....	Barrie Aird Clark.
OAK BAY.....	Alan Brock Macfarlane.
OMINECA.....	Cyril Morley Shelford.
PRINCE RUPERT.....	William Harvey Murray.
REVELSTOKE-SLOCAN.....	Randolph Harding.
RICHMOND.....	Ernest LeCours.
ROSSLAND-TRAIL.....	Donald Leslie Brothers.
SAANICH AND THE ISLANDS.....	John Douglas Tisdalle.
SHUSWAP.....	Willis Franklin Jefcoat.
SKEENA.....	Dudley George Little.
SOUTH OKANAGAN.....	William Andrew Cecil Bennett.
SOUTH PEACE RIVER.....	Donald McGray Phillips.
SURREY.....	Ernest Hall.
VANCOUVER-BURRARD.....	Tom Berger.
	Ray Parkinson.
VANCOUVER CENTRE.....	H. P. Herb Capozzi.
	Evan Wolfe.
VANCOUVER EAST.....	Alexander Barrett Macdonald.
	Robert Arthur Williams.
VANCOUVER-LITTLE MOUNTAIN.....	Leslie Raymond Peterson.
	Grace McCarthy.
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY.....	Patrick Lucey McGeer.
	Garde Basil Gardom.
VANCOUVER SOUTH.....	Ralph R. Loffmark.
	Thomas A. Bate.
VICTORIA.....	William Neelands Chant.
	Waldo McTavish Skillings.
WEST VANCOUVER-HOWE SOUND.....	Allan Williams.
YALE-LILLOOET.....	William Leonard Hartley.

"F. HURLEY,
"Chief Electoral Officer."

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Cariboo were read, as follows:—

“ CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF VOTERS,
“ VICTORIA, B.C., December 19, 1966.

“ *L. J. Wallace, Esq.,*
“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary,*
“ *Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“ SIR,—Further to my letter of October 20th, a vacancy has occurred in the Cariboo Electoral District by reason of the resignation on October 26th, 1966, of the member for that electoral district, William Collins Speare.

“ A writ calling for a by-election in the said Cariboo Electoral District was issued on the 27th day of October, 1966, with polling day being November 28th, 1966.

“ From the writ returned to me, I hereby certify the election of Robert William Bonner as the member to represent the Cariboo Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“ F. HURLEY,
“ *Chief Electoral Officer.*”

“ OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
VICTORIA, B.C., December 22, 1966.

“ *Mr. E. K. DeBeck,*
“ *Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*
“ *Parliament Buildings.*

“ *Re By-election, Cariboo Electoral District, November 28, 1966*

“ DEAR SIR,—I enclose herewith certified copy of the certificate of Mr. F. Hurley, Chief Electoral Officer, respecting the election of the Honourable Robert William Bonner, Q.C., to represent the Cariboo Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“ Yours very truly,

“ L. J. WALLACE,
“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the letters of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the results of the election of members be entered on the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *R. M. Strachan*, it was *Ordered*,—

That *Herbert Joseph Bruch*, Esquire, member for Esquimalt Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House and took his seat on the Throne. The Speaker, standing on His Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In opening this, the First Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish first to welcome all Members and to express my confidence that through the wise and careful discharge of your duties much will accrue to the lasting benefit of the people of our Province.

It is my special privilege as Her Majesty's representative to greet you on this historic day in the City of New Westminster. One hundred years ago, on January 24, 1867, Governor Frederick Seymour formally opened the first session of the Legislative Council of the United Colony of British Columbia in a building within the camp of the Royal Engineers, not far removed from where we meet today. The Imperial Act uniting the former colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia had been simultaneously proclaimed at New Westminster and Victoria on November 19, 1866, and for the first time there was convened a legislative body whose jurisdiction extended the length and breadth of our Province as we know it today. I am delighted that my Government has seen fit to commemorate this significant event in such a fitting manner.

I am happy, too, to note the success of celebrations held during the past year to commemorate the centenary of the union of the two colonies. On March 11, 1966, the anniversary of the assumption of office by our first Royal Governor, our festivities

were enhanced by the participation of the Right Honourable the Viscount Amory, G.C.M.G., governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. Eight days later Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother graciously joined in our celebrations by laying the cornerstone of the complex of buildings being erected to house the Provincial Archives and Provincial Museum. These buildings constitute the Federal-Provincial Confederation project for British Columbia.

Throughout the Province, a variety of community celebrations has also been held to mark this significant year in our history. These were brought to a fitting climax during the week-end of November 19th when, with due ceremony here at New Westminster, first capital of the united colony, the formal proclamation of the *Act of Union* was re-created. In this exciting round of activities we were honoured by the presence of the Right Honourable Sir Robert Ian Bellinger, Lord Mayor of London.

