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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second 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., C.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 2nd day of November, 1967, the members took their seats.

Prayers by the Rev. *N. D. McInnes*.

Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES, V.C., C.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, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In opening the Second Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish first to bid you welcome and to express my confidence that you will discharge your duties carefully and with wisdom for the lasting benefit of all our people.

The celebration of the centenary of the Confederation of 1867 absorbed the attention of all Canadians during the past year, and the people of this Province joined wholeheartedly in the festivities. In consequence, our people have gained both a renewed sense of pride in the accomplishments of Canada's first century and a spirit of dedication to the task of bringing about even more dynamic development during our second hundred years.

Having full confidence in the high destiny that awaits our great nation, my Government reaffirms its belief in the wisdom of the original decision that there should be a federal system of government embracing the whole of our country, from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, from the United States border to the Arctic. My Government is convinced that the successful operation of a federal system must be predicated upon the recognition of several important principles. Paramount amongst these are unswerving loyalty to the Crown and belief in the equal and fair treatment of all citizens, irrespective of their racial origin, religion, or economic status.

My Government pledges itself to play a significant role in the developments that lie ahead. It is fully aware of the necessity for a strong federal government exercising exclusive jurisdiction in such areas of national concern as the regulation of banking, currency, the defence of the nation, and the conduct of external affairs, including in particular the right to negotiate treaties. At the same time it is equally aware of the need for strong provincial or regional governments to exercise wisely and fully their own powers in the fields of property and civil rights, education, health, social welfare, and natural resources. There are, in addition, areas of mutual concern and shared responsibility, such as trade and commerce, agriculture, labour relations, and highway development. A federal system under which the highest expectations of development may be attained will flourish and be strengthened if all levels of government, imbued with a spirit of understanding, pledge themselves to build, not necessarily in uniformity, a better life for all our people.

Since we last met the Right Honourable Roland Michener was sworn in as Governor-General of Canada, succeeding that most distinguished Canadian, the late General Georges P. Vanier. While Governor-General Michener has not yet paid a visit to British Columbia in his official capacity, we look forward with pleasure to welcoming him and Mrs. Michener to our Province.

With all Canadians, we mourn the recent death of the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, the first native-born Governor-General of Canada. During his many official visits to British Columbia, Mr. Massey earned the respect, admiration, and friendship of thousands of our people, and his memory will be cherished.

The Legislative Assembly has sustained a grievous loss in the death of Thomas Audley Bate on September 21, 1967. Mr. Bate, the second member for the Electoral District of Vancouver South, rendered great service to the Province during his terms of office.

The Honourable Herbert William Davey, Chief Justice of British Columbia, was appointed Administrator of the Government of the Province on July 13, 1967. Mr. Davey, a member of the Court of Appeal, was elevated to the position of Chief Justice of British Columbia upon the retirement of the Honourable Henry Irvine Bird. The Honourable A. Bruce Robertson was appointed a Justice of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia, and Mr. Arthur McClellan was appointed a Judge of the County Court of Vancouver and a Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia. I extend my congratulations to each of these gentlemen.

On January 24, 1967, it was my privilege to open the First Session of this Parliament in the City of New Westminster on an historic day. That opening was but one of hundreds upon hundreds of events and celebrations which marked two consecutive Centennial Years in the history of this Province. British Columbia Day at Expo '67 in Montreal was held on Saturday, July 15, 1967. The Western Provinces Pavilion at Expo '67, in which my Government participated, was a show window for the West and won wide public acclaim.

Two Centennial accomplishments of which British Columbia can be especially proud related to our senior and junior citizens, and were unique to this Province. The first was the presentation of pioneer medals to more than 12,000 men and women who were residents of Canada 75 years ago, and are now residents of British Columbia. The second was accomplished by the youth of British Columbia. This was known as Project 100, carried out by students of this Province on behalf of students in less fortunate countries of the Commonwealth. Our students raised funds to equip mobile classrooms for several sister countries, thus helping cement Commonwealth ties and presenting an opportunity for youth to involve itself in a most successful projection of Canada's image.

I wish to compliment my Government on making possible the payment of grants from the Centennial Cultural Fund, established last year for the purpose of improving the arts in the Province. This, too, will be a lasting tribute to the two Centenaries recently celebrated.

For my part, in my extensive travels throughout the Province in the two Centennial Years, everywhere I went I sensed a feeling of pride in the Province and the Nation, evidenced by an enthusiastic participation in Centennial activities. Here, I wish to extend my thanks to the people of this Province who, by their fine contribution, made it such an outstanding success.

Largely because of the historical significance of 1967, this Province was honoured with a number of royal visits, visits by various heads of state or their representatives, and visits by many other distinguished persons. Among those the Province was pleased to welcome were Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra and the Honourable Angus Ogilvy; His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia; Her Majesty the Queen of The Netherlands; Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Takamatsu of Japan; Their Royal Highnesses Princess Margrethe and Prince Henrik of Denmark; His Royal Highness Crown Prince Harald of Norway; His Excellency the Vice-President of the Swiss Federal Council and Mrs. Spuhler; His Excellency the President of the Federal Executive Council of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; His Excellency the Vice-President of the Executive Yuan of the Republic of China; His Excellency Andreas Maurer, Premier of the Province of Lower Austria; and the Honourable Alfons Goppel, Prime Minister of the Free State of Bavaria.

Other distinguished visitors to the Province were His Serene Highness Prince Rainier of Monaco and his son Prince Albert; His Excellency General Jayanto Nath Chaudhuri, High Commissioner of India; His Excellency General Sun Yup Paik, Ambassador of Korea; His Excellency Osamu Itagaki, Ambassador of Japan; Captain T. Yamo, Training Ship "Nippon Maru," and Captain S. Kodama, Training Ship "Kaimo Maru"; Rear-Admiral Seigabaro Hoshimo, Commander, Japanese Training Squadron; His Excellency L. S. B. Perera, High Commissioner of Ceylon; the Honourable H. Levity Stoutt, Chief Minister, British Virgin Islands; His Excellency M. Alessandro Farace di Villaforesta, Ambassador of Italy; His Excellency Gisen Sato, Governor of Osaka; His Excellency Per Lind, Ambassador of Sweden; His Excellency Dr. A. H. J. Lovink, Ambassador of The Netherlands; His Excellency Hans W. Gasser, Ambassador of Switzerland; His Excellency Constantino Ramos, Ambassador of Argentina; His Excellency Dr. Tode Curuvija, Ambassador of Yugoslavia; His Excellency Bogh Andersen, Ambassador of Denmark; His Excellency Torfinn Oftedal, Ambassador of Norway; and His Excellency Yu-Chi Hseuh, Ambassador of China.

