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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1952

Tuesday, February 19th, 1952.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Twenty-second Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable GORDON MCGREGOR SLOAN, Administrator of the Province, dated the 11th day of January, 1952.

His Honour CLARENCE WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In opening the Fourth Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to express my profound sorrow at the passing of His Most Excellent Majesty King George VI.

The grief felt by the people is great indeed. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathies have been extended to Her Most Excellent Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to the members of the Royal Family.

It is my desire to express on behalf of Her Majesty's subjects their deep and abiding affection and loyalty. We would have her know that she, who was with us so recently, is constantly in our thoughts as she takes up the task that once was borne with such distinction by her illustrious father.

The grave and important responsibilities that are now hers, we trust, will be made easier to discharge with the knowledge that her people are with her in their thoughts.

The citizens of this Province feel fortunate indeed that they had the opportunity of meeting Her Most Excellent Majesty and her Consort, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. We trust that the more recent tour to other parts of the realm, which was so abruptly ended by the tragic news of the late King's death, will, at some future date, be possible to resume, so that other parts of the Commonwealth will also have the opportunity of meeting their Sovereign.

Since the Legislature last met, Earl Alexander of Tunis has completed his tenure of office as Governor-General of Canada, and His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey has been appointed to succeed him. I would first express the warm regard in which Earl Alexander and the members of his family were held by the people. We wish him every success in his new post with the British Government. Canada

has been indeed fortunate in having so distinguished a soldier and statesman as the representative of the Crown in Canada.

In the appointment of His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Canada, for the first time in her history, has chosen one of her native sons to occupy the position of representative of Her Most Excellent Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In the new appointment, we have a distinguished Canadian who has rendered outstanding public service, both as a Minister of the Crown and, in later years, as High Commissioner, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Canada. On behalf of the people of British Columbia, I wish to express our warmest felicitations and heartiest good wishes to him as he assumes the important responsibilities that go with his high office.

It is with gratification that I note that my Government has removed the tolls from the Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge. This action should redound greatly to the benefit of the people.

Since last you met there have been some changes in the personnel of the Government, and in view of the circumstances that have transpired, the only business to be placed before you will be of a nature considered to be essential for the maintenance of public service. All other matters will be deferred until the people have been afforded an opportunity of clarifying the present situation.

Legislation asking for the ratification of a tax agreement between the Federal Government and this Province will be placed before you.

Reports dealing with the operation of the "Workmen's Compensation Act," the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act," and the "Hospital Insurance Act" will be filed with the Legislature.

I note with gratification that you will be asked to implement certain recommendations of the Royal Commission's report on the operations of the "Workmen's Compensation Act."

You will be asked to make provisions for a number of important undertakings, including construction of the Squamish to Vancouver Highway; secondary roads; the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway, along which so much industrial development is taking place; erection of new schools, hospitals, and other public buildings.

I am pleased to observe that it is my Government's intention to place a plebiscite before the people on the question of liquor sales.

The Public Accounts will be presented, and Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted.

I pray the blessing of Divine Providence will rest upon your labours.

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

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. *H. E. Sexton*, Bishop of British Columbia.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumer Credit Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Speaker addressed the members as follows:—

Honourable Members,—Since this Legislative Assembly last met, certain members of the House have seceded from the Government ranks.

Sir Erskine May, in "Parliamentary Practice," fifteenth edition, page 245, states: "The prevalence (on the whole) of the two-party system has usually obviated any

uncertainty as to which has the right to be called the ' Official Opposition ' ; it is the largest minority party which is prepared, in the event of the resignation of the Government, to assume office."

Sir Ivor Jennings, in his " Law and The Constitution," page 115, says: " The Leader of the Opposition means ' that member of the House of Commons who is for the time being the Leader in that House of the Party in Opposition to His Majesty's Government, having the greatest numerical strength in that House ' ; and in case of doubt as to which is the Party in Opposition having the greatest numerical strength, or as to who is the Leader in the House of that Party, the question will be determined by the Speaker."