During the past year we have been privileged to receive many other distinguished visitors, including Their Excellencies Sir Henry Lintott, K.C.M.G., British High Commissioner; T. J. Endemann, Ambassador of South Africa; Karl Torsten Tikkanen, Ambassador of Finland; Hans William Gasser, Ambassador of Switzerland; Mehmet Baydur, Ambassador of Turkey; Pedro R. Suinaga Lujan, Ambassador of Mexico; Dr. Antonio M. Araujo, Ambassador of Venezuela; W. Walton Butterworth, Ambassador of the United States; Zygfryd L. Wolniak, Ambassador of Poland; R. Hidajat, Ambassador of Indonesia; Dimitri Polyansky, Deputy Premier of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and the Honourable Frank Walsh, Premier of South Australia.

We are a privileged people; all about us there are many evidences that we live in a land superbly endowed by the Providence of God. It was, therefore, completely appropriate that my Government should designate Sunday, November 20, 1966, as a day of thanksgiving and thus afford us all the opportunity to acknowledge the blessings which have been showered upon us.

As long ago as the spring of 1792 Captain George Vancouver, then engaged in the exploration of our coastal waters, recognized the magnificence of our natural endowment, and prophetically added that it required "only to be enriched by the industry of man with villages, mansions, cottages and other buildings, to render it the most lovely country that can be imagined." Although his sanguine hopes were not always shared by others, the accuracy of his prophecy is everywhere apparent today. In the course of your deliberations there will be presented to you abundant evidence of the unparalleled prosperity that is ours. During the whole of 1966 we have had ample opportunity to revive the memory of the past, to recall the devoted struggles of those who pioneered this western land, to pay tribute to them for the service they have rendered to us, and to acknowledge with gratitude the strength of the foundations they so heroically laid. The intervening hundred years have wrought tremendous changes, perhaps even beyond the loftiest dreams of those who saw the soaring visions of 1866. Our rightful pride in past accomplishment and our gratitude for present well-being amply justify our hopes for future greatness.

I am gratified that my Government has in a particular way taken cognizance of this centenary by the establishment of the Order of the Dogwood. This special perpetual award of merit, evidenced by a medal incorporating in its design symbols of particular significance for our Province, may be presented to persons who have rendered outstanding meritorious service to the Province of British Columbia or have had an unusually significant association with the Province.

Now we have begun, in company with our fellow-citizens all across the land, the celebration of another centenary—the anniversary of the Canadian Confederation of July 1, 1867. My Government has advised me that plans for further commemoration of this truly significant event are well in hand. I am gratified to learn that already

hundreds of communities are actively engaged in planning events and in developing permanent projects; several of these projects already have been completed. As a Provincial symbol of this year of celebration it is the intention of my Government formally to inaugurate the Fort Steele Historic Park, the restoration of which has been in progress for some years.

It is fitting and proper that our people should have the fullest opportunity to commemorate in appropriate fashion the Centenary of Confederation. Our march to national status was not easily achieved; indeed, it might be said that Canada was built in defiance of geography. But the political acumen and intelligent foresight that imbued the founding fathers triumphed over geography, and in due course a great nation came into being. Let us remember that our own development in British Columbia reflected in miniature the same trials and sacrifice, for in earlier days there were four separate colonial jurisdictions west of the Rocky Mountains which were eventually united into a single colony. That union was not easily achieved, but from that base has come the Province of which we are so justly proud. Just as surely as unity is strength for us as British Columbians, so unity is strength for us as Canadians. The strains and stresses that gave rise to Confederation were real and powerful. They have not all been overcome, but if our generation is prepared to face them as courageously as the Fathers of Confederation faced them one hundred years ago, then we may look forward with confidence to the reality of one nation, strong and indivisible, stretching from sea to sea.

During the past year we were saddened by the passing of Senator the Honourable Stanley Stewart McKeen; Mr. Justice Harold McInnes of the Supreme Court of British Columbia; Mr. Arthur Lee, a director of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority; and Mr. George Faulds Stirling, who represented the Electoral District of Salmon Arm in this Legislature from 1943 to 1945. We note with further sadness the passing of William Alexander McKenzie, a former Minister of Mines and Minister of Labour, and Mr. George S. Pearson, a former Minister who held at various times numerous important Portfolios.

The resignation, after many years of dedicated service, of the Honourable Eric Charles Fitzgerald Martin, Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, was regretfully accepted because of illness. The Honourable Wesley Drewett Black was appointed Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, and the Honourable Daniel Robert John Campbell assumed the Portfolio of Social Welfare.

I was pleased to administer the oaths of office as Members of the Executive Council without Portfolio to Isabel Pearl Dawson, Patricia Jane Jordan, and Grace McCarthy.

I am advised by my Government that the Royal Commission appointed under the *Public Inquiries Act* to inquire into matters relating to automobile insurance rates continues to carry out its function.

Under the *Public Inquiries Act*, Rey Agler Sargent, former County Court Judge, was appointed a Commissioner to inquire into the extent and use of listening and recording devices for the purpose of invading the privacy of persons or organizations. This report will be laid before you in due course.

During 1966 our Province continued its buoyant economic growth with further sizeable gains in employment and in labour income. During the period September, 1965, to September, 1966, employment increased by 48,000 persons or 7.4 per cent, while salary and wage earnings during the year also showed a substantial increase. The major industrial segments of our economy—construction, mining, agriculture, fishing, and forestry—have been very active, resulting in expanding industrial output and virtually full employment.

