

**Friday, March 20th, 1953.**

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,548 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1954.

322. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,650,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, to 31st March, 1954.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,592 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Office, to 31st March, 1953.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,597 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1953.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$276 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1953.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,795 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1953.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,436 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1953.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1953.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Women's Gaol, to 31st March, 1953.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Prince George Women's Gaol, to 31st March, 1953.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Prince George Men's Gaol, to 31st March, 1953.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, New Haven, to 31st March, 1953.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,920 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1953.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$156 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,186 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Curriculum, to 31st March, 1953.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,243 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1953.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$537 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Reference and School Service, to 31st March, 1953.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,160 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Tests, Standards, and Research, to 31st March, 1953.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$884 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational and Vocational Guidance, to 31st March, 1953.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$808 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1953.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$289 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1953.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,368 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Visual Education, to 31st March, 1953.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,126 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1953.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1953.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,136 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Vancouver Normal School, to 31st March, 1953.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,639 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Victoria Normal School, to 31st March, 1953.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,433 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Library, to 31st March, 1953.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$951 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives, to 31st March, 1953.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,111 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Public Library Commission, to 31st March, 1953.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,238 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1953.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Basic and Supplementary Grants, to 31st March, 1953.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveyances, to 31st March, 1953.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$212,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Superannuation Fund 6% ("Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act"), to 31st March, 1953.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1953.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1953.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1953.

119A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,893.39 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905," to 31st March, 1953.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Provincial Infirmaries, to 31st March, 1953.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$425 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Control, Central Office, District Nursing and Social Service, to 31st March, 1953.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,592 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Control, In-patient Care and Stationary Clinics, to 31st March, 1953.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Maintenance of Dependent Children and Grants to Homes, to 31st March, 1953.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Industrial School for Boys, to 31st March, 1953.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$477,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1953.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Rentals, to 31st March, 1953.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,227 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,730 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mineralogical Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,380 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Analytical and Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,517 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1953.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,794 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1953.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1953.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Queen's Printer, to 31st March, 1953.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1953.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1953.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1953.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Preventive Services, to 31st March, 1953.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1953.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Homes for the Aged, to 31st March, 1953.

252A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant in Aid of Reconstruction of Flood-devastated Areas in Europe, to 31st March, 1953.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,350 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1953.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,525 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1953.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1953.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$509,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge, to 31st March, 1953.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$751,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Snow-removal, to 31st March, 1953.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,325 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs—Signals, Traffic-control, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1953.

269. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,670 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1953.

270. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,925 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1953.

272. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

273. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$204 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1953.

274. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Administration, to 31st March, 1953.

275. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, to 31st March, 1953.

276. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,882 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1953.

278. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Regional Development Division, to 31st March, 1953.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,322.23 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1952, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

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

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the following papers:—

The Report of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company as at December 31st, 1951.

1. Auditor's Report of June 25th, 1952.
2. Balance-sheet as at December 31st, 1951.
3. Statement showing Classification of the Investment in Road and Equipment as at December 31st, 1951.
4. Statement showing Details of Revenues and Operating Expenses during Construction.
5. Statement of Loans from the Province of British Columbia and of the Interest accrued thereon to December 31st, 1951.

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. At what point on Vancouver Island does the British Columbia Power Commission transfer power to the lines of the British Columbia Electric Power Company?
2. What is the unit of electrical energy used in measuring the volume of power transferred at this point?
3. What is the total number of such units so supplied to the British Columbia Electric Power Company to this date?
4. What is the unit price paid for this power to the British Columbia Power Commission by the British Columbia Electric Power Company?
5. What does it cost the British Columbia Power Commission to produce this unit of power and deliver it to the British Columbia Electric Power Company, including all necessary charges to allow for capital costs, operating costs, depreciation, etc.