I have received formal written notification from each of the constituent members that the following now constitute a group as Progressive Conservatives under the leadership of Mr. *Herbert Anscomb* :—

Mr. *Donald Cameron Brown*, member for Vancouver-Burrard;
 Mr. *Ernest Crawford Carson*, member for Lillooet;
 Mr. *Leslie Harvey Eyres*, member for Chilliwack;
 Mr. *Alexander Campbell Hope*, member for Delta;
 Mr. *Arvid Waldemar Lundell*, member for Revelstoke;
 Mr. *Roderick Charles MacDonald*, member for Dewdney;
 Mr. *Albert Reginald MacDougall*, member for Vancouver-Point Grey;
 Mr. *Allan James McDonell*, member for Vancouver Centre;
 Mr. *Arthur Brown Ritchie*, member for Salmon Arm;
 Mr. *Leigh Forbes Stevenson*, member for Vancouver-Point Grey.

I therefore rule that this group be recognized as Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and Mr. *Herbert Anscomb* as the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition.

NANCY HODGES, *Speaker*.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The Speaker put the question—" Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained? "

The ruling of the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—36.

Messieurs

<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>MacLean</i>
<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hendricks</i>
<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Whisker</i>
<i>Hope</i>	<i>Ash</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Gould</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>
<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>Braden</i>
<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Steele</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>	<i>Cates</i>
<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Bowman</i>

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, it was Resolved,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Straith*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Gould, Smith, Finnerty, Welch, Anscomb, and H. E. Winch*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Straith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *Charles William Morrow*, Esquire, member for North Okanagan Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, 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 sudden demise of our late revered and beloved Sovereign, King George VI. 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.

We hail Your Majesty's accession to the Throne and beg to pledge our unbounded loyalty and devotion. We are deeply aware of Your Majesty's keen interest in the peoples of the Commonwealth of Nations and the Empire. We look to the future with faith and confidence as loyal and dutiful subjects under the guidance of Your Most Gracious Majesty's Reign.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (Attorney-General)—

The Thirtieth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1951.

Balance-sheet of the British Columbia Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1951.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

The Fortieth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

The Annual Report of the Director of New Haven for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith* (Provincial Secretary)—

The Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1951.

The Annual Report of the Director of Provincial Mental Health Services for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1951.

The Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Period January 1st to December 31st, 1951.

By the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (Minister of Public Works)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1951, in compliance with the provisions of the "Public Works Act."

By the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (Minister of Lands and Forests)—

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 63 of Chapter 175, R.S.B.C. 1948, from February 16th, 1951, to February 18th, 1952.

Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Land Settlement Board (including the Agricultural Credit Commission) for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (Minister of Finance)—

The Public Accounts of British Columbia for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1951.

The Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission for the Period January 1st, 1951, to December 31st, 1951.

Statements of Unclaimed Money Deposits, pursuant to the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1951.

Returns by Official Administrators, pursuant to the "Administration Act," Chapter 6, R.S.B.C. 1948, of all Moneys paid and received by them in respect of all the Estates of Deceased Persons administered by them for the Calendar Year 1951.

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowman* (Minister of Agriculture)—

The Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowman* (Minister of Railways)—

The Annual Report of the Provincial Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowman* (Minister of Fisheries)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Cates* (Minister of Mines)—

The Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Cates* (Minister of Labour)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Labour of the Province for the Year 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* (Minister of Trade and Industry)—

The Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

By the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* (Minister of Municipal Affairs)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* (Minister of Health and Welfare)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Health and Welfare (Health Branch) for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

The Annual Report of the Social Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Year ended March 31st, 1951.

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith* (Minister of Education)—

The Eightieth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (Premier)—

The Sixth Annual Report of the Milk Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, in accordance with Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act," for the Year ended February 28th, 1951.

The Twelfth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission under the "Public Utilities Act" for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

The Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1951.

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 3.56 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Speaker.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* rose to a point of privilege and moved,—

This House regrets that matters of legislative importance should be disclosed prior to a legislative statement.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (New Westminster) moved, seconded by Mr. *King* (Columbia),—

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

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

A debate arose.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* presented, pursuant to the provisions of section 9 (2) of the “Public Inquiries Act,” the Report of the Commissioner, the Honourable Gordon McG. Sloan, Chief Justice of British Columbia, who was appointed to inquire into certain matters in connection with the “Workmen’s Compensation Act” and Board.

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 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, February 21st, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull* presented the Report of the Hospital Insurance Inquiry Board appointed pursuant to the “Hospital Insurance Act Inquiry Act.”

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull*—

The Annual Report, Division of Vital Statistics, Department of Health and Welfare, for the Year 1949.

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith*—

Return pursuant to the provisions of section 201 of the “Provincial Elections Act,” being Order in Council No. 1960, approved on August 14th, 1951.