I am pleased to note that the Parliament of Canada has authorized the Bank of British Columbia to be established with headquarters in the City of Vancouver.

In the field of labour relations, a number of disputes presented considerable difficulty, but I am pleased to note that these disputes have now been resolved.

In a further endeavour to encourage more meaningful communication between labour, management, and government, the British Columbia Labour-Management Committee was appointed last year. My Government expects this Committee to make a significant contribution to the industrial harmony of the Province while, at the same time, indicating future manpower policies with regard to automation and technological advances.

As part of its plans to help industry and labour deal with manpower adjustment problems which arise from technological and other economic changes, my Government has established a Research Branch which is now actively engaged in a variety of useful studies.

You will recall that last year authority was also granted for the creation of a Women's Bureau within the Department of Labour. This has now been accomplished and the Bureau is actively assisting working women with their problems.

You will be asked to consider legislation dealing with workmen's compensation.

The impressive level of industrial development attained by British Columbia in 1966 was sustained in large measure by world demand for our resources. Further efforts are now being made to assure the diversification of our economy, notably through the attraction of power-sensitive industries which can be served by the Columbia River and Peace River power projects. Greater encouragement to export industries is also being extended through the close attention which my Government is giving to the development of port facilities in British Columbia. My Government continues to be concerned with the effects of high-cost railway transportation on the people and industries of the Province and has made strong representations to the Parliament of Canada on this question.

Among its measures for fostering export trade, my Government has commissioned a study of trade possibilities with certain Latin American countries. The countries under study have a combined population of over 30 million people, which is increasing by approximately 1 million persons annually.

My Government expects that numerous commercial ties of lasting mutual benefit will arise from the Fourth International Trade Fair to be held in Vancouver between May 17th and May 27th.

Trade missions from New Zealand, France, Italy, and Sweden visited British Columbia last year, and their members were accorded first-hand acquaintance with many British Columbia industries through the tours provided by public-spirited industrialists of this Province. My Government sponsored an eight-member mission to Jamaica to survey the possibilities for the export of prefabricated buildings.

Besides the consummation of export contracts, an important outcome of international trade activities has been the encouragement of joint manufacturing and exploration ventures. Several of these large-scale investment projects in British Columbia are for the production of paper products and the development of mineral deposits.

The mining industry maintained a very satisfactory growth rate in 1966. Among other achievements, British Columbia has become an important world source of molybdenum.

New mines came into being at Babine Lake, Buttle Lake, and Rossland, producing copper, zinc, lead, and molybdenum. Work proceeded in preparations for production from other new deposits of copper, iron, and molybdenum at Tasu Sound, Alice Arm, and Tide Lake, north of Stewart.

Exploration for new mines continued at a high level, with activity concentrated on search for deposits of copper and molybdenum, and my Government has continued its efforts, in co-operation with the mining industry, to encourage the erection of a copper smelter in the Province.

Continued exploration and development of our oil and gas resources has resulted not only in significant production increases but in considerably higher revenues to the people through royalties and lease income. Active drilling programmes, accompanied by a high success ratio, again have raised our proven reserves of hydrocarbons. Recent approval by the National Energy Board of the export of an additional 100 million cubic feet of gas daily, together with the industry's marked interest in the oil potential of that part of our Peace River District located immediately west of the prolific oil discoveries in the Rainbow area of Alberta, undoubtedly will generate the most intensive exploration activity we have experienced in some years. Concurrent with the establishment of more oil and gas fields, pipe-line systems are being extended rapidly to transport our production to markets.

In addition to the development within the Peace River District, this year will mark the beginning of drilling operations in another large potential oil and gas area—the water-covered lands lying offshore of both the Mainland and Vancouver Island. The discovery of oil or gas in this area would have a tremendous effect on the economy of the Province.

My Government reports that during the past year the forest industries have experienced a variety of economic conditions both at home and in world markets. The pulp and paper industry continued to prosper, and in the Interior three new plants came into production, to more than double the previous output from that large region. The lumber industry, however, was forced to slow down in the latter part of the year by reason of a decline in demand in the United States and United Kingdom. At the same time, the total cut for the Province during the year established a new record, and the programme of pulp and paper expansion has continued unabated both on the Coast and in the Interior. A very large percentage of the output of the forest industry is sold on the world market, and the law of supply and demand governs price levels. To date there has been no marked price recession despite the reduced demand for lumber arising out of the restrictions on availability of mortgage funds adopted by our principal customers. Rather narrow declines in lumber prices have been offset by buoyant pulp and paper prices, thereby demonstrating the advantages of integration and production of a wide variety of products from our forest resource.

I am gratified to learn that losses from forest fires were greatly reduced last year. In addition, the cone crop in the southern half of the Province was much better than average, and a total of 33,000 bushels was harvested, thereby ensuring a 10-year seed supply for the increased reforestation programme.

