

Thursday, December 10th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 9th, 1925.

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. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. *Coventry* presented a petition from J. M. Kellie, David Ramsay, N. W. Whittaker, and others, praying that Elk Lake be reserved for irrigation, and for other purposes.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 10th, 1925.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend by inserting the following as sections 2 and 3 of the Bill and renumber the following section:—

"2. Section 55 of the 'Land Act,' being chapter 131 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924,' is amended by inserting after the word 'waterworks,' in the third line, the words 'or to any corporation of which a city municipality is a member owning and operating a system of waterworks'; and by inserting after the word 'municipality,' in the sixth line, the words 'or the corporation.'

"3. Section 82 of said chapter 131 is amended by inserting after the word 'waterworks,' in the second line, the words 'or to any corporation of which a city municipality is a member owning and operating a system of waterworks'; and by inserting after the word 'municipality,' in the fourth line, the words 'or the corporation.'"

Section 2, lines 1 and 2: Strike out all the words of the section down to the word "is" in the second line, and substitute therefor the words "2. Said chapter 131."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 10th, 1925.

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. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Loan Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 10th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill read a second time and committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Mr. *Paterson* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 10th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble to the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting Town Planning."
All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. PATERSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

Dr. *Rothwell* presented the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 10th, 1925.

Your Committee begs to report as follows:—

We have received from the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes recommendations upon matters of very great importance to the development of the agricultural institutes of our Province, and after giving them the most exhaustive consideration possible, we respectfully submit the following recommendations:—

(1.) *Regarding the Destruction of Sheep by Dogs.*—It has been shown that the injury from this source to our sheep-raisers is so serious that in not a few cases the farmers have been compelled to abandon this source of revenue, notwithstanding that it should be, under normal conditions, one of the most profitable they could engage in. The matter was deemed of such

importance that it was referred to a special sub-committee to bring in resolutions. These were again considered by the Select Committee, and are now being drafted into a Bill, which will be submitted to the House during the present Session.

(2.) *Bills on Agriculture.*—A resolution suggesting the desirability of such Bills being submitted for the consideration of the Select Committee on Agriculture before being presented to the House was taken up by the Committee and endorsed. It was felt that by this means a good deal of time might be saved in discussion by the Legislature by having such matters carefully considered in this manner. The recommendation was forwarded to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture proffering this request, to which he readily acceded.

(3.) *Debate on Agricultural Reports.*—A recommendation from the Advisory Board that all reports of this Select Committee on Agriculture receive careful consideration on the floor of the House received a favourable endorsement from this Committee, as it was felt that a matter that has been found of sufficient importance to pass the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes, and again after discussion by this Select Committee be deemed of sufficient importance to be forwarded to the Legislature, should receive careful consideration.

(4.) *Re Orientals owning Land.*—The following resolution was submitted by the Advisory Board:—

“Resolved, That the Legislature be requested to investigate as to whether legislation can be enacted to prevent Chinese and Japanese from owning, selling, leasing, or renting land in British Columbia, or, in the alternative, imposing conditions upon their rights of ownership.”

Your Select Committee considers that this resolution is absolutely reasonable and most desirable and forwarded their endorsement.

(5.) *Dealing with Date of Taxation Exemption.*—The report of your Select Committee of last year included a recommendation that the date when taxes became delinquent should be extended, particularly in the case of our farming communities, from June 30th to October 31st.

The reasonableness of this is apparent when it is understood that, with but a few exceptions, the great bulk of the farmer's income does not reach his hands for the year's operations until the fall months. Prior to that time he is advancing money to finance his farming operations and the month of June is for this reason a most difficult time for him to finance. Your Committee urges action in compliance with this most reasonable request from the farmers themselves.

(6.) *Pulp-wood Resources.*—The following is the Advisory Board's resolution bearing upon this possible source of income for the farmer:—

“Resolved, That we request the Government to use every effort in giving publicity to the pulp-wood possibilities of the Interior districts, giving special attention to the opportunity of economic production of pulp through the operation of small local units where the raw material can be ground and baled and shipped to suitable centres. We desire to point out that there appears to be water-power available for the development of small local units for making pulp. The clearing of land of wood suitable for pulp which would otherwise be wasted would assist in providing a revenue during the period of time that must elapse whilst the settler is clearing up his farm.”