Report of the Royal Commission, pursuant to the provisions of section 9 (2) of the “Public Inquiries Act,” appointed to inquire into reports that Mrs. Donald Ritchie lost her unborn child through being unable to gain admission to hospital.

Report of the Royal Commission, pursuant to the provisions of section 9 (2) of the "Public Inquiries Act," appointed to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the incarceration of Daniel LeRoy Sanger.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

Friday, February 22nd, 1952.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Cates* presented the Reports of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Inquiry Board.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Haggen*,—

To add the following words:—

"This Legislative Assembly regrets that no reference was made in the Speech from the Throne to consideration and implementation of recommendations for legislative and policy changes in the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act,' the 'Hospital Insurance Act,' full attention to the Workmen's Compensation Report, and other issues of immediate major importance to the people of the Province."

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

Bennett
Rolston, Mrs.
Mitchell

Nimsick
Haggen
Calder

Uphill
Harding
Winch, E. E.

Winch, H. E.
Turner

NAYS—34.

Messieurs

Stevenson
Ritchie
Hope
Brown
McDonnell
MacDonald
Eyres
MacDougall
Anscomb

Carson
Ash
Morrow
Welch
Mowat
King
Gillis
Pearson
Kenney

Johnson
Wismer
Straith
Finnerty
Steele
Proudfoot
McRae
MacLean

Hendricks
Whisker
Gould
MacIntyre
Braden
Turnbull
Cates
Bowman

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Lundell

Smith

Debate resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of Mr. *Hendricks*, on behalf of Mr. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Gould* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 19th instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 22nd, 1952.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 19th instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Gould, Smith, Gillis, MacLean, Morrow, Finnerty, Hendricks, MacDougall, McDonell, Stevenson, H. E. Winch, and Turner.*

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Smith, Finnerty, King, Ash, Whisker, Proudfoot, Carson, McDonell, MacDougall, H. E. Winch, and Turner.*

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Braden, MacLean, Welch, Ash, Mowat, Hendricks, Steele, Lundell, Carson, Haggen, Mitchell, and Uphill.*

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *King, Gillis, Braden, Smith, Finnerty, Morrow, MacLean, Steele, Hope, Ritchie, Eyres, Harding, Haggen, and Bennett.*

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Finnerty, Morrow, Hendricks, Proudfoot, Ash, Gould, Welch, Whisker, Mowat, Hope, MacDonald, Eyres, Lundell, Nimsick, Mitchell, and Calder.*

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Welch, MacIntyre, McRae, Steele, Mowat, King, Whisker, Eyres, Ritchie, Brown, Calder, and Nimsick.*

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis, Ash, McRae, MacIntyre, Welch, Pearson, Whisker, McDonell, Lundell, Stevenson, Turner, and Nimsick.*

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Messrs. *MacIntyre, Smith, Proudfoot, Hendricks, Steele, McRae, Braden, Gould, Brown, Ritchie, E. E. Winch, Harding, Calder, and Mrs. Rolston.*

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. GOULD, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Proudfoot*, the notice for the introduction of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Oleomargarine Act,'" standing on the Order Paper in his name, was withdrawn.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented to the 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 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 21st, 1952.

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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage 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 Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented to the 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 'Horse-racing Regulation Act,' " and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 21st, 1952.

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. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-racing Regulation 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 papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith*—

The Tenth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act," for the Period January 1st to December 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*—

Return submitted in accordance with section 88 (4) of the "Taxation Act," R.S.B.C. 1948, being remissions and refunds made under authority of section 88 (1), (2), and (3) of the "Taxation Act," R.S.B.C. 1948, during the calendar year 1951.

Return submitted in accordance with section 44 (1) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1948, being refunds and remissions made under section 44 (1) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1948, during the calendar year 1951.

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 5.53 p.m.

Monday, February 25th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Chaplain *E. Sigston*.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Tuesday, February 26th, and all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings in each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

Order called for “Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Consumer Credit Act’” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act’” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Horse-racing Regulation Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Turner*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull*—

The Certified Financial Statement of the Mothers' Allowances Fund for the Period April 1st, 1951, to September 30th, 1951, as required under Section 14 of the “Mothers' Allowances Act.”

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*—

The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

The Fourteenth Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1951.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

The Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1951.

The Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the Year 1950.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

What municipalities, if any, have (a) completed agreements, under provisions of the "Housing Act," being chapter 31 of the Statutes of 1950, or (b) indicated their firm intention of so doing, or (c) made inquiries evidencing a serious interest in the possibility of utilizing same if circumstances permit?