Last year I was able to advise you that agreement had been reached whereby the Government of Canada would assist under the terms of the *Canada Water Conservation Assistance Act* in the financing of certain projects which had been designed to reduce damages from flooding in Alberni and in the municipalities of North and West Vancouver. I am pleased to report that the projects in the Greater Vancouver area have proceeded on schedule and will provide a considerable measure of protection to those regularly threatened areas this winter. Some progress has been made towards implementing the proposals for flood alleviation in the Alberni Valley. The Government of Canada and my Government are now seeking ways and means by which joint agreement can be reached in respect to the reduction of flood damage and the improvement of drainage to increase farm production in the flood-prone lands of the Lower Fraser Valley.

My Government reports that agriculture in British Columbia experienced a satisfactory year, much improved over 1965, when climatic ravages caused damage and loss to crops in a great many areas of the Province. While cost items have increased substantially to modify the net benefits, the gross value of agricultural production and cash receipts in 1966 produced the highest dollar return on record.

Last year, the Department of Agriculture introduced a series of annual Provincial agricultural outlook conferences. These conferences have already had the effect of accelerating some investments in industry related to agriculture as well as providing a broad base for farmers and others to review their opportunities in agricultural and food-processing development in British Columbia.

The first joint Federal-Provincial programme under the *Crop Insurance Act* passed at the 1966 Session of the Legislature has been introduced in relation to tree fruits. You will be asked to set up a capital fund to stabilize the crop insurance programme.

My Government is pleased to report that good progress was made in 1966 on the two largest highway projects in British Columbia. These are the extension and improvement of the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway east from Prince George to McBride and the Alberta Border, and reconstruction of the Yellowhead Route from Kamloops to Tête Jaune Cache. These and other significant projects now being carried out will be of great benefit to our own people and to the commercial trucking and tourist industries.

My Government has indicated its intention to retire all the bonded indebtedness on the Queensborough Bridge at New Westminster. Appropriate legislation for this Centennial gift to our former capital city will be submitted for your consideration.

Agencies of my Government responsible for the generation and distribution of power and for marine and rail transportation experienced satisfactory growth in 1966.

Sales of electricity by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority increased by a record 18.3 per cent, and the gain in gas sales was 13.5 per cent. These increases reflect the rapid growth of the Province's industrial plant and underline the wisdom of my Government's programme of massive power development.

I am gratified to learn that construction of the Peace River hydro project is proceeding on schedule. The dam itself is well ahead of the planned time-table and should be completed early in August. Progress on the underground power-house has accelerated, and work on all other facilities, including the massive transmission network, is going forward according to plan.

Progress on the three Columbia River Treaty dams is likewise ahead of schedule in many instances. At Duncan, general progress may permit the storage of water to commence as much as one year earlier than specified in the sales agreement and more than two years earlier than required by the Treaty. This may result in substantial savings through earlier flood-control payments and additional downstream power benefits.

Excellent progress has been made also at the Arrow Dam, with all phases of the project well ahead of schedule.

At the Mica Dam site, activities were concentrated in three main areas—reconstruction of the Big Bend Highway, construction of townsite services and buildings, and excavation of the diversion tunnels. Diversion of the river will be accomplished before the end of this year.

Construction of Hydro's 9.5-million-dollar microwave network is virtually complete. The complex communications system utilizes 38 individual stations to transmit data and permit remote control of power plants, transmission-lines, and substations throughout most of Hydro's integrated system.

To meet increasing loads on Vancouver Island, a high-voltage direct-current underwater link from the Mainland is now being constructed. This line will augment the present 132,000-volt alternating-current lines already in service.

The Burrard Thermal Plant is now being used to full capacity, with three units in operation. A fourth 150,000-kilowatt unit, scheduled for service this September, is now under construction, and in the fall of 1968 a fifth unit will be installed.

The reduction of gas rates which became effective on April 1st will save gas consumers nearly 2 million dollars a year on the Lower Mainland and in Greater Victoria. This was the fifth successive annual reduction in electric or gas rates.

A policy of rural electrification is being continued and will be extended.

My Government is pleased to report that the British Columbia Ferry Authority's new service connecting the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island to the Northern Interior via Prince Rupert has been an outstanding success. To date the whole ferry system has carried 18 million passengers and 6¾ million vehicles.

Last year the Otter Bay terminal on Pender Island was completed and service on the Powell River route across Jervis Inlet was increased. In order to accommodate greatly increased traffic between Horseshoe Bay and Langdale, additional week-end sailings will be provided this year.

During 1966 the Pacific Great Eastern Railway acquired additional locomotive power and rolling-stock, and also extended and improved its trackage. One extension from the railway's main line was under construction during the year, two were under survey, and the 23-mile run from Kennedy, 120 miles north from Prince George, to the new town of Mackenzie was officially opened for traffic. To keep pace with the railway's anticipated growth, additional yard and passing trackage will be constructed this year and further development of the industrial park at Prince George will be carried out.

Honourable Members, I have reviewed in some detail the development of our physical resources. Now I wish to speak of my Government's plans for the continued enrichment of our human resources.