This matter was taken up by your Select Committee with the Forestry Department, from which source it is learned that there is apparently no system in operation that would enable farmers in our rural districts to dispose of their timber for pulp-wood purposes to comparatively small units of pulp-manufacturing character within reasonable access to such communities.

We would recommend that the Forestry Department follow up this matter in the hope that in suitable localities such pulp-manufacturing plants may be established, as such would afford a means for our farmers, particularly in the early years of their occupancy of the land, to obtain an income from the timber while the land is in the process of development to the point where it may be used in production of more specific agricultural products. This is a matter of very great importance, particularly to the operations of our Province in the earlier stages of development.

(7.) *Importance of Abandoned Pre-emptions.*—The Advisory Board makes the following recommendations:—

“That the value of the improvements which have been made by the original pre-emptor on pre-emptions which have reverted to the Crown should not be charged to a new pre-emptor.”

Your Committee recognizes the necessity of the present system of our Lands Department in making a charge to a new applicant for at least some portion of the improvements left by the

former occupant upon abandoned pre-emptions. It has been found in practice, however, that the charge to a new settler for improvements already made upon his place has had a deterrent effect upon them, and not infrequently led to desirable settlers declining to pre-empt land which carried such a charge for improvements. Your Select Committee recommends and urges that the utmost liberality be used towards settlers in this regard, realizing that it is of infinitely greater importance to secure a satisfied settler on the land than to collect a few dollars for improvements already made, the cash payment for which improvements has so often been found to work a hardship upon the settler.

E. J. ROTHWELL, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented a Return to the questions standing on the Order Paper of to-day in the name of Mr. *Coventry*, as follows:—

1. Who are the members of the Game Conservation Board, and what is the remuneration of each?
2. Do they devote their full time to matters pertaining to game conservation?
3. How many resident licences were issued during the year 1924, and what amount of money was received for same?
4. How many parties of big-game hunters came into the Province in 1924, and what amount in licence fees did they pay?
5. What amount of money was expended on game conservation during 1924?
6. What number of pheasants were raised at each Game Farm during 1924, and what was the average cost per head?
7. How many pheasants were liberated during each of the years 1924 and 1925?
8. At what locations were they liberated, and what was the number liberated at each location?
9. How many Game Wardens are employed actively in the field (exclusive of Game Farm employees) in the Saanich and Esquimalt Electoral Districts?
10. Are they employed on any other duties? If yes, state what other duties.
11. Were any big-game licences issued without charge during the years 1923, 1924, and 1925? If so, how many and to whom?
12. Have any permits been issued to "pit-lamp" deer? If yes, to whom were permits issued?

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

1. What is the total sum of money paid to the University Taxi Company, of Vancouver, for transporting workmen from the end of car-line to the University site at Point Grey since the date of commencement of construction on the Science Building to date?
2. Has the University Taxi Company been paid in full? If not, how much is still due?
3. Has any other firm been paid any moneys for transporting workmen to Science Building? If so, how much?

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

- "1. \$4,702.50.
- "2. Paid up to date.
- "3. No other firm."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. What sum of money has been expended on land surveys since April 1st, 1925, to November 30th, 1925?
2. What sum of money has been expended on photo-topographical surveys since April 1st, 1925, up to November 30th, 1925?
3. What sum of money has been expended on water surveys since April 1st, 1925, up to November 30th, 1925?