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

"(a) Agreements completed: Vancouver, 1950; Trail and Prince Rupert, 1951.
(b) Applications pending: Burnaby, Cranbrook, Fernie, Kelowna, and Quesnel.
(c) Inquiries: Kamloops, Kimberley, Penticton, and Rossland."

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 3.57 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. V. H. Redman*.

The Hon. Mr. *Bowman* made the following statement:—

Madam Speaker,—I ask leave of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance.

The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among the cattle in sections of Saskatchewan has given the Government great concern.

Representations have been received from the cattle-owners and game associations who feel that the dread disease, with its disastrous consequences, may enter British Columbia from other Provinces.

The situation is not yet clarified but, in view of the serious menace that an outbreak of any such disease in British Columbia would occasion, the Government has decided to pass an Order to exclude, at least temporarily, the shipment into British Columbia of animals which might carry the disease.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented to the 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 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 25th, 1952.

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. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District 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.

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

1. Were any guards employed, under police direction, on railway bridges or high-way bridges between Midway and Nelson during 1951?
2. If yes, how many and by whom were they paid?
3. What amount, if any, was paid by the British Columbia Government in connection with guarding the aforesaid bridges?
4. Did the Dominion Government make a contribution?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. A total of 3,782 shifts was employed, the cost of which was paid by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

" 3. None.

" 4. The entire expense as mentioned in No. 2 was borne by the Dominion Government."

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

1. Had the Department received any report from the Fire Marshal that the heating arrangements in the school at Greenwood were considered unsafe prior to December 31st, 1951?
2. Has the Department received advice that the said school was totally destroyed by fire?
3. If yes, did the Fire Marshal make an inquiry?
4. If so, to what did he attribute the fire?

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

" 1. No.

" 2. If this refers to Fire Marshal, yes.

" 3. No.

" 4. Not applicable."

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

1. Have any amounts been paid since March 7th, 1951, with respect to petition for disallowance of chapter 70, Statutes of British Columbia, 1950, relative to the right of the Province to tax Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt lands?
2. If so, what amounts and to whom were they paid?
3. What further amounts, if any, remain to be paid?

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

" 1. No.

" 2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Did the Attorney-General or any responsible officer of his Department recommend the release on parole from the British Columbia Penitentiary of one John Sherstobitoff?
2. If yes, (a) for what crime had said Sherstobitoff been sentenced, (b) what sentence did he receive, and (c) how much of it had he served?
3. If released, what was the date of release?
4. Had Sherstobitoff any previous record of violating terms of parole?
5. Has the Department received any protest regarding release from Penitentiary of said Sherstobitoff?
6. Has the Department any knowledge of Sherstobitoff's present whereabouts?
7. Have any cases of suspected arson been reported from the Grand Forks or Brilliant areas during the year 1952?
8. If so, on what dates did the suspected arson occur?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. (a) Conspiracy to commit arson and arson, (b) fourteen years, and (c) approximately eighteen months.
- " 3. January 15th, 1952.
- " 4. No.
- " 5. Yes.
- " 6. No.
- " 7. Yes.
- " 8. December 9th, 1951, and February 9th, 1952."

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Have any guards been employed on school buildings in School Districts Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 respectively during the past year?
2. If so, how many and on what schools?
3. If guards are employed, (a) why are they deemed necessary, (b) from what sources are they paid, and (c) what has been the total cost of guarding schools from February 1st, 1951, to January 31st, 1952, inclusive?
4. Did the Dominion Government make any contribution toward cost of such guards?

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

- " 1. Yes, in School Districts Nos. 8, 9, and 12; no, in School Districts Nos. 10 and 11.
- " 2. School District No. 8, twenty guards on Slocan City, Perry Siding, Appledale, Winlaw, Vallican, Slocan Park, Crescent Valley, Mount Sentinel, and South Slocan Schools; School District No. 9, seventeen guards on Stanley Humphries, Castlegar, Kinnaird, Robson, and Tarrys Schools; School District No. 12, nine guards on Grand Forks Junior-Senior High and Central Elementary Schools.
- " 3. (a) Guards were placed on school buildings, at the time the Tarrys School was burned, on representations made by the School Boards of the district; further acts of incendiarism were expected; this opinion was supported by the Provincial Police; repeated attempts by the Department have been made to end this situation, but it has been reported by School Boards and concurred in by the Consultative Committee on Doukhobor Problems that it would be unwise to remove the guards at the present time. (b) From special warrant raised by Attorney-General. (c) \$95,810.02.
- " 4. No."