British Columbia's public welfare programme has advanced to a position unsurpassed in Canada and leads the nation in many services.

Much emphasis has been placed on preventive programmes designed to forestall the development of social problems. Homemaker and child day-care services have been expanded, with the result that children as well as the aged are able to remain in their own homes rather than suffer separation from familiar surroundings.

Additional staff has been provided the Department of Social Welfare, increasing its capacity to provide counselling services, and assistance to unemployed persons and their families who are dependent upon social assistance has been extended through vocational training, educational up-grading, and job placement resources.

Treatment facilities have been and are being further developed to meet the particular needs of children who are handicapped by emotional disorders. These facilities have been established throughout the Province to provide as much local care as possible with, of course, some specialized treatment centres being set up in the more heavily populated areas.

Improved treatment methods have made it possible to discharge an ever-increasing number of patients from the mental health complex into boarding homes under the supervision of the Department of Social Welfare in an effort to assist them in their return to society.

I am pleased to advise that the construction of a 400-bed school for mentally retarded children at Victoria is well under way. The construction of the Mental Health Centre adjacent to Royal Jubilee Hospital is likewise proceeding on schedule. Plans are well advanced for the residential care centre for emotionally disturbed

children at Burnaby. A 104-bed unit at Tranquille School for mentally retarded children was opened recently, and is in full use. Renovations to the Centre Building at Woodlands School for mentally retarded children are being progressively carried out, and renovations have been completed on the Provincial property at New Denver to accommodate emotionally disturbed children.

The problem of the transient unemployed has been studied carefully, and hostels have been established in several communities. At these centres, counselling service on employment opportunities and vocational training is provided.

In the field of health services, my Government is continuing to emphasize the control of communicable diseases, and has also made funds available to assist in the early recognition of oral cancer.

Nursing services in the home have again been expanded, and are now available to over 84 per cent of the population in Provincial health units. A speech-therapy programme is now operating in four Provincial health units, and rehabilitation services for the handicapped have been planned and organized in 19 local areas.

My Government has made available to the Vancouver General Hospital special operating-room facilities within the Willow Chest Centre. These facilities will be used for the performance of open-heart surgery and will greatly reduce the waiting period for persons requiring this treatment.

During the past year, my Government also developed a special programme for the treatment of autistic children—those children who become mentally ill at an early age and appear, because of their psychotic condition, to be mentally retarded.

My Government has appointed a director of the Forensic Clinic which was established last year, and the Regional Mental Health Centre in Chilliwack has now been opened. This year, recruitment of staff for the centres in Prince George and Kamloops will be undertaken, and services in the Okanagan, Kootenay, and Upper Vancouver Island areas will be expanded.

Payments made by my Government through the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service to the hospitals of the Province have increased every year and in 1966 were at an all-time high. In the current fiscal year an estimated 90 million dollars will be paid on behalf of hospitalized residents.

Effective October 1, 1966, the coverage of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service was extended to include out-patient cancer therapy in the facilities operated by the British Columbia Cancer Institute in Vancouver and at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

I am pleased to announce that the regulations under the *Medical Grant Act* have been expanded to include the services of qualified practitioners carrying out procedures commonly performed by surgeons or oral surgeons, and to include the services of podiatrists. These amended benefits are provided with no change in the basic premiums.

Hospital construction during 1966 continued to keep pace of the tremendous programme of building which has been undertaken since 1952. During that 13-year period, 133 major building projects were completed, involving over 6,400 new beds as well as such vital service facilities as new emergency, laboratory, and radiological departments, and laundry buildings. The costs of construction in this vast undertaking amount to over 91 million dollars, of which my Government provided grants exceeding 43.8 million dollars. This past year has seen the completion of an additional 14 major hospital projects. At the present time, facilities for over 1,000 new beds are under construction throughout the Province, representing construction costs exceeding 25 million dollars. Major projects now being planned represent a further investment of approximately 50 million dollars.

During the past year my Government has vigorously pursued its programme to bring modern, diversified educational services within reach of all sections of the Province. A major reorganization and expansion of the entire secondary-school system has been completed and is now being consolidated and implemented throughout the Province. Attention has been directed to the provision of up-to-date courses and new teaching materials in all major fields of learning. Further, to meet the increasing educational requirements of our technological age, my Government proposes to continue its planned programme of expansion of educational facilities at the post-secondary-school level in the British Columbia vocational schools, the Institute of Technology, and in district or regional colleges.

Vancouver City College is now in its second year of operation, and last fall Selkirk College at Castlegar became the first of the new regional colleges to open its doors in the Interior of the Province. As a result, a wide range of post-secondary academic and technical programmes have now become available to the students in these areas.

While the recent decision of the Government of Canada to terminate the Federal-Provincial Agreement on Technical and Vocational Training has been a cause for disappointment, it is gratifying to know that my Government will continue to construct and operate regional vocational schools at strategic locations in the Province.

You will be asked at this Session to consider amendments to the *Public Schools Act*.