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

- “ 1. Jinglepot substation, approximately 3 miles north of Nanaimo.
- “ 2. Kilowatt of maximum demand in each calendar month.
- “ 3. 1,586,900 from October 1st, 1950, to February 28th, 1953.
- “ 4. \$2.23 $\frac{1}{3}$ .
- “ 5. Unit production cost has varied from month to month with total production between \$2.21 and \$1.32, with an average of \$1.74 over the whole period of the contract, to February 28th, 1953.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

**Monday, March 23rd, 1953.**

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *Ruthven*.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 21st, 1953.*

*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. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" 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.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 21st, 1953.*

*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. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power 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.



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

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner—Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner—Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Lunacy Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Police and Prisons Regulation Act.’”

The debate continued.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Petroleum and Natural Gas Act.’”

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act authorizing the Appointment of a Committee to inquire into Development of the Columbia River Basin.”

Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Stock-brands Act.’”

Bill (No. 41) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Horned Cattle Purchases Act.’”

Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Beef Cattle Producers’ Assistance Act.’”

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Soldiers’ Land Act.’”

Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Garibaldi Park Act.’”

Bill (No. 39) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Water Act.’”

Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act.’”

Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act.’”

Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act respecting the Rehabilitation of Irrigation Systems in British Columbia.”

Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act relating to Mental Defectives.”

Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Clinics of Psychological Medicine Act.’”

Bill (No. 75) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mental Hospitals Act.’”

Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sexual Sterilization Act.’”

Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act providing for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the District of Kitimat.”



Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act.'"

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Corporation of the District of Saanich Relief Act, 1927.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Improvements Assistance Enabling Act.'"

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the Greater Vancouver Water District."

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented the Report of the Special Committee on Buttle Lake, as follows:—

#### REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 23rd, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

On February 9th, 1953, the Legislature, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, established a Special Committee of the Legislature under the following terms:—

"Whereas the British Columbia Power Commission on April 26th, 1951, applied to the Comptroller of Water Rights for a licence under the 'Water Act' to store water in Buttle Lake on Vancouver Island for the purpose of developing more electrical energy at the John Hart power plant:

"And whereas the Comptroller of Water Rights, after public hearings, granted the licence on June 4th, 1952, under certain conditions:

"And whereas objections have been made by certain interested organizations and members of the public to the issuance of the said licence:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That a Special Committee consisting of ten members of the Legislature be appointed to inquire into the validity of the proposals of the Commission with respect to the storing of water in Buttle Lake for power purposes and the objections thereto and to recommend to the Legislature with all convenient speed whether or not, in the public interest, the British Columbia Power Commission should be permitted to exercise its rights under the licence:

"And be it further Resolved, That in making their inquiry the Committee shall be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as may be pertinent to the subject and to send for persons, papers, and records as required, said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers* and Messrs. *Corbett, Reid, King, H. E. Winch, Moore, Mitchell, Straith, Gibbs, and Giovando.*"

An organizational meeting of the Committee was held on February 16th, at which time the Hon. *R. E. Sommers* was elected Chairman and Mr. *L. L. King*, M.L.A., Secretary. Plans of procedure were adopted and the following advertisement approved, to be inserted in the Vancouver, Victoria, and Vancouver Island papers:—

#### "Notice re Buttle Lake.

"Public hearings regarding the storing of water in Buttle Lake for power purposes will be held commencing on Monday, February 23rd, at 9.30 a.m., before a Special Committee of the House, in the Maple Room at the Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

"All interested parties desiring to be heard will submit twenty copies of their written brief when appearing before the Committee.

"On presentation of the brief, submitters may speak on their written arguments.

"All interested parties are requested immediately to notify the Secretary of the Committee at the Legislative Buildings, Victoria, of their intent to submit a brief.

"The first hearing will be devoted chiefly to the brief presented by the B.C. Power Commission.

"L. L. KING, *Secretary.*"

Subsequently meetings were held on the following days: February 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 27th and March 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 9th, 13th, 17th, and 19th.