During the Session you will hear a more detailed report on these two exciting and productive years. They were not only years of celebrations both solemn and festive, but years in which more than 350 memorial projects paid honour to generations of the past and added much of value for those of the future.

The report of Ray Agler Sargent, appointed a Commissioner under the *Public Inquiries Act*, to inquire into the extent and use of listening and recording devices for the purpose of invading the privacy of persons or organizations has been received and will be laid before you.

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 on its inquiry.

During the present Session, my Government will ask you to consider many proposals for the further benefit of all our people. Foremost amongst these will be measures relating to housing, education, health and welfare services. The programmes to be placed before you will reflect the belief of my Government that policies for the extension of social services and policies for the encouragement of dynamic economic development are not rivals, but rather partners, each dependent upon the other. Accordingly, my Government's budgetary proposals will be designed to encourage the strong advance of our Province on all fronts, and will do so within the framework of policies to restrain inflation.

The number of elderly people in our society is constantly increasing, and the need to provide adequate housing for many of them at low-cost rentals is recognized by both Government and various service organizations. During the past year, therefore, my Government committed itself to a record expenditure in the form of grants-in-aid for this purpose. You will be asked to approve an even greater expenditure during the coming year.

Reflecting the widespread demand for modern education services, one in every four persons resident in this Province today is a direct beneficiary of our comprehensive educational system. More students are remaining longer in the secondary schools, and adults are returning in greater numbers to take advantage of the new opportunities presented at the post-secondary level. These growth trends augur well for the continued vitality of our people; they also foreshadow the continuing expansion of our educational services, and they reinforce the resolve of my Government to find still more effective ways of coping with upward-spiralling costs.

The important role of the School Boards in the administration of the public-school system has long been recognized by my Government. Proposals to strengthen the financial viability of these authorities will be presented to you as amendments to the *Public Schools Act*.

Much of the expansion in educational demands is occurring at the post-secondary level. Massive capital and operating grants by my Government have facilitated the unprecedented growth of our three public universities, and operating grants have been paid to the private university at Nelson. You will be asked to approve continued major assistance to these institutions. The new vocational school at Terrace will be ready to go into service this year, and plans for the remaining units in the chain of regional vocational schools at Kamloops and Victoria are well in hand. A college council has been appointed for the new regional college in the Prince George area, and similar action is expected for the projected regional college on Vancouver Island. My Government intends to allow plebiscites to be held for regional colleges on the North Shore of Burrard Inlet and in the Lower Fraser Valley region.

To ensure that assistance is available in all parts of the Province to help students prepare themselves adequately, my Government will propose that a travelling youth counselling and career development service be added to the Department of Education. The potential role of educational television is also under continuing study.

During the last Session, my Government indicated that it intended to examine the structure of the Mental Health Services Branch with a view to effecting a reorganization to meet the changing patterns of care for the mentally ill and retarded. This major reorganization is now under way; it will result in the Branch assuming increased responsibility for the over-all aspects of mental health planning in order to facilitate the decentralization and regionalization of mental health programmes throughout the Province.

The Deputy Minister, with a staff of professional consultants, will be located in Victoria, and they will co-operate with local authorities, mental health professionals, universities, public and private agencies, as well as with other Government departments, in the development of community programmes. The reorganization will result in a much wider and broader involvement in all aspects of the mental health of the Province. You will be asked to approve certain legislation amendments pertaining to this concept.

I am also pleased to report that the expansion of our mental health centre programme is proceeding very well, and centres are now established in Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Chilliwack, Kelowna, Vernon, Trail, and Prince George. Other centres in Cranbrook, Courtenay, and Kamloops will be opened as quickly as professional personnel can be recruited, and you will be asked to support further expansion of this programme.

The extension and improvement of preventive health services for our people continues, with new health centres nearing completion throughout the Province.

The role of the public health nurse in the field of community mental health is growing in significance due to the co-ordinated efforts of the Health Branch and the Mental Health Services Branch.

There has again been a notable increase in the amount of home care services available to patients being cared for in the community outside of the general hospitals. The home care programme was advanced during 1967 by establishing the service in 11 new districts. This service is now available to over 80 per cent of the population of the Province. The majority of patients in the home care programme are over 65 years of age, and consequently this type of work is closely associated with geriatric care.

The comprehensive immunization programme remains available to all age-groups, to provide a measure of protection against certain controllable diseases.

The most noteworthy item of progress in the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service for the current fiscal year was the establishment of regional hospital districts for financing hospital construction. In the largest district from standpoints of population and numbers of hospitals, the Fraser-Burrard Regional Hospital District, the ratepayers approved a 51-million-dollar by-law on October 4, 1967, by an overwhelming majority to authorize funds for 16 hospitals. To date, Government approval has also been given for money votes in seven other regional hospital districts for hospital projects involving a total cost of approximately 31 million dollars.

It is estimated that in the current fiscal year 106 million dollars will be paid by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service to the hospitals of the Province, toward hospital expenses incurred by residents. This is the equivalent of \$56 for each man, woman, and child living in British Columbia.

British Columbia's vast programme of hospital construction continued at an accelerated pace. During 1967, new hospitals were opened at Duncan, Comox, and Summerland; additions and renovations were completed at Haney, Kamloops, Nanaimo, New Westminster (Saint Mary's), North Vancouver, Prince George, Murrayville, and Queen Charlotte City; and intensive-care ward and other facilities were constructed for the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. As the year drew to a close, approximately 790 beds were under construction throughout the Province and over 2,200 beds were in the advanced stages of planning.

I am pleased to note the continued success of the British Columbia Medical Plan, initiated in 1965 by my Government with the full co-operation of the medical profession. It has brought the benefits of prepayment to the aged, the ill, and per-

sons of low income; as a result, over 95 per cent of our permanent population now enjoys the security of prepaid medical coverage. During the fiscal year ended last March 31st, more than 2¼ million services for covered persons were paid by the Provincial plan. My Government's provision of subsidies to ensure both low basic premiums and further assistance toward the premium payments of those of low income has resulted in the maintenance of these premiums at the original level, despite increasing costs of medical-care services and improved benefits.