My Government reports that integration with the Canada Pension Plan for both contributions and benefits was brought into effect last year. Employees who retired during the year received improved pension benefits without additional cost either to themselves or to employers. Payment of the supplementary bonuses authorized by the 1966 legislation was made to about 6,000 persons who had retired in previous years. The increase in pension payments amounted to more than 1 million dollars annually.

I am pleased that my Government has announced an expanded programme of housing for low-income groups and that measures to implement this programme will be laid before you during the current Session.

With the onrush of industrial development in British Columbia, my Government has recognized as one of its cardinal responsibilities the preservation for all time of the blessings of clean air, pure water, and fertile soil. In this connection, I am happy to know that the activities of the reorganized Pollution-control Board have been greatly increased. I am happy to learn also that my Government is preparing to establish an air-pollution section within the Department of Health; 15 survey stations have already been established in various areas of the Province to conduct air-quality surveys.

In 1957 my Government established the Department of Recreation and Conservation, the first such department to be organized by any government in Canada. Included within its jurisdiction was the responsibility for tourist promotion, and the effectiveness of its operation has become self-evident: the number of visitors to our Province has increased fourfold in the past six years, and the estimated gross value of tourism to our economy last year was 225 million dollars. In order that this dramatic growth may continue on a year-round basis, you will be asked at this Session to consider the establishment of a new Department of Travel Industry.

Honourable Members will recall that in 1957 my Government pioneered in still another field of legislation when it inaugurated the Provincial home-owners' grant scheme. The annual grant to home-owners under enabling legislation has been progressively raised from the original \$28 to the current \$110. Recognizing the value of

encouraging more people to buy or build their own homes, my Government will ask you at this Session to consider legislation to establish a Home Acquisition Fund, out of which assistance will be made available to persons who have not received a homeowner's grant.

The progressive development of the physical resources of our Province has been an exciting challenge to our people and my Government, but there are other human resources which necessarily also require our attention. My Government, fully cognizant of the need, is satisfied that we are now in a position to turn further attention to the promotion, stimulation, and expansion of the cultural resources of our people. To this end you will be asked to consider the establishment of a Cultural Assistance Fund.

You will be asked to consider legislation dealing with the purchase of consumer goods from door-to-door canvassers, the protection of buyers of consumer goods under executory contracts, and the fair disclosure of the cost of credit.

My Government proposes to introduce a Bill giving consent for the declaration by the Parliament of Canada that the line as defined by survey on the ground, and shown in the atlas referred to in the 1966 report of the British Columbia-Yukon-Northwest Territories Boundary Commission, is indeed the true boundary between this Province and the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

The Public Accounts and reports of the departments of my Government will be laid before you, and you will be asked to grant to Her Majesty the ways and means of supply.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I leave you now with a final salute to the historic City of New Westminster, the first capital of British Columbia. I pray that as you resume your deliberations in the present capital city of Victoria, the guidance of Divine Providence will attend your labours.

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

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

On motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Amend the Parents' Maintenance Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett 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 Amend the Income Tax Act, 1962*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 24, 1967.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 1962*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* 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 of Consent Respecting the Adoption of the British Columbia-Yukon-Northwest Territories Boundary*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 24, 1967.

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. 3) intituled *An Act of Consent Respecting the Adoption of the British Columbia-Yukon-Northwest Territories Boundary*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Moved by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*,—

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

A debate arose.

Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

That the motion be amended by inserting after the word "Proceedings" the words "and a verbatim report of the debates," so that the motion shall read as follows:—

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

Amendment negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—23

Messieurs

<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vulliamy</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Hall</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>LeCours</i>
<i>Berger</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	

NAYS—31

Messieurs

<i>Chabot</i>	<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Jordan, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Little</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>McDiarmid</i>	<i>Gagardi</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Vogel</i>	

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, it was *Ordered*,—

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare and Education;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, and Messrs. *Bruch*, *Strachan*, and *Perrault*.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary)—

Report of the Commission appointed to delimit the boundary between the Province of British Columbia, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories, and accompanying atlas.

By the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Attorney-General)—

The Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the fiscal year ended March 31, 1966.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the year ended December 31, 1965.

By the Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources)—

Return of Lands Exchanged under section 62 of chapter 206, *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, from January 24, 1966, to January 16, 1967.

Land Settlement Board (including Agricultural Credit Commission) Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 1965.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1966.

By the Hon. *D. L. Brothers* (Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources)—

Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1965.

By the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* (Minister of Highways)—

Minister of Highways Report for the fiscal year 1965/66.

By the Hon. *R. R. Loffmark* (Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce)—

Report of the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce for the year ended December 31, 1966. (In manuscript form.)

By the Hon. *L. R. Peterson* (Minister of Education)—

Ninety-fifth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

By the Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell* (Minister of Municipal Affairs)—

Department of Municipal Affairs Report for the year ended December 31, 1966.

By the Hon. *W. N. Chant* (Minister of Public Works)—

Minister of Public Works Report for the fiscal year 1965/66 covering statement of revenue and expenditures and tenders received and contracts awarded.