During the course of the meetings the following were heard, either in person or through written brief:—

| Name.                          | Organization represented or by Whom called.                 |
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| Mr. H. W. Davey.....           | B.C. Power Commission.                                      |
| Mr. H. H. Griffin.....         | B.C. Power Commission.                                      |
| Mr. J. B. Gatehouse.....       | B.C. Natural Resources Conservation League.                 |
| Mr. A. W. Ford.....            | Self.   |
| Hon. H. H. Stevens.....        | B.C. Natural Resources Conservation League.                 |
| Mr. W. T. Lane.....            | Community Planning Association of Canada.                   |
| Mr. Bowes.....                 | Outdoor Club of Victoria.                                   |
| Dr. V. Dolmage.....            | B.C. Natural Resources Conservation League.                 |
| Mr. Capes.....                 | Courtenay and District Fish & Game Protective Association.  |
| Mr. E. G. Vaughn.....          | Forest Service.   |
| Mr. R. L. Haig-Brown.....      | Affiliated Fish & Game Clubs of Vancouver Island, and self. |
| Mr. Thos. Christenson.....     | B.C. Natural Resources Conservation League.                 |
| Mr. Duncan Marshall.....       | B.C. Sportsmen's Council.                                   |
| Mr. D. H. Besley.....          | Self.   |
| Mrs. G. Jones.....             | Self and Mr. D. Knight.                                     |
| Mr. R. P. Bishop, B.C.L.S..... | Self.   |
| Mr. E. G. Oldham.....          | B.C. Forest Service.  |
| Dr. D. B. Turner.....          | B.C. Lands Service.   |
| Mr. Carl Gonnason.....         | B.C. Power Commission.                                      |
| Gen. W. W. Foster.....         | B.C. Power Commission.                                      |
| Mr. S. R. Weston.....          | B.C. Power Commission.                                      |
| Dr. P. A. Larkin.....          | B.C. Game Commission.                                       |
| Mr. R. D. Harvey.....          | Self.   |

The files of the Comptroller of Water Rights and the transcript of the evidence given before him at hearings held prior to the issuance of the licence were made available to the Committee and studied. As a result of its work the Committee finds the following:—

1. That there is an urgent need for additional power on Vancouver Island.
2. That Campbell River has the largest hydro-electric power potential of any river on Vancouver Island.

3. That hydro-electric power is already being developed on Campbell River by the B.C. Power Commission at their John Hart development, under Conditional Water Licence No. 17294, granted in 1946.

4. That at the time the amendment to the "Strathcona Park Act" was made, being chapter 65, Statutes of British Columbia, 1926-27, it was fully realized by the Government of that day that storage in Buttle Lake would ultimately be required in the over-all development of power on Campbell River.

5. That at the time Conditional Water Licence No. 17294 was granted to the B.C. Power Commission, it was fully realized by the Government that the John Hart development would constitute the first stage of an over-all plan to develop Campbell River to its ultimate capacity of some 140,000 firm horse-power and which would eventually involve storage in Campbell Lake, Upper Campbell Lake, and Buttle Lake.

6. That there are no other large potential power-sites which could be developed in preference to Buttle Lake at the same cost per horse-power and that no other stream or combination of streams on Vancouver Island can supply an equivalent amount of power (approximately 30,000 horse-power) at anywhere near the same cost per horse-power as can the proposed storage in Buttle Lake. If storage in Buttle Lake is not permitted, then a total of approximately 30,000 firm horse-power must be deducted from the over-all available power potential on Vancouver Island.

7. That there are no surplus potential power-sites on Vancouver Island and no alternative methods of obtaining power in large quantities at reasonable cost, such as by the use of natural gas, oil, or coal.

8. That the full utilization of all potential hydro-electric power-sites on Vancouver Island, other than those which would destroy the salmon run, and which are possible of economic development, will undoubtedly be required within the foreseeable future.

9. That to develop an expensive site in preference to an economical one solely for the purpose of delaying what must eventually become a necessary development would add nothing to our present economy and could serve no useful purpose.

10. That Buttle Lake has never been used to any appreciable extent by the general public for purposes of recreation, due partly to lack of access roads; the lake undoubtedly has beauty, and this beauty can be preserved if measures hereafter mentioned are taken, and, at the same time, the beauty of the lake and surrounding park can be made accessible for enjoyment by the public.