You will be asked at this Session to consider proposals for the improvement and extension of social welfare benefits. These proposals will further reflect policies of decentralization, under which more responsibility will be assigned to local governments and more revenue will be made available to them.

My Government is pleased to report that there has been an accelerated growth in the labour force, from an average of 565,000 in 1960 to approximately 762,000 in 1967, an increase of 35 per cent in seven years, and that incomes of wage-earners have also shown a steady increase.

You will be asked to consider the workmen's compensation legislation which was introduced at the last Session and allowed to stand over until this meeting in order that all interested parties might consider it and make representations before it becomes law.

Additional legislative proposals will be placed before you dealing with industrial relations.

British Columbia's industrial community continued in 1967 to add to its already impressive stock of production facilities, with new and repair capital investment in all fields totalling over 2½ billion dollars. The population of the Province rose by 3.9 per cent, the highest annual rate of increase in the nation and fully twice the national average. Early this year, our population will pass the 2 million mark. The gross Provincial product of British Columbia in 1967 is estimated at 6.8 billion dollars. Our exports are a very important factor in maintaining Canada's balance of payments and trade with other countries. British Columbia's *per capita* exports in 1967 were approximately \$733, compared with \$540 *per capita* for the rest of Canada.

This impressive record of economic growth would not have been possible without my Government's long-range planning for and construction of power and port developments and east-west highways to stimulate competition among freight-carriers. It underlines further the wisdom of policies designed to keep our Province advancing on all fronts.

Because our continued prosperity depends so greatly on world trade, I was particularly glad to note the success of the Fourth International Trade Fair held last year in Vancouver. This fair, which is sponsored by my Government, was the largest of its kind held in the western hemisphere in 1967.

Encouraged by the buoyant economic climate of the Province as contrasted with unsettled conditions elsewhere in the world, large sums of investment capital continued to flow into British Columbia last year. As a result, thousands of new jobs have been created and significant growth has been achieved in secondary manufacturing.

Mining in British Columbia continues to develop at a very high pace. During 1967, four new mines were opened and two others are making ready for production.

Intense interest in deposits of coking coal is being shown by major Japanese steel-smelter operators, and considerable exploratory work is being done on known coal deposits in the East Kootenay area by four separate companies.

Efforts to encourage a copper smelter in the Province were continued by my Government during 1967 in co-operation with the mining industry.

Exploration and production of our oil and gas resources continued on an upward trend, resulting again in considerably higher revenues from royalties and general income from rentals and fees.

Amendments to the *Mineral Act* will be proposed, and you will be asked to consider an Act which will create the mineral jade as the mineral emblem of our Province.

My Government reports a sharp reduction in direct forest revenue for 1967. This was due in part to the high cost of fire suppression and to the prolonged work stoppage in the Southern Interior. It also reflected reduced stumpage, resulting from increased costs of operation.

The forest industries experienced a wide variety of economic conditions during 1967. In the pulp and paper sector, there was evidence of the earlier prediction that there would be a temporary surplus in production and, as a result, there was some reduction in output. By contrast, a new plant came into production on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and construction is well advanced on a new unit in the East Kootenay region. At Prince George, the third pulp-mill for that region is being built according to schedule and should be ready to produce pulp this year. Initial feasibility studies have been completed for an additional four pulp complexes in the Central Interior, and construction may be expected in the near future.

Log prices on the Coast and lumber prices in the Interior remained relatively stable. The long-term outlook is bright. Much of the required housing now in demand throughout North America and Europe will be built with British Columbia lumber, plywood, and shingles.

The reforestation programme continued to expand, and two new major forest nurseries were formally opened as part of the general Centennial celebrations of the Province. It is anticipated that 29 million seedlings will be available for the 1967/68 planting season, and this will increase to 41 million trees for 1968/69.

Almost 170 miles of mile-wide channels and harbours were cleared in the Peace River power reservoir by the Forest Service to allow for a continuous programme of timber salvage and clearing. Plans for the clearing of the Libby reservoir are being finalized. Legislation will be presented to allow the actual work to proceed. Water-based clearing and salvage behind the Duncan Dam will be continued this year and will proceed to completion.

A co-ordinated, Province-wide flood-control plan was implemented to combat one of the most severe flood threats ever faced in British Columbia. More than 1 million dollars was spent on emergent work, with the final result that little damage was recorded. This threat was followed by one of the hottest, driest summers we have ever experienced, which gravely taxed the water resources of many areas and brought with it over 3,200 forest fires, which cost nearly 7 million dollars for direct suppression. I am gratified to learn that, despite the extremely hazardous conditions, the forest-land area destroyed was much smaller than the average of past years.

My Government is continuing to pursue vigorously its programme for the abatement of pollution in all its forms. You will be asked to consider amendments to further strengthen and expand the present Act.

I am happy to learn that seven new Provincial parks were opened in 1967 as part of my Government's continuing programme to keep British Columbia in the forefront of the field of public recreation. Despite closures caused by the forest fire hazard, approximately 6 million people visited Provincial Parks during the year.

You will be asked to consider legislation to establish the Creston Waterfowl Sanctuary as a perpetual trust to assure a continuity of management that will permit this area to develop into one of the outstanding conservation projects on this continent.

Amendments will be placed before you to facilitate better organization and continuity in the big-game guiding industry, so that further improvement may be made in the management of this natural resource.

With the establishment of a full-fledged Department of Travel Industry, my Government is developing a team of specialists to deal with the organization and promotion of this important industry. In addition, the Provincial Tourist Advisory Council, established three years ago to serve as the consulting and co-ordinating body between industry and government, is now most effectively performing this function.

My Government reports that excellent progress is being made on major highway projects throughout the Province. This year the Yellowhead route from Kamloops to the Alberta border will be completed, and all contracts will either be completed or under construction on the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway extending eastward from Prince George to Alberta. Considerable major work is being undertaken in connection with, and as a result of, construction of the Columbia River power projects, and on the Trans-Canada Highway construction will start soon on the Agassiz-Haig link in the Fraser Valley.

Major crossings of the Fraser River will start this year at Mission City and in the Richmond-Vancouver area. Plans for extension of the highway system at the north end of Vancouver Island are in progress.

You will be asked at this Session to consider legislation authorizing my Government to contribute toward the cost of a new crossing of the First Narrows at Vancouver.

