Tuesday, February 13, 1973

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. Knebel.

On the motion of Mr. Lauk, Bill (No. 51) intituled An Act to Amend the Vancouver Stock Exchange Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. Gardom, Bill (No. 85) intituled An Act to Amend the Supreme Court Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

On the motion of Mr. L. A. Williams, Bill (No. 86) intituled An Act to Amend the Succession Duty Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

On the motion of Mr. Cummings, Bill (No. 50) intituled An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Eileen E. Dailly, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, the Hon. Ernest Hall (Provincial Secretary) made a statement relating to the recent volcanic eruption in Iceland.

By leave of the House, Mr. D. A. Anderson withdrew the following Notice of Question standing in his name on the Order Paper:

44 Mr. D. A. Anderson to ask the Hon, the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the staff of Executive Council—

1. Who was employed as a member of the staff of Executive Council as of January 1, 1972, and at what salaries?

2. Who was employed as a member of the staff of Executive Council as of January 1, 1973, and at what salaries?

The Hon. D. G. Cocke (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance) presented an Interim Financial Report of the Overall Medical Services Plan for the period April 1, 1972, to December 31, 1972.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Morrison* withdrew the following Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Order Paper:

That this House express to the Minister of Labour, the Minister of Education, the Greater Victoria School Board, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees their deep misgivings over the continuation of the school closures in the school district which are affecting the educational opportunity available to thousands of students and are disruptive of normal home life throughout the community.

48 Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

With regard to the advertising campaign to discourage drinking and driving during the winter of 1972—

- 1. What advertising agency or agencies, if any, prepared and placed the advertising campaign?
 - 2. Were contracts tendered and, if so, which agencies submitted bids?
 - 3. What was the total expenditure for this campaign?
 - 4. How was this expenditure divided, by media?

The Hon. A. B. Macdonald replied as follows:

- "1. J. Walter Thompson Company Limited.
- "2. No.
- "3. \$97,415.85.
- "4. (a) Television, \$37,910; (b) radio, \$32,133; (c) newspapers, \$24,697.87; (d) production costs, \$2,674.98; total, \$97,415.85."

50 Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

With reference to the Consumer Affairs Office—

- 1. What are the names and salaries paid and job classifications of every person employed in the Consumer Affairs Office?
- 2. In respect to Consumer Affairs, how much money was expended (a) for inquiries or investigations and (b) for studies and surveys in the calendar years 1971 and 1972?
- 3. Are there existing plans to extend and expand this office to departmental status and, if so, when will this action be taken?

The Hon. A. B. Macdonald replied as follows:

- "1. The names, salaries, and job classifications of persons employed in the Consumer Affairs Office are: M. Hanson, \$990 a month, Administrative Officer 3; D Nicholls, \$605 a month, Clerk 5; K. Rose, \$447 a month, Clerk-Stenographer 3; E. Taylor, \$386 a month, Clerk-Stenographer 1 (Mrs. Taylor is an employee of the Department of Health employed primarily in connection with Board of Hearing-aid Dealers and Consultants).
- "2. Much of the time of the Consumer Affairs Officer and his assistant is spent on efforts to resolve disputes by making inquiries and investigations; in addition, apparent breaches of the law are referred to law enforcement agencies for investigation; no formal studies or surveys have been conducted.
- "3. Government policy in the area of Consumer Affairs will become apparent in due course."

- **124** Mr. Smith asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:
- 1. Did an advertisement sponsored by the Government of British Columbia Motor-vehicle Branch and the British Columbia Automobile Insurance Board appear in the December 19, 1972, issue of *The Province?*
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) who prepared the material for the advertisement and (b) what was the total cost of this advertisement?

The Hon. A. B. Macdonald replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) J. Walter Thompson Company Limited and (b) this advertisement appeared in both *The Province* and *The Sun* on December 12 and December 19; the cost for this space was billed as a single item for \$4,950."
- **209** Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:

Has the Minister advised the Crown that no consideration should be given to any bridge link between Gabriola Island and Vancouver Island without canvassing the opinion of the islanders with respect to such a project?

The Hon. D. D. Stupich replied as follows: "No."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14, 1973

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Father Willard O'Brien.