11. That a power dam with proper road access and parking facilities can become a valuable tourist attraction as has been the case at many locations on the continent.

12. That the development of Campbell River up to its ultimate, or near ultimate, power capacity as proposed by the B.C. Power Commission before proceeding with development on other streams is an economical and logical step in the orderly development of power for Vancouver Island and the development of storage in Buttle Lake to produce power at the existing power plant (John Hart development) is also a natural and logical step and one which would ordinarily be followed by any large organization endeavouring to supply power at cheap rates.

13. That the additional cost of providing full storage in Upper Campbell Lake in order to temporarily delay development of Buttle Lake would be very high and would not, in our opinion, be warranted. Evidence produced before the Committee indicates that severance costs and cost of the dam at Upper Campbell Lake would be excessive with resulting heavy carrying charges during the interim period before both storage-sites would be required.

14. That the over-all beauty and recreational use and value of Strathcona Park will not be irreparably affected by development of storage in Buttle Lake provided the conditions laid down in Conditional Water Licence No. 20714, granted to the B.C.

Power Commission on June 4th, 1952, are adhered to closely, together with the additional provisions given below.

15. That the net results of this storage from an æsthetic and recreational view-point would be approximately as follows:—

- (a) Some loss of scenic value at close range at all stages of lake elevations will naturally occur and will remain for a considerable time. This loss in scenic value will be small at high-water stages but will increase as the lake level is lowered throughout the year; however, as the recreational season is comparatively short and provided that proper regulation of draw-down between specified levels as called for in the licence is adhered to, together with clearing of the flooded area, low-cutting and grubbing of stumps in the vicinity of camping-sites, no great loss in recreational value during the summer months will be experienced.
- (b) The long range and wilderness features of the park should not be seriously impaired because of the extent and nature of the park and because of the relatively narrow strip to be cleared and flooded.
- (c) Resident sport-fish within Buttle Lake will be deprived to some extent of their present spawning-ground; however, remedial action through artificial restocking has been provided for in the licence and under proper management and regulation.

16. The net result of all the evidence produced at the hearing shows that there will be some loss in scenic value to Buttle Lake itself, but, provided that the conditions contained in the licence are properly adhered to, it will be outweighed by the value of Buttle Lake storage in the production of power for domestic used and for industry.

17. In view of the above, it is the considered opinion of the Committee that in the public interest the B.C. Power Commission should be permitted to exercise its rights under the licence granted to it on June 4th, 1952, with the following additional provisions which the Committee recommends be included in the conditions of the licence:—

- (1) The B.C. Power Commission will be responsible for disposing of blow-downs of timber along the edges of the cleared area for a period of ten years following the clearing as directed by the Forest Service.
- (2) The Comptroller of Water Rights will consult with the Forest Service, and vice versa, in all matters affecting each other's interests.
- (3) The Forest Service will within five years of construction of the dam designate camp-sites that the Power Commission will improve at their own cost, as provided in the licence and to the satisfaction of the Forest Service and the Comptroller of Water Rights.
- (4) The Power Commission will be responsible for clearing all drift logs and other floating debris from the lake at least once a year by June 30th in each year until all old accumulations are disposed of to the satisfaction of the Comptroller of Water Rights.
- (5) The access road to be built by the Commission or its contractors must be adequate to handle the logging-trucks which will be used to remove the merchantable timber from the lake. At completion of construction and logging, the ownership of the road shall revert to the Crown.
- (6) The access road, bridges, and culverts must be of an adequate and permanent character and built to Public Works Department standards.
- (7) There must be provided at the lake end of the road a public parking space of a size satisfactory to the Forest Service.
- (8) There must be provided by the Commission a boat landing space above the dam which must be adequate for launching and pulling out small boats

safely. It must be kept clear of logs and driftwood at all times to the satisfaction of the Comptroller.