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

- "1. Expenditures and commitments, \$95,595.77.
- "2. \$23,912.75.
- "3. \$13,236.91."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has the whole of the sum of \$3,200,000 voted by the Legislature (*see* chapter 31, R.S.B.C. 1924) for roads and bridges been expended?
2. Has more than the aforesaid sum been expended on roads and bridges since the last Session of the Legislature? If so, how much more?
3. If more than the aforesaid sum of \$3,200,000 has been expended, will the excess be paid out of the amount asked for roads and bridges in Bill No. 40 now before the Legislature for the sum of \$2,500,000?
4. Has excess (if any) been provided for out of any other moneys than those voted under the said chapter 31, R.S.B.C. 1924? If so, what moneys?
5. What is the total amount of contracts awarded since the last Session of the Legislature for: (a) Construction of highways; (b) reconstruction of highways; (c) improvement of highways; (d) construction of bridges; (e) reconstruction of bridges; (f) improvement of bridges?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. No.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. There has been no excess.
- "5. (a) \$919,584; (b) and (c) \$137,196; (e) \$172,035."

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

1. What were the costs of conducting the by-election in the Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral Riding?
2. What Ministers of the Crown visited Grand Forks-Greenwood to take part in the by-election held during the month of April, 1925?
3. What was the amount of travelling expenses of each Minister during the trip to Grand Forks-Greenwood, and were these expenses charged up to the various departments?

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

- "1. \$1,967.29.
- "2. Messieurs the Honourable Wm. Sloan; A. M. Manson, K.C.; J. D. MacLean, M.D., C.M.; and W. H. Sutherland, M.D., C.M.
- "3. No information; expenses not charged to any department."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Thursday, December 10th, 1925.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Report No. 17 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

Mr. *Perry* presented the Eighteenth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 18.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 10th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt Water Works Company, providing for the Expropriation of the Undertaking of the Water Works Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 10th, 1925.

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. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was adopted. Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Administration and Disposition of certain Crown Lands for Purposes of University Endowment" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

24. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

25. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

26. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Bee-keepers' Associations, to 31st March, 1927.

27. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Dairymen's Association, to 31st March, 1927.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Entomological Society, to 31st March, 1927.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association, to 31st March, 1927.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Goat-breeders' Association, to 31st March, 1927.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Poultry Association, to 31st March, 1927.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Stock-breeders' Association, to 31st March, 1927.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, British Columbia Wool-growers' Associations, to 31st March, 1927.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Seed improvement, to 31st March, 1927.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Departmental exhibits, to 31st March, 1927.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Compensation *re* foul-brood in bees, to 31st March, 1927.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Control of noxious weeds, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Western Canada Live Stock Union, to 31st March, 1927.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and contingencies, to 31st March, 1927.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grants to settlers in aid of purchase of stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1927.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Exhibits for B.C. House in London, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Gopher extermination, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

42A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Services hitherto paid by Dominion Government grant under "Agricultural Instruction Act," to 31st March, 1927.

42B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grasshopper extermination, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

42D. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, B.C. Certified Seed-potato Growers' Association, to 31st March, 1927.

42E. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Pound District Act Amendment Act, 1918," sec. 2, to 31st March, 1927.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Insurance Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1927.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1927.
50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,630 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriff's Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1927.
51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,870 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriff's Office, Victoria, to 31st March, 1927.
52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sundry Sheriffs, to 31st March, 1927.
53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,830 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1927.
54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1927.
55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,670 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Nelson, to 31st March, 1927.
56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1927.
57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, to 31st March, 1927.
58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,372 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1927.
59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, Victoria, to 31st March, 1927.
60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1927.
61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,484 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1927.
62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,360 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Victoria, to 31st March, 1927.
63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sundry Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1927.
64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,488 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Official Stenographers, to 31st March, 1927.
66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of "Motor-vehicle Act," to 31st March, 1927.
67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,876 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaol, Nelson, to 31st March, 1927.
68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1927.
69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,630 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Girls' Industrial School, to 31st March, 1927.
70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$89,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1927.
71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' inquests and inquiries, to 31st March, 1927.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional litigation and general law costs, to 31st March, 1927.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of uniformity of legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1927.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and contingencies (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1927.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

Friday, December 11th, 1925.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed.
Reported complete with amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Aid Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

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

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of The City of North Vancouver" was read a third time and passed.

FIVE MINUTES PAST FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

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

William H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
- (No. 12) An Act respecting the Guaranteed Securities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.
- (No. 15) An Act in Aid of the Municipality of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam.
- (No. 16) An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District.
- (No. 20) An Act respecting the Investigation of Industrial Disputes within the Province.
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 40) An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Loan Act."
- (No. 50) An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey.
- (No. 53) An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Moody.