On the motion of the Hon. A. B. Macdonald, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

Bill (No. 2) intituled An Act to Amend the Constitutional Questions Determination Act.

Bill (No. 18) intituled An Act to Amend the Securities Act, 1967.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. F. A. Calder, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Phillips—

That all correspondence, communications, documents, and maps between all departments of the Federal and Provincial Governments, any official of the British Columbia Railway, any official of the Canadian National Railways, and the Canadian Pacific Railway, and any person, with respect to the proposed port facility at Squamish, or at any other location in Howe Sound, or at Prince Rupert, be filed with this House.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. David Barrett, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. L. A. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. McGeer—

That in the opinion of the Legislature the Government of British Columbia should give consideration to building, staffing, and maintaining a medical facility for the rehabilitation, care, and development of children in Vietnam.

Motion agreed to nemine contradicente.

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

Mrs. Jordan asked the Hon, the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With reference to the social welfare cost-sharing formula between the Government and the municipalities—

- 1. What was the total amount paid by the Government under this formula in the fiscal year 1971/72?
- 2. What was the total amount paid by the municipalities in the fiscal year 1971/72?
- 3. In the case of each individual municipality, what was the amount paid by (a) the Government and (b) the municipality?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

- "1. 1971/72, \$105,782,891.40.
- "2. 1971/72, \$18,608,452.55.

"3. See following table: Municipality	(a) Amount Paid by the Government During the Fiscal Year 1971/72	(b) Amount Paid by the Individual Municipalities in the Fiscal Year 1971/72
	\$	\$
Armstrong	102,139.63	17,967.60
Burnaby	8,022,831.31	1,411,313.40
Campbell River	591,707.89	104,088.60
Castlegar	248,114.77	43,646.40
Central Saanich	260,721.07	45,864.00
Chilliwack City	621,791.09	109,380.60
Chilliwhack District	1,437,547.20	252,882.00
Comox	202,918.35	35,695.80
Coquitlam	2,933,130.13	515,968.00
Courtenay	419,806.27	73,848.90

	(a) Amount Paid by the Government During the Fiscal	(b) Amount Paid by the Individual Municipalities in the Fiscal
Municipality	Year 1971/72	Year 1971/72
Cranbrook	\$ 675,940.85	\$ 118,906.20
Creston	212,086.56	37,308.60
Dawson Creek	893,471.04	157,172.40
Delta	1,480,093.44	260,366.40
Duncan	307,923.04	54,167.40
Enderby	79,792.11	14,036.40
Esquimalt	944,039.47	166,068.00
Fernie	233,748.19	41,116.20
Fort St. John	561,266.56	98,733.60
Fraser Mills	9,293.33	1,640.00
Gold Pivor	185,513.07	32,634.00
Gold River Grand Forks	42,832.75 211,585.17	7,534.80 37,220.40
Greenwood	65,251.89	11,478.60
Hope	211,155.41	37,144.80
Kamloops	1,589,610.61	279,631.80
Kelowna	1,218,297.97	214,313.40
Kimberley	553,745.76	97,410.60
Kinnaird	209,866.13	36,918.00
Kitimat.	701,368.32	123,379.20
Ladysmith	244,184.03	42,954.50
Langley City	200,554.67	35,280.00
Langley District	1,129,337.65	198,664.20
Maple Ridge	1,381,463.52	243,016.20
Matsqui	1,157,558.56	203,628.60
Merritt	322,320.00	56,700.00
Mission	627,664.48	110,413.80
Nanaimo	1,087,865.81	191,368.80
NelsonNew Westminster	680,739.84 2,724,678.40	119,750.40
North Cowichan	743,771.31	479,304.00 130,838,40
North Saanich	207,072.69	36,426.60
North Vancouver City.	1,923,247.63	338,322.60
North Vancouver District	3,446,961.71	606,362.40
Oak Bay	1,298,090.08	228,349.80
Penticton	1,098,394.93	193,221.00
Port Alberni	1,327,815.15	233,578.80
Port Coquitlam	796,560.16	140,124.60
Port Moody	502,890.83	88,464.60
Powell River	900,920.21	158,482.80
Prince George	1,840,589.72	323,781.75
Prince Rupert	1,051,264.59	184,930.20
Quesnel	435,275.25	76,570.20
Revelstoke	343,163.36 3,614,281.60	60,366.60
Richmond Rossland	305,416.11	635,796.00 53,726.40
Saanich	4,214,871.20	741,447.00
Salmon Arm	476,675.47	83,853.00
Sidney	226,698.40	39,879.00
Smithers	226,053.76	39,765.60
Squamish	355,912.91	62,609.40
Sumas	390,007.20	68,607.00
Summerland	328,408.27	57,771.00
Surrey	5,860,923.63	1,031,007.60
Terrace	618,639.52	108,826.20
Trail	857,156.32	150,784.20
Valleyview	161,608.35	28,390.80
Vancouver City	29,393,793.33	5,170,725.00
Vernon	828,707.16	145,779.60