I am gratified to learn that the volume of traffic on vessels of the British Columbia Ferry Authority increased again last year. Since the commencement of service in 1960, this rapidly developing marine highway system has already carried well in excess of 20 million passengers.

Last year's continued increase was accomplished despite the unfortunate stranding on Haddington Reef in early August of the "Queen of Prince Rupert," forcing her removal from service. As a result, the Authority lost approximately half its projected revenue on this route. Officers and men on the ship and the shore staff functioned in a highly proficient manner after the accident occurred, and many letters of commendation were received from passengers who were aboard. Year-round service to Northern British Columbia will begin again on March 28th from Kelsey Bay.

The Ferry Authority has rendered great service to the people of this Province and to our visitors as an extension of the highway system. Last year the total investment in its facilities was returned by my Government, and you will be asked at the present Session to further integrate its operations by authorizing its transfer to Her Majesty in the right of the Province.

My Government reports that agriculture has completed a year which will result in a further improvement of farm cash returns, with the final figure likely to approach 200 million dollars for the first time.

A new programme of milk analysis over a five-year period has been introduced which, it is expected, will have far-reaching effects on the future of the dairy industry.

The joint Federal-Provincial crop insurance programme has completed its first year of operation in the tree-fruit area and is being extended to the berry, grape, and cereal-grain crops in specified areas of the Province for the 1968 crop year. In all except the cereals, the British Columbia programmes are the first in Canada, and in the case of berry crops the insurance scheme is believed to be the first offered anywhere in the world.

Our farm business-management programme is being extended to cover horticultural and poultry-industry segments on a fee-for-service basis.

My Government expects to take steps during the year to bring in regulations to assist in the control of sales of veterinary drugs under the authority of the *Pharmacy Act*.

The first rural development area under the joint Federal-Provincial ARDA agreement has been established in the Bulkley rural area, covering the area from the region of Burns Lake to Cedarvale.

The British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority is pressing forward with the greatest plant-expansion programme in its history in order to supply the increasing demand for electric power.

Power to meet the growing demand in British Columbia will soon be available from the Peace River project. I am gratified to report that this programme is proceeding on schedule in preparation for impoundment of water from the 1968 spring run-off. The 600-foot earth-fill dam was completed and dedicated to the service of the people of British Columbia at a colourful ceremony on September 12, 1967. It was my privilege and personal pleasure to name the dam in honour of Prime Minister W. A. C. Bennett, whose vision and confidence in the future of British Columbia made this great project possible. It is confidently expected that much-needed Peace power will be available in the fall of 1968.

I am pleased to report that progress on the Columbia River Treaty projects is equally encouraging. Duncan Dam was declared operational at the end of July, almost a year ahead of schedule. The project was dedicated on August 17th by the Prime Minister at an impressive ceremony of international significance.

Good progress has been made on the Arrow Dam, and it is now scheduled to become operational several months ahead of the stipulated date of April 1, 1969.

The Mica project is progressing satisfactorily, and early in November, 1967, the Columbia River was diverted through two 45-foot-diameter tunnels in preparation for construction of the dam, which will rise 800 feet above bedrock. On September 6, 1967, a 136.3-million-dollar contract was awarded for construction of the dam, discharge works, and the intakes for future power development. This contract is believed to be the largest single construction contract ever awarded in Canada. Mica Dam is scheduled to become operational in the spring of 1973.

Expenditures to date on the Columbia River Treaty projects include substantial expenditures for reimbursement and resettlement of persons, organizations, and businesses likely to be affected by the reservoir development. Roads, new communities, and projects for the protection of fish and wildlife are included.

To meet immediate demands for power, a fourth 150,000-kilowatt unit was placed in service at the Burrard Thermal Generating Plant in the late summer of 1967. A fifth unit is scheduled to be installed this year.

Work is continuing on a three-stage programme to provide large blocks of power to Vancouver Island through a high-voltage direct-current submarine cable connection from the British Columbia mainland. Additional transmission and sub-

station facilities were provided throughout the Authority's service area, and a number of communities were connected to the Provincial integrated power system for the first time in 1967. On April 1st the Authority completed the purchase of the electrical-distribution and customer-service facilities in Kitimat from the Aluminum Company of Canada Limited. This system now serves 2,600 customers of electricity. Kitimat, along with Prince Rupert and the Skeena and Bulkley Valleys, will ultimately be tied in with the integrated Province-wide system, which will ensure adequate power for continued growth and expansion in the area.

As a result of my Government's assistance, B.C. Hydro developed an expanded rural electrification programme which brought the benefits of electricity to many remote communities, farms, and ranches during the past year. During the nine-month period beginning April 1st, 216 miles of electrical distribution-line were constructed under the programme.

Increased customer and gas sales are reported in the Lower Mainland and Greater Victoria. A new general rate for gas service in Greater Victoria was introduced in April, 1967, and resulted in customer savings ranging up to 35 per cent.

Although the historic downward trend in rider patronage appears to have been halted, the Authority's urban transit system has continued to experience heavy operating losses. These have been aggravated by the cost of providing new equipment and service facilities, including the \$750,000 Kensington Transit Centre opened last year in Burnaby. The effect of this situation on other operations of the Authority is a matter of concern to my Government, and, as a result, you will be asked at this Session to consider certain correctives.

It is expected that power demands in the Authority's service area will increase at the rate of about 9 per cent annually over the next decade. Therefore, the present generating capacity of 2.2 million kilowatts must be increased to about 5.4 million kilowatts by 1978.

The forward surge in operations of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was sustained throughout 1967, with carloadings and revenues soaring to the highest levels recorded in the company's 55-year history. During 1967 the railway acquired additional rolling-stock, improved its trackage, and improved its shop facilities.

In mid-October the first traffic moved over the railway's most recent extension, linking Odell (30 miles north of Prince George) to Fort St. James. This 78-mile extension is the first leg of the projected Takla Lake extension, which will continue on from Fort St. James to Takla Lake, an additional 80 miles to the north-west. Survey work is in progress on this section of the line.

My Government, recognizing problems connected with urban development, initiated, in co-operation with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, a project for the Centennial Year to up-grade municipal administration machinery for the decade of the seventies. This co-operative study project, named "Preparing Machinery for the Seventies," will cause to be laid before you certain revisions to the *Municipal Act*.