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

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

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

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Administration and Disposition of certain Crown Lands for Purposes of University Endowment" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,282 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1927.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Agricultural Education, to 31st March, 1927.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1927.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$84,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1927.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,845 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1927.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,665 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal School, Victoria, to 31st March, 1927.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1927.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,350,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, *Per Capita* Grants, Cities and municipalities, to 31st March, 1927.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, *Per Capita* Grants, Rural school districts, to 31st March, 1927.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$540,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Salaries, Assisted schools (as per Schedule), to 31st March, 1927.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Salaries, E. & N. Railway Belt (as per Schedule), to 31st March, 1927.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$175,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Buildings, to 31st March, 1927.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants to libraries, to 31st March, 1927.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Examination of teachers and High School Entrance classes, to 31st March, 1927.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying children to central schools, to 31st March, 1927.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer schools, to 31st March, 1927.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and contingencies, to 31st March, 1927.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$530,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, The University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1927.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Rural district school taxes, advances under sec. 26, "Public Schools Act Amendment Act," chap. 74, 1918, to 31st March, 1927.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What sum of money has been expended on that portion of the Interprovincial Highway passing through the Sumas Reclamation Project from the bridge crossing the Vedder River to Huntingdon?

2. What has been the approximate cost per mile to grade and gravel this road?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. \$20,438.

"2. \$1,858 (approximately)."

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

1. What were the total number of convictions for all offences, including summary convictions, in British Columbia for the years 1912 to 1924, inclusive?

2. The same for 1925 as far as reported, giving date of last report.

3. What are the total number of convictions for all offences relating to liquor in British Columbia for the years 1912 to 1924, inclusive, giving each year separately: (a) Under the Criminal Code; (b) under any other Statute?

4. Please give the same figures for 1925 as far as reported, giving the date of the last report?

5. What are the total number of convictions in British Columbia for offences relating to drugs under the Criminal Code and under any Statute for the years 1912 to 1924, inclusive?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. 1912, 18,125; 1913, 19,786; 1914, 22,694; 1915, 17,673; 1916, 7,963; 1917, 8,002; 1918, 7,680; 1919, 8,789; 1920, 15,434; 1921, 16,020; 1922, 13,066; 1923, 13,115. (Figures taken from the Canada Year Book, from statistics supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.)

"2. 1924 and 1925 figures not yet reported.

"3. (a.) 1913, 8,316; 1914, 9,376; 1915, 5,960; 1916, 2,327; 1917, 2,372; 1918, 778; 1919, 1,004; 1920, 2,948; 1921, 2,376; 1922, 1,081; 1923, 1,443. (These figures relate to convictions for drunkenness in British Columbia and are taken from the Canada Year Book, from statistics

supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.) (b.) Convictions under the 'Government Liquor Act' since inception, June 15th, 1921, to March 31st, 1925, are as follows: June 15th, 1921, to March 31st, 1922, 3,655; 1922-23, 2,662; 1923-24, 2,019; 1924-25, 3,188. The above figures include all offences under the 'Government Liquor Act.' Particulars of the offences will be found in the annual reports issued by the Liquor Control Board for the periods mentioned.

"4. Convictions, April 1st, 1925, to December 2nd, 1925, under the 'Government Liquor Act,' as taken from returns received from Magistrates, number 2,122, but this does not include returns from City and Municipality of Salmon Arm, Slocan City, Alberni, Sumas, and Mission for the month of October and Merritt and Greenwood for September and October. Figures for 1924 and 1925 under the Criminal Code are not yet available.

"5. Convictions for offences relating to drugs are not segregated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics."

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

1. Did the Government purchase a 250-kw. generator set for use at the University at Point Grey?

2. Prior to purchase (if any) how many firms were asked to submit tenders?

3. How many tenders were received, and what was the amount of each tender?

4. What tender (if any) was accepted?

5. Has a generator been installed at the University? If so, when?

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

"1. Yes.