- (9) The cleared area surrounding the dam shall be prepared for landscaping and shall be landscaped and planted after construction and logging as directed by the Forest Service.
- (10) The area of construction around and at the dam-site shall be left in a clean and neat condition after construction and logging to the satisfaction of the Forest Service and the Comptroller. All rubbish, debris, abandoned buildings, machinery, and scrap shall be removed from the site to the satisfaction of the Forest Service.
- (11) That clause 1 of the Conditions of Licence be amended to read as follows: "Remove all standing trees and shrubs from around Buttle Lake below elevation 755 feet (i.e., extreme high-water level) and grub or cut off stumps as close to the ground as possible in such areas and between such elevations as may be directed by the Comptroller and in accordance with recognized standards."
- (12) That clause 11 of the Conditions of Licence be amended by adding thereto the words "after consultation with competent consulting engineers."

In studying the evidence presented in this case, the Committee could not help but be aware of the following facts:—

1. Buttle Lake is not entirely within Strathcona Park and, therefore, is not subject to complete control of the Park authority.
2. There are considerable areas of mountainous country adjoining the park and of high æsthetic and recreational value; e.g., the Forbidden Plateau.
3. There are areas within the park that have no recreational value.
4. The park is administered under the "Strathcona Park Act" by the Lands Service of the Department of Lands and Forests. This Service has no means of proper field administration for parks such as that of the Forest Service of the same Department.

Although not within the terms of the motion establishing the Committee, we feel it our duty to bring these matters to the attention of the Legislature because any possible adverse effects as the result of the raising of the water of Buttle Lake might be compensated for by:—

1. The amendment of the "Strathcona Park Act" to place the administration under the Parks and Recreation Division of the Forest Service.
2. The addition to the park of all of Buttle Lake and its watershed.
3. The inclusion of the Forbidden Plateau and adjoining area suitable for park purposes in the Strathcona Park. In this connection it is realized that a large part of the additional area is owned by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company.
4. The exclusion from the park of those areas unsuitable for the purposes of a park.

We recommend that the above matters be made the subject of studies by the Department of Lands and Forests with a view to recommending any necessary legislation at the next Session of the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. E. SOMMERS, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* presented the Report of the Special Committee on the "Constitution Act" (Redistribution), as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 23rd, 1953.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed to consider the desirability of amending section 14 and Schedule C of the "Constitution Act," being chapter 25 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," and to make recommendations, finds that the matter of redistribution constitutes a task of such magnitude that it is impossible, with the limited time available in this Session, to handle the assignment, and the Special Committee recommends that a Committee be appointed to continue this study and report to the next Session of the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. BLACK, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* presented the Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1952.

Mr. *Calder* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Has the Department under way a topographic survey from Hazelton through Telegraph Creek to Atlin?
2. If yes, in what year was such survey commenced?
3. When does the Department estimate the survey will be completed?
4. What sum of money, if any, was spent in each year on this survey?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. The survey commenced in 1949.

"3. Completion of the survey is planned for this year.

"4. 1949, \$17,291.90; 1950, \$46,259.72; 1951, \$59,598.32; and 1952, \$81,284.75."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 24th, 1953.**

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. J. McDonald*.

Mr. *Speaker* delivered the following reserved decision:—

*Honourable Members*.—A point of order was raised by the third member for Victoria City yesterday. The question is as to whether, after a report from a Special

Committee has been received and read, it may be further considered at a later day. A cursory examination of our Journals shows that, upon the receiving of a report, it may be:—

- (a) Received and read with no further action taken; this apparently is the practice almost invariably adopted:
- (b) Ordered to be received and printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House; for example, on April 5th, 1948, Journals, page 59, the Special Committee which considered the "Elections Act":
- (c) Received, read, and, with the Rules suspended, adopted; this was done on March 27th, 1946 (Journals, page 60), with respect to the report of the Special Committee on the "Elections Act," and again on March 21st, 1952 (Journals, page 70), upon the report from the Select Standing Committee on Mining and Railways.