You will also be asked to consider legislation which will seek to preserve the scenic beauty of the countryside paralleling our highway system.

Legislation to increase public revenue from our natural resources will be placed before you.

My Government recognizes and pays tribute to the men and women of the public service of our Province for their faithful and loyal service.

The Public Accounts and the 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.

To these and all other matters which may come before you, I ask your most careful attention, praying that Divine Providence may guide you. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties.

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.

The Speaker then made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—On the 5th day of October, 1967, I did receive notice from two members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, advising me of the death of *Thomas Audley Bate*, Esquire, member for the Electoral District of Vancouver South.

I did forthwith, pursuant to section 60 of the *Constitution Act*, being chapter 71 of the *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, issue to L. J. Wallace, Esquire, Deputy Provincial Secretary, my warrant for the issue of a new writ for the election of a member to fill the vacancy in the said Electoral District of Vancouver South.

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

That this House express its sincere regret at the death of *Thomas Audley Bate*, Esquire, member for the Electoral District of Vancouver South, and that the Speaker do convey to Mrs. Bate and the family of the late member the condolences and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

At the request of Mr. Speaker the House expressed its approval of the motion by the members standing in silence.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act for the Protection of Personal 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.

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.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*,—

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. *Macdonald*,—

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.”

On a point of order being raised by the Hon. the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that it involved the expenditure of public funds and, as such, was out of order in the hands of a private member. He stated that he had considered and adopted the decision of Mr. Speaker *Whittaker* as reported in the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, 1938, at page 92.

Mr. Speaker further stated that upon consideration of an identical amendment in this Legislature on January 24, 1967, no point of order was taken, but today the Hon. the Attorney-General had advised the Legislature that implementation of the proposed amendment would necessarily involve the expenditure of public funds over and above those funds already provided in the legislative vote for the current fiscal year.

An appeal was taken from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

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

YEAS—37

Messieurs

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

A further amendment was moved by Mr. *Gardom*, seconded by Mr. *Perrault*:—

That the motion be amended by inserting after the word “same” in the last line thereof the following:—

“And that 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, but at cost to the appointee, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.”

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order for the same reasons as the previous amendment.

The debate resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennet* moved, seconded by the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*,—
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*.

A debate arose.

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

The motion be amended by adding “9. On Health Services and Hospital Insurance” after the word “Education.”

Upon a point of order being taken by the Hon. the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker ruled that so long as the mandatory requirements of Standing Order 68 (1) were fulfilled, no reason had been advanced why the House, if it so wished, should not add to the Committee specified in Standing Order 68 (1).

The debate continued.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—22

Messieurs

Williams, L. A.
Gardom
Clark
Hall
Hartley
Berger

Williams, R. A.
Vulliamy
Stupich
Parkinson
Barrett
McGeer

Macfarlane
Perrault
Dowding
Daily, Mrs.
Calder

Eddie
Nimsick
Harding
Strachan
Macdonald

NAYS—31

Messieurs

<i>LeCours</i>	<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Chabot</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>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Vogel</i>	

The debate resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—53

Messieurs

<i>Williams, L. A.</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Gardom</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Phillips</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>
<i>Hall</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>McDiarmid</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Jordan, Mrs.</i>	<i>Capozzi</i>
<i>Berger</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Vogel</i>
<i>Williams, R. A.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Vulliamy</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Stupich</i>	<i>LeCours</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>McGeer</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Perrault</i>			

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *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.

The following papers were presented:—

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

Twelfth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1967.

Thirty-second Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Civil Service Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1967.

Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Municipal Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31, 1967.

Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Teachers' Pensions Act* for the year ended December 31, 1966.

Seventh Annual Report of the business done under the *Public Service Group Insurance Act* for the seventh policy year, July 1, 1966, to July 30, 1967.

A report containing a record of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Services Medical Plan Act* for the year ended March 31, 1967.

Queen's Printer, Balance-sheet as at March 31, 1967, and Profit and Loss Statement for 12 months ended March 31, 1967.

Annual Report of the Public Library Commission for the year ended March 31, 1967.

Report of Mr. R. A. Sargent, the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the invasion of privacy, dated August 9, 1967.

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

Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the fiscal year ended March 31, 1967.

Fifty-sixth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the year ended December 31, 1966.

Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the year ended December 31, 1966.

Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the year 1966. (In manuscript form.)

Annual Report for 1967 of the British Columbia Racing Commission.

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 16, 1967, to January 9, 1968.

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, 1967.

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 1967.

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Assessment Appeal Board for the year ended December 31, 1967.

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 1967.

Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1967, Office of the Assessment Commissioner.

Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1, 1967, to December 31, 1967.

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, 1967.

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, 1966.

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

Minister of Highways Report for the fiscal year 1966/67.

By the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Minister of Commercial Transport)—

Annual Report of the Department of Commercial Transport for the year ended December 31, 1967. (In manuscript form.)

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, 1967. (In manuscript form.)

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

Ninety-sixth 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, 1967. (In manuscript form.)

By the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance)—

Nineteenth Annual Report, British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, January 1 to December 31, 1967.

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

Annual Report of the Department of Recreation and Conservation for the year ended December 31, 1967. (In manuscript form.)

By the Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell* (Minister of Social Welfare)—

Department of Social Welfare Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1967.

By the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Travel Industry)—

Report of the Department of Travel Industry for the year ended December 31, 1967.

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

British Columbia Energy Board Eighth Annual Report, year ended December 31, 1967.

Fifth Annual Report, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, year ended March 31, 1967.

Public Utilities Commission, Twenty-seventh Annual Report pursuant to section 35 of the *Motor Carrier Act*, licence-year 1966/67.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.38 p.m.

Friday, January 26, 1968

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. H. Metzger*.

Mr. *Wolfe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith*,—

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.

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 4.05 p.m.

Monday, January 29, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *B. Cowan*.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Bruch*, Deputy Speaker, took the chair pursuant to section 46 (2) of the *Constitution Act*.

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. *R. A. Williams*,—

That the motion be amended by adding the words “ That this House regrets that the Speech from the Throne discloses no proposals for policy changes necessary to eliminate the mismanagement of the human and natural resources of this rich Province.”

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>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Hall</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Berger</i>			

NAYS—30

Messieurs

<i>LeCours</i>	<i>Jordan, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Chabot</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>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Vogel</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>McCarthy, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wolfe</i>		

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

At the hour of 6 o'clock the Deputy Speaker left the chair.