By the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Recreation and Conservation)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Conservation for the year ended December 31, 1966.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (President of the Council)—

Public Utilities Commission Twenty-sixth Annual Report pursuant to section 35 of the *Motor Carrier Act*, licence-year 1965/66.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. tomorrow at Victoria.

And then the House adjourned at 4.38 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25, 1967

VICTORIA, HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. E. Bergbusch*.

Mr. *Capozzi* moved, seconded by Mr. *McDiarmid*,—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

“We, Her Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.”

A debate arose.

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*, a debate arose.

Mr. *Strachan* moved that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Motion negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—15

Messieurs

<i>Hall</i>	<i>Vulliamy</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Berger</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Williams, R. A.</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	

NAYS—37

Messieurs

<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Vogel</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>LeCours</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>McDiarmid</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Little</i>			

PAIR:

Mr. Calder

Mrs. Jordan

The debate resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—37

Messieurs

<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Vogel</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>LeCours</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>McDiarmid</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Little</i>			

NAYS—15

Messieurs

<i>Hall</i>	<i>Vulliamy</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Daily, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Berger</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Williams, R. A.</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	

PAIR:

Mrs. Jordan

Mr. Calder

Bill read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following:—

Tenth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1966.

Thirtieth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Civil Service Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1966.

Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Municipal Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1966.

Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Teachers' Pensions Act* for the year ended December 31, 1965.

A Report containing a record of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Services Medical Plan Act* for the year ended March 31, 1966.

Fifth Annual Report of the business done under the *Public Service Group Insurance Act* for the policy year July 1, 1965, to June 30, 1966.

Return submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 199 of the *Provincial Elections Act*, chapter 306 of the *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*; copy of Order in Council No. 1065, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on April 7, 1966, prescribing form of application for registration of voters; copy of Order in Council No. 1873, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on June 21, 1966, respecting registration of voters.

Department of Queen's Printer, Balance-sheet as at March 31, 1966, and Profit and Loss Statement for twelve months ended March 31, 1966.

Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the year ended March 31, 1966.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance) presented the Eighteenth Annual Report, British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, January 1 to December 31, 1966.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (President of the Council) presented the following:—
British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Fourth Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1966.

British Columbia Energy Board Seventh Annual Report, 1966.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance) presented the following:—
Return submitted in accordance with section 46 (2) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*: Refunds and remissions made under section 46 (1) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1966.

Return submitted in accordance with section 85 (4) of the *Taxation Act: Remissions and refunds made under authority of section 85 (1), (2), and (3) of the Taxation Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1966.

Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1966, Office of the Assessment Commissioner.

Twelfth Annual Report of the Assessment Appeal Board for the year ended December 31, 1966.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits, under authority of *Unclaimed Money Deposits Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1966.

Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1, 1966, to December 31, 1966.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.29 p.m.

Thursday, January 26, 1967

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. I. Allen*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Dowding*,—

That the motion be amended by adding the words “ But this House regrets that the Speech from the Throne contains nothing that will bring hope to our people that the Government intends to lift the freeze presently curtailing the building of needed educational and health facilities and the provision of related services.”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—21

Messieurs

<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Williams, R. A.</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vulliamy</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Hall</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Berger</i>			

NAYS—31

Messieurs

<i>Chabot</i>	<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Little</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>McDiarmid</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Vogel</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>LeCours</i>	

PAIR:

Mr. *Macfarlane* Mrs. *Jordan*

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

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. 2) intituled *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 1962*, was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, on the motion that the Bill be read a third time now, the House divided.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—36

Messieurs

<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Vogel</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>LeCours</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Perrault</i>	<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>McDiarmid</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Little</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>	<i>Richter</i>

NAYS—16

Messieurs

<i>Hall</i>	<i>Vulliamy</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Berger</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Williams, R. A.</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>

PAIR:

Mrs. Jordan

Mr. Macfarlane

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker declared a recess until 6.15 p.m.

FIFTEEN MINUTES PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

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

E. K. DeBeck, Esq., Clerk of the House, read the title to the following Bill:—
(No. 2) *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, 1962*.

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

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 this Bill.”

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of *Mr. Eddie*, it was *Ordered* that notice of Question No. 73 be withdrawn.

The Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell* (Minister of Social Welfare) presented the Department of Social Welfare Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1966.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.38 p.m.

Thursday, January 26, 1967

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.09 p.m.

Friday, January 27, 1967

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *J. C. Dowd*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Ordered*,—

That on Friday, the 27th day of January, 1967, and on all following days of the Session, there will be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources), presented the Water Resources Service Annual Report, 1966.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Monday, January 30, 1967

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Beaton*.

On the motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, Bill (No. 6) intituled *An Act Respecting Privacy* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Attorney-General) presented the following:—

Annual Report of the British Columbia Racing Commission for 1966.

Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the year ended December 31, 1965.

Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the year 1965.