According to Sir Erskine May, 15th Edition, page 622, there is wide power to consider a report at a later date and I quote:—

"According to present practice, a motion for appointing the report of a Committee for consideration on a future day or for taking the report into consideration forthwith requires notice and cannot be made on the presentation of the report.

"On the consideration of a report, motions may be made expressing the agreement or the disagreement of the House with the report as a whole or with certain paragraphs thereof or for agreeing to the recommendations contained in the report generally or with certain exceptions."

It would, therefore, appear that a report received may be appointed for consideration on a future day by notice.

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker.*

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to validate an Agreement relating to the Distribution of Electrical Energy in Cultus Lake Park."

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Victoria."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act.'"

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations."

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

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act.'"

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



The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, rising in his place, announced with regret the death of Her Majesty the Dowager Queen Mary.

The announcement was observed by all members standing in their places for two minutes in silence.

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

Bill (No. 73) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Lunacy Act.’”

Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Female Minimum Wage Act.’”

Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Male Minimum Wage Act.’”

Bill (No. 82) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949.’”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Aid Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act respecting Equalization of Assessed Values for Property Taxation Purposes” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, adjourned to the next sitting.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* made the following statement:—

*Honourable Members*,—At the beginning of November last year your Government made application to the Board of Transport Commissioners for reduction of certain railway passenger fares operative in the Province on the grounds that such fares indicated unjust discrimination against this Province. This discrimination has been in effect virtually throughout the modern history of this Province and, in recent years, has cost the public travelling by rail an estimated \$550,000 annually.

The hearing of our application began on March 9th, 1953, when the Hon. the Attorney-General opened the case for the Province at Vancouver.

I am pleased to announce to the House that, in its decision handed down earlier this afternoon, the Board of Transport Commissioners has ordered, effective May 1st next, the removal of the discriminatory differential now charged in the Province in respect of passenger fares, parlour-car and sleeping-car accommodation.

The Government has reason to believe that its current efforts in connection with the hearings on equalization of freight rates will likewise bring increased economic justice to the Province.

W. A. C. BENNETT.

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

That a humble address be presented to Her Most Excellent Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the following words:—

*Most Gracious Sovereign*,—We, the members of the Legislature of British Columbia, humbly beg leave to proffer Your Majesty an expression of our profound sorrow at the demise of Her Majesty the Dowager Queen Mary who was so universally revered and beloved. In this hour of sorrow and bereavement the people of British Columbia extend

their sincere sentiments of sympathy to Your Majesty and to the members of the Royal Family.

The assent to this motion was given by all members standing in their places for one minute in silence.

*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 5.25 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 24th, 1953.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

*C. WALLACE,*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 23rd, 1953.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 3: To amend by striking out the words "management or" in the third line of subsection (2) and by striking out the words "management or" in the second and third lines of subsection (3).

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the amendments 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 the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendments reported.  
Amendments introduced and read a first and second time.

*Ordered*, That the amendments be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to impose a Tax on the Income derived from Logging Operations."

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

*C. WALLACE,*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 23rd, 1953.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend by striking out section 2 and substituting the following:—

"2. Section 3 of the 'Mining Tax Act,' being chapter 329 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948,' is amended as follows:—

"(a) By striking out subsection (2), and substituting the following:—

"(2) The tax shall be assessed, levied, and paid at the rate of ten per centum on the net income in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars so derived during the fiscal year.'

"(b) By inserting the following as subsection (6):—

"(6) (a) Where a taxpayer establishes that a mine came into production of ore prior to the first day of April, 1956, the income derived from the operation of the mine during the period of thirty-six months commencing with the day on which the mine came into production, subject to the regulations made under this Act, shall not be included in computing the income of the taxpayer for the purposes of this Act.

"(b) The exemption granted by this subsection shall apply to the income of a taxpayer earned on or after the first day of April, 1953, and where the aforesaid exemption expires during the course of a fiscal year of a taxpayer, the income of such taxpayer subject to taxation under this Act shall be taxed in a proportion that the number of days in a fiscal year of such taxpayer after the date of the expiration of the exemption is to the number of days in a whole fiscal year.'"