Monday, January 29, 1968

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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.

Moved by the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *W. N. Chant*,—

That on Tuesday, the 30th day of January, 1968, 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.

Mr. *Nimsick* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Berger*,—

That the motion be amended by striking out the word "adjournment" and substituting therefor "11 p.m."

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>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Hall</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Berger</i>			

NAYS—28

Messieurs

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

PAIR:

Messieurs

Calder *Capozzi*

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. *R. R. Loffmark*, seconded by the Hon. *D. L. Brothers*,—

That the Special Committee appointed in the First Session of this Parliament to study the Report of the Royal Commission on Gasoline Price Structure, prepared by His Honour Judge Charles William Morrow, be renamed by those responsible for listing Select Standing Committees of this House, with such substitutions or additions to membership as may be necessary, and that the Special Committee study further the said Report and recommendations previously tabled in this House respecting it and pertinent circumstances relating thereto, and make further report to this Legislature as to their findings.

This Special Committee, when named, shall have the power to send for persons, papers, and records and hear such representations as may, in their discretion, appear pertinent to this study.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Harding* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*,—

That the motion be amended by inserting after the word “findings” at the end of the first paragraph, the words “not later than March 8, 1968.”

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>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Stupich</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Hall</i>	<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Hartley</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Dailly, Mrs.</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>
<i>Berger</i>			

NAYS—29

Messieurs

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

PAIR:

Messieurs

Calder *Capozzi*

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—39

Messieurs

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

NAYS—11

Messieurs

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

PAIR:

Messieurs

Capozzi *Calder*

18 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 1966/67?

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) During the fiscal year 1966/67 the total number of searches amounted to 101,410, and (b) 93,955 searches were made at the request of the insurance companies.”

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

With respect to the sale of spirituous liquors in British Columbia, in the fiscal year April 1, 1966, to March 31, 1967, 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 through licensed outlets, (d) wines other than 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:—

“(a) 2,553,751.621 gallons, (b) 306,057.992 gallons, (c) 73,504.929 gallons, (d) 1,794,286.796 gallons, (e) 11,641,434.377 gallons, and (f) 16,551,631.015 gallons.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.53 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. Upton.

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. *Isabel Dawson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

21 Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce the following question:—

During the years 1966 and 1967, how many employees were engaged in (a) primary industries and (b) secondary industries?

The Hon. *R. R. Loffmark* replied as follows:—

“ In the primary industries, forestry and mining statistics are published. Comparable statistics for agriculture and fishing are not available, presumably because of the large number of self-employed in both of these industries. The following table represents all available statistics on this question:—

Estimates of Employees, by Industry, British Columbia (Monthly Averages)

	(In thousands.)		
	1965*	1966*	1967 (Estimated)
Forestry	19.5	19.4	18.0
Mining	8.6	9.7	9.7
Manufacturing—			
Non-durable goods	45.6	48.7	49.9
Durable goods	72.6	76.2	74.1
	118.1	125.0	124.0
Construction	32.2	35.5	37.9
Transportation, communication, and other utilities....	68.7	73.2	76.6
Trade	87.1	91.4	92.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	21.4	23.1	24.4
Service (commercial sector only)	56.6	64.1	68.7
Totals	412.3	441.5	451.6

* Revised.

“ NOTE.— Not included above are employees in agriculture, fishing, non-commercial service, and public administration and defence. The 1961 Census reported 8,266 employees in agriculture, 1,437 in fishing, and 46,000 in public administration and defence. Total agricultural employment was estimated at 25,333 in 1967 (this figure includes working owners in addition to employees and, therefore, is not fully comparable with estimates of employees series shown above). A rough approximation of employment in British Columbia fishing (including working owners) would suggest a minimum of 5,000 workers.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30, 1968

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. *W. D. Black*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

10 Mr. *Perrault* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources the following question:—

How many permanent staff of the British Columbia Forest Service were employed in duties relating to forest protection in the year ended December 31, 1967?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“The total number of permanent staff employed on forest protection in the calendar year 1967 was as follows: Full-time protection staff, 49; staff whose duties included a significant share of forest-protection activities (e.g., rangers, radio-men, etc.), 243; total, 292.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.40 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. Barner*.

Mr. *Hartley* asked leave to move adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “the abrupt cessation of a public transportation service on the Fraser River at Lytton,” and handed a written statement to Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker stated that under Standing Order 35 the statement must reveal an “urgency of debate” and not merely a matter of “urgency,” and that, as the member had not raised the matter at the earliest opportunity, it was not now in order to do so, and Mr. Speaker ruled accordingly.

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. *W. D. Black* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance) presented the following:—

Seventy-first Annual Report of the Public Health Services of British Columbia for the year ended December 31, 1967.

Annual Report of Mental Health Services Branch, Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, for the year ended March 31, 1967. (In manuscript form.)

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources) presented the Land Settlement Board (including Agricultural Credit Commission) Financial Statements for the year ended 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 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, February 1, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. E. King*.

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. *Nimsick* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Vulliamy*,—

That the motion be amended by adding the words "That this House regrets that the Speech from the Throne gives no indication that this Government is prepared to embark on a comprehensive programme that will end the serious shortage of housing, reduce the high cost of land, or limit the excessive rents that face the citizens of this Province."

A debate arose.

At the hour of 6 o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

Thursday, February 1, 1968

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *L. A. Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gardom*,—

That the amendment be amended by adding the words "and furthermore that this Government has neglected its responsibility to take direct action to alleviate the shortage of housing by failing to establish a Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs."

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment to the amendment out of order under Standing Order 66.

The Speaker's decision was challenged.

The Speaker's decision was sustained.

The debate was resumed on the amendment.

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—29

Messieurs

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

PAIR:

Messieurs

Macfarlane *Gaglardi*

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

By leave of the House, the following notice of question appearing in the Votes and Proceedings in the name of Mr. *Strachan* was withdrawn:—

99 Mr. *Strachan* to ask the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

With reference to the statement in the Speech from the Throne that 95 per cent of our population now have prepaid medicare coverage:—

1. What are the names of the plans providing coverage and the number of persons covered by each plan?
2. Do any of the persons covered receive a comparable standard of coverage to that provided by the British Columbia Medical Plan, and, if so, how many?
3. What is the total annual cost of the coverage provided?
4. What percentage of the total annual cost is for administration?
5. What is the annual *per capita* cost of coverage?