"2 and 3. Five, as follows: F. Sawford, \$12,924; Vancouver Machinery Depot, \$13,825; Combustion Engineering Company, \$13,995; Fraser & Chalmers, \$15,135; C. C. Moore & Company, \$17,005.

"4. F. Sawford.

"5. No; the generator purchased has not yet been delivered."

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

Referring to the answers of the Minister appearing on Votes and Proceedings of November 24th, 1925, regarding the construction of the Fraser Canyon Highway:—

1. What will be the total cost, approximately, of the work when completed on which W. P. Tierney & Company have now completed 90 per cent. of the work according to answer given to question 6?

2. What will be the total cost, approximately, of the work when completed in which A. B. Palmer & Company, Ltd., have now completed 90 per cent. of the work according to answer given to question 6?

3. What was the amount of W. P. Tierney's original contract?

4. What was the amount of A. B. Palmer & Company's original contract?

5. Who opened the tenders for these contracts?

6. Who was present when they were opened?

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

"1. \$239,468.10 (based on estimated quantities).

"2. \$849,851.65 (based on latest information obtained in the field).

"3. \$143,308.50 (based on estimated quantities). This did not take into account work subsequently decided upon—namely, an additional length of road of one mile to secure improved location and to avoid overhead crossings required but not included in contract, but for which provision has otherwise been made. This amount should then be \$187,158.50, which would represent the contract price at that date if the above had been included. Actual classification of materials as determined during construction accounts for additional increased cost over and above this.

"4. \$375,584 (based on estimated quantities). This did not take into account work subsequently decided upon—namely, an additional length of road of 2.25 miles to secure improved location, and elimination of bridges and overhead crossings not included in contract, but for which provision has otherwise been made. This amount should then be \$503,760, which would represent the contract price at that date if the above had been included. Actual classification

of materials as determined during construction accounts for additional increased cost over and above this.

"5. Minister of Public Works.

"6. Deputy Minister and Public Works Engineer."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Friday, December 11th, 1925.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The petition of J. M. Kellie, David Ramsay, N. W. Whittaker, and others, praying that Elk Lake be reserved for irrigation, and for other purposes, was received.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Odlum*, Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Architects Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to provide for the Delegation of Duties and Powers to a Municipal Official" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting Town Planning," as reported by the Committee on Municipal Matters, was *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Administration and Disposition of certain Crown Lands for Purposes of University Endowment."

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1927.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1927.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,510 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Inspector of Trust Companies, Probate and Succession Duties, to 31st March, 1927.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$81,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes, to 31st March, 1927.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1927.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,430 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Alberni Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Anyox Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,690 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Ashcroft Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Atlin Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Barkerville Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,330 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Clinton Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,430 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cranbrook Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cumberland Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Duncan Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,882 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fernie Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fort Fraser Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Golden Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grand Forks Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Greenwood Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Kamloops Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,240 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Kaslo Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Lillooet Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Merritt Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nanaimo Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nelson Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, New Westminster Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, New Denver Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,860 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Penticton Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Pouce Coupe Agency, to 31st March, 1927.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Prince George Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,510 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Prince Rupert Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Princeton Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Quesnel Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Queen Charlotte Island Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Revelstoke Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Rossland Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Smithers Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Stewart Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Telegraph Creek Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$92,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Vancouver Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Vernon Agency, to 31st March, 1927.
149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Victoria Assessor, to 31st March, 1927.
150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,270 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Williams Lake Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Wilmer Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1927.
152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Sundry Sub-agencies, to 31st March, 1927.
153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., Temporary assistance and reorganization, to 31st March, 1927.
154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, bonds, cheques, Estimates, and exchange, etc., to 31st March, 1927.
155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on suitors' fund deposits, etc., to 31st March, 1927.
156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent extra-municipal school taxes, to 31st March, 1927.
157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$775 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Premium on fire insurance, Fairview Works, to 31st March, 1927.
158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and contingencies, to 31st March, 1927.
- 160A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Municipalities Aid Act," chap. 38, 1921 (Second Session), to 31st March, 1927.
- 160B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Pari-mutuel taxes—collections as per sec. 3, to 31st March, 1927.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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 11.47 p.m.