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the amendments 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 the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendments reported.

Amendments introduced and read a first and second time.

*Ordered,* That the amendments be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mining Tax Act.'"

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

*C. WALLACE,*  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 23rd, 1953.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend by inserting the following as section 11A:—

" 11A. Said chapter 332 is further amended by inserting the following as section 101A:—

" ' 101A. The Minister may, at any time following the mailing of the taxation notices for that year, with or without notice, receive and decide upon a petition from a taxpayer whose land is classified as unsatisfactorily stocked with forest-growth, and who has been directed under the "Forest Act" to stock his lands, and may remit or reduce the taxes under this Act in that year to compensate the owner for the expense of stocking his land.' "

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the amendments 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 the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendments reported.

Amendments introduced and read a first and second time.

*Ordered,* That the amendments be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Courts Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitutional Questions Determination Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Foundation Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 90) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Securities Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 91) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Interpretation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 92) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coroners Act.’”

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Attachment of Debts Act’” was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

On the motion that Bill (No. 79) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act’” be now read a second time, a debate arose.

Mr. *Turner* moved the adjournment of the debate to the next sitting.

The motion was negatived.

The debate continued.

On the motion for the second reading of the Bill, the House divided and the motion was negatived.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o’clock p.m. on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned at 11.27 p.m.

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## Thursday, March 26th, 1953.

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HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. W. Parker*.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith the amendments to the Estimates of Sums required for the Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1954, as amended by Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, dated March 17th, 1953, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 26th, 1953.*

## (ENCLOSURE.)

Amendments to Estimates of sums required for the Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1954, as amended by Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, dated March 17th, 1953.

Page DD 50, Vote 102.—Basic and Supplementary Grants: Amend by striking out the vote as it now stands, and substituting the following:—

Vote 102, Educational Grants:

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| (a) Basic and Supplementary Grants..... | \$9,540,000.00 |
| (b) Special Aid to Rural Areas.....     | 5,400,000.00   |
| (c) Conveyances .....                   | 1,070,000.00   |

Total of Vote No. 102..... \$16,010,000.00

Page DD 55, Vote 119.—Social Security and Educational Aid Tax Branch: Amend by striking out the words “ Social Security and Educational Aid Tax Branch ” and substituting the words “ Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Branch,” and amend all further references in the Estimates to the “ Social Security and Educational Aid Tax Branch ” in accordance with the above.

Page DD 81, Vote 131.—Municipal Grants: Amend by striking out the Vote as amended by Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor dated March 17th, 1954, and substituting the following: Vote 131, “ Municipalities Aid Act ” (R.S.B.C. 1948, chapter 223, section 4 (1)), one-third estimated revenue from net proceeds of social security and municipal aid tax, \$11,500,000, and amend all statements of totals and sums carried or brought forward in said Estimates so far as such amendments are necessary in consequence of the above-mentioned amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and the amendments accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply forthwith.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,424 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1954.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,010,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Grants, to 31st March, 1954.

113 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,316 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Assessment Equalization Board, to 31st March, 1954.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$477,120 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Branch, to 31st March, 1954.

131 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, “ Municipalities Aid Act ” (One-third Estimated Revenue from Net Proceeds of Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax), to 31st March, 1954.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$210,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1954.

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The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Resolutions considered forthwith and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 26th days of March be received and read a first time.

That the Resolutions be now read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolutions be now read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards making good part of the Supply granted to Her Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$57,322.23 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1952.

3,638,612.39 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1953.

And that from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund there may be paid and applied in such manner and at such times as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may determine a sum not exceeding in the whole ninety-four million dollars towards defraying a part of the several charges and expenses of the Public Service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1954, not otherwise provided for, as set forth in the main Estimates for the fiscal year ending the thirty-first day of March, 1954, as laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at the present Session.

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The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.  
Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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



## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act, 1952.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act.'"

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitutional Questions Determination Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Foundation Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act.'"

Order called for "Private Bills."