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

1. Is information available covering the period of the latest annual report of the insurance department showing the amount of unpaid claims of each individual insurance company in the respective fields of insurance?

2. Will this information be included in future reports as it was prior to the 1941 report?

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

“ 1. Particulars of unpaid claims by each Province are not included in the annual statements of the insurers filed with the Department, which form of statement is uniform throughout all the Provinces, the figures for the Dominion of Canada are given, but are not segregated by Provinces.

“ 2. Prior to 1941 this information was shown on the statements filed by life insurance companies and was included in the annual report of the Superintendent, but, as stated above, the information is not now required and therefore will not be shown in future reports.”

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

Have any surveys and (or) foundation testings been made in connection with proposed bridges over the Columbia River in the vicinity of Trail or Castlegar?

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

“ No; except for a preliminary survey on the line of Victoria Street at Trail, made in 1949.”

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

1. Have any amounts been paid with respect to building a bridge over Rock Creek Canyon, Southern Trans-Provincial Highway, approximately 1 mile east of Bridesville?

2. If so, to whom were said amounts paid?

3. Have all costs of the said bridge been paid?

4. If any amounts remain unpaid, what is the total amount of them and to whom are they due?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Dominion Bridge Company Ltd., on account of materials supplied and work performed under the contract; also to the following firms for other materials supplied to the Department of Public Works: B.C. Cement Co. Ltd., Ellett Copper & Brass Co. Ltd., Spicer's Asbestos Ltd., B.A. Paint Co. Ltd., Oliver Lumber Co. Ltd., and Hi-way Foundry.

“ 3. No; painting, stripping of forms, cleaning up of site, and small incidentals still remain to be done.

“ 4. Fifty thousand dollars due to Dominion Bridge Company Ltd.”

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 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27th, 1952.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *W. Ratcliffe*.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, 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. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-racing Regulation Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumer Credit Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* presented to the 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 authorize and implement an Agreement between the Federal Government and the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 26th, 1952.*

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. 8) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Federal Government and the Province," 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. Mr. *Johnson* presented to the 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,
February 27th, 1952.

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. 9) 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Bowman*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and by any other agricultural organization and to call any Department of Agriculture officials with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province, and to report its findings to this House.

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

1. What mileage remains to be completed on the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway between Osoyoos and the British Columbia-Alberta Boundary near Crowsnest?
2. What distance remains to be completed between Cranbrook and Banff?
3. What distance of the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway remains to be paved between Cranbrook and Crowsnest?

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

- " 1. None.
- " 2. None from Cranbrook to Kootenay National Park.
- " 3. 19.1 miles."

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

1. Has the Department of Public Works made any plans to reconstruct the Trans-Canada Highway between Fry's Corner and the junction at King George Highway this year?

2. If yes, what does the Department propose to do on that section of the highway?

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

- " 1. No.
- " 2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What moneys have been paid in legal fees and expenses and to whom in the years 1949, 1950, and 1951 in preparation and presentation of the Government's views relative to freight rates and the mountain differential?

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

“ See Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1949, page EE 69, under heading ‘ Vote 56. In Aid of Removal of Discriminatory Freight and Express Rates ’; Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1950, page EE 68, under heading ‘ Vote 60. In Aid of Removal of Discriminatory Freight and Express Rates ’; Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1951, page EE 65, under heading ‘ Vote 59. In Aid of Removal of Discriminatory Freight and Express Rates.’ For the period April 1st, 1951, to December 31st, 1951, the sum of \$29,235.77 was paid to the firm of Campbell, Brazier, Fisher, McMaster & Johnson.”

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

1. Have tenders been called for paving the Pat Bay Highway?
2. If so, (a) who received the contract, (b) when will the work be undertaken, and (c) how long will it take to complete?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Is there any paving to take place on the West Saanich Road?
2. If so, (a) how many miles will be paved, (b) when will this work be undertaken, and (c) when will it be completed?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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 5.08 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27th, 1952.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson* presented to the 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 'Revenue Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 27th, 1952.

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. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue 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 Hon. Mr. *Straith* presented to the 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 'Provincial Elections Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 27th, 1952.

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. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections 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.

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 10.04 p.m.