Monday, December 14th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*,—

That on all the remaining days of the Session there shall be three separate sittings each day, one from 10.30 a.m. until 1 p.m., one from 2.30 p.m. until 6 p.m., and one from 8.30 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

A debate arose and the House divided.

The Resolution was carried on the following division:—

YEAS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Noelands</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>McRae</i>	

NAYS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Creery</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Jones</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Munn</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Odlum</i>

Mr. *Davie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Peck*,—

Whereas the Liquor Board is now purchasing from one company, the Amalgamated Brewers' Agency, Limited, a combined selling agency of the Victoria Phoenix Brewing Company, Limited; Silver Spring Brewery, Limited; Vancouver Breweries, Limited; Westminster Brewery, Limited; and Rainier Brewery Company, practically all the beer that is used on the Coast of British Columbia and aggregating payments to the said agency, from March 21st, 1925, to September 25th, 1925, of \$2,339,694.75:

And whereas the price (per barrel of 10 dozen pints) was increased from \$14 to \$15 from May 24th, 1922, and from \$15 to \$16.50 on March 1st, 1924:

And whereas it is essential that in the public interest a detailed examination as to the reason for such increase and a detailed examination as to the cost of manufacture be made:

And whereas offers at lower prices have been received by the Liquor Board:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of five Members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Odlum*, *McPherson*, *Wrinch*, *Creery*, and the mover—be appointed to inquire into all matters directly or indirectly relating to the price or prices of beer; the cost of the ingredients entering therein per pint bottle and other quantities; the cost of manufacturing the same; the

agreement or arrangement with the Amalgamated Brewers' Agency and the Liquor Board relating to the sale and distribution and the nature of the agreement or arrangement with the said Amalgamated Brewers' Agency and each of the brewery companies above mentioned; the reason for the increases in the price of beer, and the relation, if any, between the increased price and the said arrangement or agreement with the said Amalgamated Brewers' Agency.

And that the said Committee shall have power to call for and compel the attendance of persons, the production of books, and generally all things that may be necessary in carrying out the most searching inquiry into each and all of the above matters, and anything incidental or relevant thereto, including all offers to sell the same from other brewers or brewing companies within and without the Province of British Columbia; and the prices charged in the Province of Quebec.

And that the Committee shall have power to summon witnesses, to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, to take evidence under oath, and to report the findings of the Committee and the evidence adduced to this House.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*,—

That the proposed Resolution be amended by striking out the words "a Select Committee of five Members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Odium*, *McPherson*, *Wrinch*, *Creevy*, and the mover—be appointed" where such words occur in lines 1 and 2, and by substituting therefor the words "the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be instructed."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Jones*, seconded by Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all letters and telegrams passing between the Minister of Public Works, or any other Minister or official of the Provincial Government, and Messrs. Casorso Bros., Limited, of Kelowna, or any other person or persons, leading up to the acquiring by the Government of a lease of a portion of the Casorso Block in the City of Kelowna (together with a copy of the lease) and all other documents connected with the said lease.

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

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act'" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act'" was again committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Aid Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed. Progress reported. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,332 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General Office—General Administration, to 31st March, 1927.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,504 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lands Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Surveys Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,970 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Rights Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

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

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

1. Give names and addresses of firms or individuals who have defaulted (a) as to interest and (b) as to principal and interest on loans issued under the "Department of Industries Act, 1919."

2. What is the total amount of principal and interest in arrears as at November 1st, 1925?

3. What was the maximum number of employees in each of the above concerns?

4. Upon whose recommendation were the loans made?

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

"1. Not in public interest. Firms may be in arrears and broadcasting answers would only injure them.

"2. Principal, \$139,532.48; interest, \$74,911.67. Principal due on industries out of existence, \$57,988.88; principal due on industries now in possession of Department, \$297,131.69; interest to date, \$61,260.84.

"3. Not in public interest to answer question No. 3.

"4. Advisory Board."