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to supersede and replace the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,' being Chapter 55 of the Statutes of 1921 (Second Session), and all Amendments thereto."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Irrigation Assistance Loan Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Mount Robson Park Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Garibaldi Park Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Commorientes Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pound District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' and Women's Institutes Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act authorizing the Appointment of a Committee to inquire into Development of the Columbia River Basin" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Improvements Assistance Enabling Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the Greater Vancouver Water District" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to validate an Agreement relating to the Distribution of Electrical Energy in Cultus Lake Park" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Corporation of the District of Saanich Relief Act, 1927,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Audit Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Construction Act, 1950,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horned Cattle Purchases Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act respecting the Rehabilitation of Irrigation Systems in British Columbia" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act providing for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the District of Kitimat" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act relating to Mental Defectives" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sexual Sterilization Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Clinics of Psychological Medicine Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Victoria" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and, on the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*, Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act respecting the Trustee Board of The New Vista Society" was introduced, read a first time, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith the Resolution attached hereto:—

Whereas the late Ernest Crawford Carson was for many years a member of the Legislative Assembly:

And whereas he rendered great public services both as a member of the Legislative Assembly and as Minister of Public Works of this Province:

And whereas, in the circumstances, it is just and reasonable to make a grant to the widow of the said Ernest Crawford Carson:

Therefore be it Resolved, That there be paid to the widow of the said Ernest Crawford Carson the sum of \$3,000:

And be it further Resolved, That the said sum be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 26th, 1953.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be received and adopted.

Resolution reported.  
Report adopted.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith the Resolution attached hereto:—

Whereas the late Albert Reginald MacDougall, Q.C., was for many years a member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province:

And whereas during his term as a member he rendered great public service:

And whereas it is just and reasonable that a grant should be made in consideration of these services:

Therefore be it Resolved, That there be paid to the widow of the said Albert Reginald MacDougall, Q.C., the sum of \$3,000:

And be it further Resolved, That the said sum be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

And recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
March 26th, 1953.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be received and adopted.

Resolution reported.  
Report adopted.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

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**Thursday, March 26th, 1953.**

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EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

*C. WALLACE,  
Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to Boards of School Trustees," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,  
March 26th, 1953.*

*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. 94) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to Boards of School Trustees," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a second time, committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Garibaldi Park Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Commorientes Act.'"

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act, 1952.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act.'"

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitutional Questions Determination Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Foundation Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act.'"

Order called for "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act respecting the Trustee Board of The New Vista Society" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Private Bills."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to supersede and replace the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,' being Chapter 55 of the Statutes of 1921 (Second Session), and all Amendments thereto" was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 9.08 p.m.

### Friday, March 27th, 1953.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. *P. Beattie*.

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

*Edwin Keary DeBeck*, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act."
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the "Soldiers' Land Act."
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "Irrigation Assistance Loan Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to repeal the "Mount Robson Park Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to repeal the "Garibaldi Park Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "New Westminster Parks Act, 1908."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Wills Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Adoption Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Jury Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Evidence Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to repeal the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act."
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act."
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 (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act."  
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 (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."  
 (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Coroners Act."  
 (No. 93) An Act respecting the Trustee Board of The New Vista Society.  
 (No. 94) An Act to grant certain Powers to Boards of School Trustees.

His Honour was pleased, in Her 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 Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

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

In closing this, the First Session of the Twenty-third Parliament, I wish to express my deep sorrow at the passing of Her late Majesty Queen Mary, who was so universally revered and beloved. Our sincere sentiments of sympathy have been extended to Her Most Excellent Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to the members of the Royal Family.

I desire to express my appreciation of the attention you have given to the numerous matters submitted for your consideration.

The legislation that you have enacted which will enable an increase in the pensions for retired teachers, retired employees of municipalities, and retired civil servants will, I am confident, improve the welfare of this group of our citizens.

I thank you for the supplies that you have granted for the Public Service, which will enable the continuation of my Government's programme in the construction of the Trans-Canada Highway and other general highways.

In relieving you of your labours, I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

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

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

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

T. J. IRWIN, *Speaker*.

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