The House proceeded to the Order "Reading and Receiving Petitions."

Mr. *Wolfe* presented the petition of the Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners' Association for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922*.

On the motion of Mr. *Wolfe* the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Shaughnessy Heights Property Owners' Association was *Ordered* received.

Mr. *Wolfe* presented the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter*.

On the motion of Mr. *Wolfe* the Rules were suspended and the petition of the City of Vancouver was *Ordered* received.

Mr. *Vogel* presented the petition of the Vancouver Bible Institute for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Confer Power upon Vancouver Bible Institute to Grant Theological Degrees*.

On the motion of Mr. *Vogel* the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Vancouver Bible Institute was *Ordered* received.

Mr. *Tisdalle* presented the petition of Donald Victor Bennett, of the Municipality of Burnaby; Eugene Francis Cameron, C. Jack Oliver, Richard Lawrence Richards, Richard Edward Robins, and Kenneth Oswald Smith, of the City of Vancouver; Edgar Marshall Sheppard, of the Municipality of West Vancouver; Fredrick Keith Clarke, Hubert Munday, and Brian Porter Sutherland, of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate Regent College*.

On the motion of Mr. *Tisdalle* the Rules were suspended and the petition of Donald Victor Bennett, Eugene Francis Cameron, C. Jack Oliver, Richard Lawrence Richards, Richard Edward Robins, Kenneth Oswald Smith, Edgar Marshall Sheppard, Fredrick Keith Clarke, Hubert Munday, and Brian Porter Sutherland was *Ordered* received.

Mr. *Skillings* presented the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act Relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria*.

On the motion of Mr. *Skillings* the Rules were suspended and the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria was *Ordered* received.

Mr. *Wolfe* presented the petition of The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act Respecting Landscape Architects*.

On the motion of Mr. *Wolfe* the Rules were suspended and the petition of The British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects was *Ordered* received.

Mr. *Vogel* presented the petition of the Lower Fraser Valley Exhibition Association for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act Respecting the Lower Fraser Valley Exhibition Association*.

On the motion of Mr. *Vogel* the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Lower Fraser Valley Exhibition Association was *Ordered* received.

Mr. *Skillings* presented the petition of the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia Act, 1915*.

On the motion of Mr. *Skillings* the Rules were suspended and the petition of the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia was *Ordered* received.

Mr. *LeCours* presented the petition of The Fraser Manor Ltd. for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922*.

On the motion of Mr. *LeCours* the Rules were suspended and the petition of The Fraser Manor Ltd. was *Ordered* received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.48 p.m.

Friday, February 2, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. Beaton*.

Mr. *Stupich* asked leave to move adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "the impending curtailment of ferry services between Vancouver Island and the Mainland."

Mr. Speaker stated that a reduction in ferry service for a limited period of time, contrasted with a complete abandonment of a vital transportation or communication link, did not, in his opinion, disclose an urgency for debate.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

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. *D. L. Brothers*, 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 25th day of January, 1968, as follows:—

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 2, 1968.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on January 25th 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), *Mussallem*, *Tisdalle*, *Vogel*, *Wenman*, the Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell*, the Hon. *Patricia Jordan*, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Hall*, *Macdonald*, *Vulliamy*, and *Gardom*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Wolfe* (Convener), *LeCours*, *Mussallem*, *Phillips*, *Skillings*, *Smith*, the Hon. *D. L. Brothers*, the Hon. *Isabel Dawson*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Dowding*, *Strachan*, *Stupich*, and *Perrault*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Chabot* (Convener), *LeCours*, *McDiarmid*, *Phillips*, the Hon. *D. L. Brothers*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Messrs. *Calder*, *Harding*, *Nimsick*, and *Macfarlane*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Jefcoat* (Convener), *Chabot*, *Phillips*, *Shelford*, *Smith*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, the Hon. *Patricia Jordan*, the Hon. *F. X. Richter*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Hall*, *Hartley*, *Stupich*, and *L. A. Williams*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Vogel* (Convener), *Capozzi*, *McDiarmid*, *Smith*, *Tisdalle*, *Wenman*, the Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell*, the Hon. *Isabel Dawson*, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, Messrs. *Hall*, *Nimsick*, *Vulliamy*, *R. A. Williams*, and *Clark*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Shelford* (Convener), *Chabot*, *Jefcoat*, *Little*, *Mussallem*, *Phillips*, *Smith*, the Hon. *Isabel Dawson*, the Hon. *Patricia Jordan*, Messrs. *Berger*, *Calder*, *Harding*, *Hartley*, *Stupich*, *R. A. Williams*, and *McGeer*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *LeCours* (Convener), *Bruch*, *Capozzi*, *Chabot*, *Jefcoat*, *McDiarmid*, *Vogel*, *Wolfe*, the Hon. *Isabel Dawson*, the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, Messrs. *Berger*, *Eddie*, *Macdonald*, *Nimsick*, and *Clark*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Messrs. *Tisdalle* (Convener), *Capozzi*, *Wenman*, *Wolfe*, the Hon. *Isabel Dawson*, the Hon. *Patricia Jordan*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the Hon. *R. R. Loffmark*, the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Harding*, *Parkinson*, Mrs. *Daily*, and Mr. *McGeer*.

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.

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

With respect to the Boys' Industrial School:—

1. What was the total number of boys held as at December 31, 1967?
2. What was the total number of staff employed as at December 31, 1967?
3. What was the total number of social workers employed as at December 31, 1967?

The Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 154.

“ 2. 74.

“ 3. Five.”

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

With respect to the Girls' Industrial School:—

1. What was the total number of girls held as at December 31, 1967?
2. What was the total number of staff employed as at December 31, 1967?
3. What was the total number of social workers employed as at December 31, 1967?

The Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 83.
- “ 2. 51.
- “ 3. Four plus master's degree students and supervisor from the School of Social Work, University of British Columbia. Two full days per week.”

90 Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

1. Has the Government decided on a location for the relocation of Natal-Michel?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, where is the location?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is no, when will this decision be forthcoming?

The Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. Not applicable.
- “ 3. When Municipal Council has an opportunity to review effects of Kaiser's operations.”