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

1. Having reference to a certain affidavit dated October 16th, 1925, and made by W. K. Morrison, and sworn to before A. L. P. Hunter, and having reference to alleged serious offences by members and officials of the Vancouver Harbour Board, what action has the Attorney-General taken in the matter?

2. Is it the intention of the Attorney-General to instigate criminal proceedings, based on the information laid in the said affidavit?

3. Will not the practices alleged in the said affidavit seriously militate against the successful marketing of wheat through the Port of Vancouver?

4. Will the Government make necessary representations to the Minister of Marine (under whose jurisdiction the Vancouver Harbour Commission operates) calling for the fullest investigation?

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

"1 and 2. As the matters referred to in the affidavit mentioned charge that criminal offences have been committed by members or officials of the Vancouver Harbour Board, and as the City of Vancouver is charged with the administration of the criminal law within the city up to the committal of an accused, the matter has been referred to Major W. M. McKay, City Prosecutor, with instructions to consider the allegations contained in the affidavit; to confer, if necessary, with Mr. Morrison, and if in the opinion of the City Prosecutor a prosecution should be entered against any person or persons in connection therewith, to lay the necessary information or informations.

"3. No information.

"4. After receiving the report of the City Prosecutor the matter of representation to the Minister of Marine will be considered."

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

1. What price does the Government pay the Amalgamated Brewers for draught beer as sold through the beer-parlours?

2. What price does the Government charge the beer-parlours for such beer?

3. What price does the Government sell to the public and to the beer-parlours the bottled beer supplied by the Amalgamated Brewers?

4. From what Interior breweries does the Government purchase: (a) Draught beer; (b) bottled beer?

5. What price does the Government pay each of said breweries for: (a) Draught beer; (b) bottled beer?

6. At what figure do the Government Vendors sell to the public: (a) Draught beer; (b) bottled beer, from each of the above-mentioned Interior breweries?

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

"1. \$18.50.

"2. \$22 per barrel.

"3. \$20 per barrel, plus freight. (*See also* Third Annual Report, pages B 69 and B 70; also page J 79, Fourth Annual Report.)

"4. (a) and (b) Enterprise Brewing Company, Revelstoke; Fernie-Fort Steele Brewing Company; Nelson Brewing Company; Princeton Brewing Company (bottled only).

"5. (a) \$18.50 per barrel; (b) \$16.50 per barrel.

"6. (a) \$22 per barrel; (b) \$20 per barrel, plus freight. (*See also* Third Annual Report, pages B 69 and B 70; also page J 79, Fourth Annual Report.)"

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.03 p.m.

Monday, December 14th, 1925.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Issue and Renewal of Licences under the 'Water Act,' authorizing the Storage or the Diversion and Use of the Waters of Bridge River for the Generation of Electrical Energy," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 14th, 1925.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting the Issue and Renewal of Licences under the 'Water Act,' authorizing the Storage or the Diversion and Use of the Waters of Bridge River for the Generation of Electrical Energy," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Aid Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was again committed. Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Davie* on the 14th instant, as follows:—

Whereas the Liquor Board is now purchasing from one company, the Amalgamated Brewers' Agency, Limited, a combined selling agency of the Victoria Phoenix Brewing Company, Limited; Silver Spring Brewery, Limited; Vancouver Breweries, Limited; Westminster Brewery, Limited; and Rainier Brewery Company, practically all the beer that is used on the Coast of British Columbia and aggregating payments to the said agency, from March 21st, 1925, to September 25th, 1925, of \$2,339,694.75:

And whereas the price (per barrel of 10 dozen pints) was increased from \$14 to \$15 from May 24th, 1922, and from \$15 to \$16.50 on March 1st, 1924:

And whereas it is essential that in the public interest a detailed examination as to the reason for such increase and a detailed examination as to the cost of manufacture be made:

And whereas offers at lower prices have been received by the Liquor Board:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of five Members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Odlum*, *McPherson*, *Wynch*, *Creery*, and the mover—be appointed to inquire into all matters directly or indirectly relating to the price or prices of beer; the cost of the ingredients entering therein per pint bottle and other quantities; the cost of manufacturing the same; the agreement or arrangement with the Amalgamated Brewers' Agency and the Liquor Board relating to the sale and distribution and the nature of the agreement or arrangement with the said Amalgamated Brewers' Agency and each of the brewery companies above mentioned; the reason for the increases in the price of beer, and the relation, if any, between the increased price and the said arrangement or agreement with the said Amalgamated Brewers' Agency.