9 Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—
With reference to individuals' driving records kept by the Motor-vehicle Branch:—

1. Were any searches made of these records at the request of insurance companies and (or) anyone else during the fiscal year 1965/66 and since March 31, 1966?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of searches made in each relevant period and (b) what was the total number of searches made at the request of insurance companies?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2 (a) Searches during 1965/66 fiscal year, 76,906; searches from March 31, 1966, to December 31, 1966, 66,795; and (b) insurance company searches during 1965/66 fiscal year, 71,461; insurance company searches from March 31, 1966, to December 31, 1966, 61,728.”

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

With respect to Interior Tire Consultants, (a) did this company receive any payments from the Department of Highways in the 12-month period ended December 31, 1966, and (b) if the answer to the above is yes, what was the amount?

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

“(a) Yes and (b) \$6,319.75.”

32 Mr. *Perrault* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

With respect to the sale of spirituous liquors in British Columbia, in the year ended December 31, 1966, what were the gallonage sales for the Liquor Control Board of (a) spirituous liquors other than through licensed outlets, (b) spirituous liquors through licensed outlets, (c) wines other than through licensed outlets, (d) wines through licensed outlets, (e) malt liquors other than through licensed outlets, and (f) malt liquors through licensed outlets?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“Records are kept only on the fiscal-year basis and for the period April 1, 1965, to March 31, 1966, the following information is submitted by way of reply: (a) 2,383,994 gallons, (b) 275,171 gallons, (c) 1,753,974 gallons, (d) 107,340 gallons, (e) 9,858,910 gallons, and (f) 14,090,648 gallons.”

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

1. What was the total number of staff employed at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31, 1966?

2. What was the total number of prisoners held at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31, 1966?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Total number of staff employed at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31, 1966, was 399 permanent and 9 temporary.

“ 2. Total number of prisoners held at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31, 1966, was 980.”

41 Mr. *Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What was the average *per diem* cost of keeping one prisoner at Oakalla Gaol for the fiscal year 1965/66?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“The average *per diem* cost of keeping one prisoner at Oakalla Gaol for the fiscal year 1965/66 was \$8.58.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31, 1967

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Barner*.

On the motion of Mr. *LeCours*, Bill (No. 7) intituled *An Act to Amend the Inferior Courts Practitioners Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 24th day of January, 1967, as follows:—

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

January 31, 1967.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on January 24th to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Skillings* (Convener), *Phillips*, *Tisdalle*, *Vogel*, *Wenman*, *McDiarmid*, the Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell*, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Hall*, *Macdonald*, *Vulliamy*, and *Gardom*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Bate* (Convener), *Capozzi*, *LeCours*, *Mussallem*, *Phillips*, *Skillings*, *Wolfe*, the Hon. *Patricia Jordan*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Harding*, *Strachan*, *Stupich*, and *Perrault*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Chabot* (Convener), *Bate*, *Mussallem*, *Tisdalle*, *Vogel*, the Hon. *D. L. Brothers*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, Messrs. *McDiarmid*, *Calder*, *Harding*, *Hartley*, *Nimsick*, and *L. A. Williams*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Jefcoat* (Convener), *Chabot*, *Phillips*, *Shelford*, *Smith*, *Tisdalle*, *McDiarmid*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Hartley*, *Stupich*, and *L. A. Williams*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Vogel* (Convener), *Bruch*, *Capozzi*, *Jefcoat*, *LeCours*, *Smith*, the Hon. *Isabel Dawson*, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, Messrs. *Hall*, *Nimsick*, *Vulliamy*, *R. A. Williams*, and *Clark*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Shelford* (Convener), *Jefcoat*, *Little*, *Mussallem*, *Skillings*, *Smith*, *Wenman*, the Hon. *Isabel Dawson*, Messrs. *Berger*, *Calder*, *Harding*, *Stupich*, and *McGeer*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *LeCours* (Convener), *Bate*, *Bruch*, *Chabot*, *Wolfe*, the Hon. *Isabel Dawson*, the Hon. *Patricia Jordan*, the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, Messrs. *Berger*, *Eddie*, *Macdonald*, *Nimsick*, and *Macfarlane*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Messrs. *Tisdalle* (Convener), *Capozzi*, *Shelford*, *Wenman*, *Wolfe*, the Hon. *Isabel Dawson*, the Hon. *R. R. Loffmark*, the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Mrs. *Dailly*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Dowding*, *Parkinson*, and *Macfarlane*.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

By leave of the House, the report was taken as read and received.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31, 1967

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Macdonald* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

That the motion be amended by adding the words "But this House regrets that the Speech from the Throne gives no indication that the Government is aware

of the deep-seated problems existing in the area of labour-management relations and the general dissatisfaction resulting, and fails to indicate any intention of promoting better labour-management relations, especially pertaining to the use of injunctions in labour disputes.”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negated on the following division:—

YEAS—21

Messieurs

<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Vulliamy</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Hall</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Berger</i>	<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Williams, R. A.</i>			

NAYS—29

Messieurs

<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>LeCours</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>McDiarmid</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Vogel</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Jordan, Mrs.</i>			

PAIR:

Messieurs

Williams, L. A. *Loffmark*

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.11 a.m.