91 Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

In regards to the relocation of Natal-Michel:—

1. How many domestic buildings will it be necessary to purchase or move?
2. How many business buildings will it be necessary to purchase or move?
3. To date, how many domestic properties have been purchased?
4. To date, how many business properties have been purchased?
5. What has been the cost of purchasing (a) domestic properties and (b) business properties?
6. How many of the domestic properties purchased (a) have been demolished and (b) are still occupied?
7. Has the Government set a completion date for the relocation of Natal-Michel?
8. What does the Government intend to do with the land acquired from the relocation?

The Hon. *D. R. J. Campbell* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 280.
- “ 2. 30.
- “ 3. 139.
- “ 4. One. Part of this property was residential.
- “ 5. (a) \$602,337.65 and (b) \$10,901.70.
- “ 6. (a) *Nil* and (b) 114 (plus 20 uninhabitable, and five vacant).
- “ 7. No.

" 8. By the agreements between the Federal Government (C.M.H.C.) and the Regional District of East Kootenay, the Province of British Columbia and the Regional District of East Kootenay, the Crows Nest Industries Ltd. shall be given the first opportunity to acquire the cleared land.

" For information the Federal-R.D.E.K. Agreement is dated April 26, 1967, and the Provincial-R.D.E.K. Agreement is dated June 22, 1967, with Order in Council No. 2110 dated June 29, 1967."

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 5.55 p.m.

Monday, February 5, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayer by the Rev. R. A. Hoult.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. D. L. Brothers, seconded by the Hon. W. D. Black, it was Resolved,—

That this Legislature extend to Miss Nancy Greene and members of the Canadian team our best wishes with the hope that they will be successful in the forthcoming Winter Olympics to be held at Grenoble, France.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

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, seconded by Mr. Macdonald,—

" That the honourable second member for Vancouver-Burrard be now heard."

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—20

Messieurs

Williams, L. A.
Gardom
Clark
Hall
Hartley

Williams, R. A.
Vulliamy
Stupich
Parkinson
Barrett

McGeer
Macfarlane
Perrault
Dailly, Mrs.
Calder

Eddie
Nimsick
Harding
Strachan
Macdonald

NAYS—27

Messieurs

<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Jordan, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Skilling</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Little</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Williston</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>	

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Patricia J. Jordan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands, Forests, and Water Resources) presented the Report of the Water Resources Service, 1967.

20 Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:—

With reference to payments under section 2 of the *Iron Bounty Act*:—

1. Have any payments been made under this section to Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company since January 31, 1967?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the amounts and dates of payment to date?

The Hon. *D. L. Brothers* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. June 29, 1967, \$28,025.70; July 13, 1967, \$27,312; August 18, 1967, \$28,372.50; September 14, 1967, \$26,995.80; October 12, 1967, \$15,294; total, \$126,000.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *L. M. Carlson*.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, Bill (No. 4) intituled *An Act to Amend the Notre Dame University of Nelson 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.

Mr. *Hall* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Dailly*,—

That the motion be amended by adding the following words: “ but this House regrets that the Speech from the Throne omits any specific proposals to end the recurring crises in education which deny vital school facilities for the children of our Province.”

A debate arose.

At the hour of 6 o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

Tuesday, February 6, 1968

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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>Macfarlane</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—28

Messieurs

<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Jordan, Mrs.</i>	<i>Wenman</i>	<i>Loffmark</i>
<i>Little</i>	<i>Dawson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Brothers</i>
<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Mussallem</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Bruch</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>

PAIR:

Messieurs

McGeer *Skillings*

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *Grace McCarthy*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the following report:—

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 6, 1968.

MR. SPEAKER:

In accordance with the Resolution that the Special Committee appointed in the First Session of this Parliament to study the Report of the Royal Commission on Gasoline Price Structure, prepared by His Honour Judge Charles William Morrow, be renamed by those responsible for listing Select Standing Committees of this House, with such substitutions or additions to membership as may be necessary, and that the Special Committee study further the said Report and recommendations previously tabled in this House respecting it and pertinent circumstances relating thereto, and make further report to this Legislature as to their findings, your Special Committee appointed on January 25th 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 that Special Committee of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

Messrs. *Capozzi* (Convener), *Jefcoat*, *McDiarmid*, *Shelford*, *Smith*, *Tisdalle*, *Vogel*, *Wenman*, the Hon. *Patricia Jordan*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Dowding*, *Macdonald*, *Strachan*, and *L. A. Williams*.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

The report was taken as read and received, and by leave of the House the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

With reference to *Regina v. David Lorne Smith* appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada regarding constitutional validity of the *Juvenile Delinquents Act*:—

1. What were the total costs to the Crown in this case?
2. What were the costs to the Crown in the following Courts: (a) Summary Convictions Court, (b) Supreme Court of British Columbia, (c) British Columbia Court of Appeal, and (d) Supreme Court of Canada?
3. Did the Crown reimburse Mr. Smith for his total costs when the Crown's appeals were quashed and what amounts, if any, were paid to Mr. Smith by way of reimbursement?

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

- “ 1. \$5,915.45.
- “ 2. (a) Not applicable, (b) \$400, (c) \$772.07, and (d) \$4,743.38.
- “ 3. Mr. Smith appealed the decision of Magistrate Stewart to the Supreme Court of British Columbia and the conviction was quashed. The Crown appealed to the Court of Appeal and Mr. Smith was not interested in being represented by

counsel. In view of the importance of the case, the Department made arrangements for counsel to appear for the respondent Mr. Smith, both in the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada, bearing all costs for these latter appeals.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.09 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7, 1968

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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 to Facilitate the Implementation of Section 3 (c) of the Agreement Made the Eighth Day of July, 1963, between Canada and British Columbia Consequential upon the Columbia River Basin Treaty Made between Canada and the United States of America*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 31, 1968.

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 Facilitate the Implementation of Section 3 (c) of the Agreement Made the Eighth Day of July, 1963, between Canada and British Columbia Consequential upon the Columbia River Basin Treaty Made between Canada and the United States of America*, 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 to Amend the Land Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 2, 1968.

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 to Amend the Land Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Second reading at the next sitting 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. *L. A. Williams*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

41 Mr. *Eddie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Were any claims presented to the Workmen's Compensation Counsellor during the year 1967?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many claims were presented?
3. According to the records of the Compensation Board, were any of these claimants successful in obtaining a decision in their favour?

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

- " 1. Yes.
" 2. 612.
" 3. The Workmen's Compensation Board does not keep a record of the decisions of the claims handled by the Compensation Counsellor."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.