And that the said Committee shall have power to call for and compel the attendance of persons, the production of books, and generally all things that may be necessary in carrying out the most searching inquiry into each and all of the above matters, and anything incidental or relevant thereto, including all offers to sell the same from other brewers or brewing companies within and without the Province of British Columbia; and the prices charged in the Province of Quebec.

And that the Committee shall have power to summon witnesses, to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, to take evidence under oath, and to report the findings of the Committee and the evidence adduced to this House.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on the 14th instant, as follows:—

That the proposed Resolution be amended by striking out the words "a Select Committee of five Members of this House—namely, Messrs. *Odlum*, *McPherson*, *Wrench*, *Creery*, and the mover—be appointed" where such words occur in lines 1 and 2, and by substituting therefor the words "the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be instructed."

The Resolution as amended was carried.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Rights-of-way to Mining Properties," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 14th, 1925.

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. 65) intituled "An Act respecting Rights-of-way to Mining Properties," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Preservation of Historic Objects," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 14th, 1925.

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. 66) intituled "An Act to provide for the Preservation of Historic Objects," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$238,569 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Temporary assistance, to 31st March, 1927.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Retiring allowance, R. A. Renwick, late Deputy Minister of Lands, to 31st March, 1927.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including General Office and Branches), to 31st March, 1927.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1927.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lumber trade extension, to 31st March, 1927.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance and cruising, to 31st March, 1927.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Insect damage: investigation and control, to 31st March, 1927.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest research, to 31st March, 1927.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land classification, to 31st March, 1927.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grazing: range improvement, to 31st March, 1927.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1927.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, British Columbia Hydrometric Survey, to 31st March, 1927.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act," chap. 80, 1918, to 31st March, 1927.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land surveys, to 31st March, 1927.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Photo-topographical surveys, to 31st March, 1927.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lithograph maps, to 31st March, 1927.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Land Act"; refunds under "Revenue Act Amendment Act, 1920," to 31st March, 1927.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Publicity, to 31st March, 1927.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General investigations, to 31st March, 1927.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Immigration, to 31st March, 1927.

193a. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1927.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,890 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries to 31st March, 1927.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,065 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1927.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,890 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office, to 31st March, 1927.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Bureau of Mines, to 31st March, 1927.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mine-rescue and Training Stations, to 31st March, 1927.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grant to Western Branch, Canadian Mining Institute, to 31st March, 1927.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grant to B.C. Chamber of Mines (conditional), to 31st March, 1927.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants to Mining Conventions, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mines Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1927.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mineral Survey and Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1927.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* explosives to assist *bona-fide* mineral prospectors, to 31st March, 1927.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Advertising, incidentals, and contingencies, to 31st March, 1927.

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

Mr. *Hinchliffe* presented a petition from M. A. Fletcher, W. Garrard, H. Hastings, and others, praying for the amendment of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and the Esquimalt Water Works Company, providing for the Expropriation of the Undertaking of the Water Works Company."

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

1. For how many years was W. F. Robertson in the employ of the Government?
2. On what period of time was his superannuation based?
3. What was the total length of time of R. F. Tolmie's service in the Government?
4. On what period of time was his superannuation based?
5. Is there any authority in the "Superannuation Act" for fixing a maximum of thirty-five years' service for superannuation purposes?

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

- "1. Twenty-six years and nine months.
- "2. Twenty-six years and nine months.
- "3. November 6th, 1877, to August 31st, 1878; May 1st, 1879, to March 31st, 1891; August 1st, 1895, to April 15th, 1899; October 19th, 1902, to January 31st, 1925. Total, thirty-eight years, eight months, and twenty-two days.
- "4. Thirty-five years.
- "5. See sections 8 and 34, 'Superannuation Act.'

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.34 p.m.