Municipality	(a) Amount Paid by the Government During the Fiscal Year 1971/72	(b) Amount Paid by the Individual Municipalities in the Fiscal Year 1971/72
	\$	\$
Victoria	4,115,166.88	723,907.80
West Vancouver	2,291,122.19	403,036.20
White Rock	557,756.85	98,116.20
Williams Lake	259,718.29	45,687.60
	105,782,891.40	18,608,452.551

[&]quot;1 This figure includes an adjustment for a credit to the fiscal year 1970/71."

19 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With reference to the social welfare cost-sharing formula between the Government and the municipalities—

- 1. In the calendar year 1972, did any municipalities receive special grants in aid of welfare costs above those which are provided for by formula?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what municipalities received special grants and (b) what was the amount of special grant in each case?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. See following table:

Cities—	\$
Armstrong	2,807
Chilliwack	1,645
Courtenay	5,710
Cranbrook	3,993
Duncan	6,357
Enderby	2,193
Fernie	5,475
Grand Forks	5,185
Greenwood	1,794
Kimberley	5,290
Langley	5,512
Port Moody	4,545
Revelstoke	6,030
Rossland	6,381
White Rock	4,034
Towns—	
Towiis—	
Castlegar	6,819
Comox	5,577
Creston	5,829
Fort St. John	4,067
Golden	6,073
$\mathrm{Hope}_{}$	5,804
Kinnaird	5,768
Ladysmith	6,712
Mertitt	6,224
Quesnel	5,408
Sidney	6,230
Smithers	6,172
Williams Lake	6,828

Districts-

	\$
Campbell River	4,020
Central Saanich	
Gold River	
Mission-	
North Saanich	5,691
Salmon Arm	
Squamish	5,912
Sumas	5,594
Summerland	6,167
Terrace	1,790
	200,000"

20 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following question:

With respect to grants of social assistance made between August 1, 1972, and December 31, 1972, what was the case load and total number of recipients on a monthly basis?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

"August 1972, case load, 51,804, recipients, 109,991; September 1972, case load, 50,426, recipients, 106,843; October 1972, case load, 49,845, recipients, 105,151; November 1972, not yet available; December 1972, not yet available."

43 Mr. Schroeder asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

In each school district in the Province which has rural components, what were the total sums collectable under the *Public Schools Act* in each rural component for the school budget-year of 1972?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"Total sums collectable under the Public Schools Act were as follows:

Unorganized Rural Component of	1972 School	Unorganized Rural Component of	1972 School
School District	Requisition	School District	Requisition
	\$		\$
No. 1 Fernie	1,435,281	No. 47 Powell River	690,092
No. 2 Cranbrook		No. 48 Howe Sound	1,128,365
No. 3 Kimberley	517,816	No. 49 Ocean Falls	824,813
No. 4 Windermere	451,103	No. 50 Queen Charlotte	580,071
No. 7 Nelson	1,110,373	No. 52 Prince Rupert	277,201
No. 9 Castlegar	494,953	No. 54 Smithers	218,571
No. 10 Arrow Lakes		No. 55 Burns Lake	508,040
No. 11 Trail	768,162	No. 56 Vanderhoof	1,004,068
No. 12 Grand Forks	272,084	No. 57 Prince George	3,803,714
No. 13 Kettle Valley	162,354	No. 59 Peace River South	1,115,034
No. 14 Southern Okanagan	629,836	No. 60 Peace River North	2,130,078
No. 15 Penticton	289,810	No. 61 Greater Victoria	281,775
No. 16 Keremeos	148,783	No. 62 Sooke	2,017,583
No. 17 Princeton	380,204	No. 63 Saanich	59,813
No. 18 Golden	208,611	No. 64 Gulf Islands	849,257
No. 19 Revelstoke	331,933	No. 65 Cowichan	957,483
No. 22 Vernon	751,968	No. 66 Lake Cowichan	1,105,982
No. 23 Central Okanagan	3,527,681	No. 67 Ladysmith	305,270
No. 24 Kamloops	3,482,602	No. 68 Nanaimo	3,709,883
No. 26 Birch Island	519,021	No. 69 Qualicum	670,392
No. 27 Williams Lake	1,627,841	No. 70 Alberni	1,145,379

Unorganized Rural Component of School District	1972 School Requisition	Unorganized Rural Component of School District	1972 School Requisition
	\$		\$
No. 28 Quesnel	1,229,607	No. 71 Courtenay	1,371,972
No. 29 Lillooet	820,026	No. 72 Campbell River	1,222,946
No. 30 South Cariboo	678,717	No. 75 Mission	235,325
No. 31 Merritt	521,125	No. 76 Agassiz	99,959
No. 32 Hope	590,633	No. 77 Summerland	24,367
No. 33 Chilliwack	350,144	No. 80 Kitimat	70,067
No. 34 Abbotsford	20,889	No. 81 Fort Nelson	911,649
No. 36 Surrey	12,264	No. 84 Vancouver Island West	147,080
No. 39 Vancouver	344,177	No. 85 Vancouver Island North	586,493
No. 42 Maple Ridge	30,875	No. 86 Creston-Kaslo	681,267
No. 43 Coquitlam	2,084,027	No. 87 Stikine	291,793
No. 44 North Vancouver	8,523	No. 88 Skeena-Cassiar	778,125
No. 45 West Vancouver	29,877	No. 89 Shuswap	904,377
No. 46 Sechelt	1,526,870	-	

46 Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to the Flood Disaster Relief Fund—

- 1. How many applications for relief pursuant to this emergency programme were received for the year 1972 and what was the total amount of money requested?
- 2. How many 1972 applications for relief were approved (a) in total or (b) in part?
 - 3. What was the amount disbursed pursuant to 1972 applications approved?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. 3,066; total money requested not determinable as the claims, when submitted, were subject to adjustment by the assessors, if necessary, and the adjudicated amounts agreed to and signed by the claimants.
 - "2. (a) 2,897 and (b) three.
 - "3, \$7,758,100.49."

60 Mr. Schroeder asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

- 1. Were any bond issues authorized by the Government in 1972 for school construction and, if so, in what total amount?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total amount of those bonds floated, (b) when were they issued, (c) what was the amount of each issue, and (d) what was the interest rate of each issue?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes, \$55,380,000.
- "2. (a) \$55,380,000, (b), (c), and (d):

Date of Issue	Interest Rate (Per Cent)	Amount \$
March 1, 1972	6.90	8,000,000
May 10, 1972	7.38	7,014,000
July 2, 1972	7.45	7,000,000
August 10, 1972	7.49	6,260,000
September 7, 1972	7.50	5,000,000
October 10, 1972	7.49	5,000,000
November 10, 1972	7.51	8,907,000
December 8, 1972	7.38	8,199,000"

- 94 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:
- 1. Were any bond issues authorized by the Government in 1972 for school construction and, if so, in what total amount?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total amount of those bonds floated, (b) when were they issued, (c) what was the amount of each issue, and (d) what was the interest rate of each issue?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. See answer to Question 60."
- 95 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

What were the detailed investments of the following funds as at December 31, 1972: (a) The Municipal Superannuation Fund, (b) the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, (c) the Provincial Home Acquisition Fund, (d) the Queensborough Bridge Account, (e) the Burrard Inlet (Third Crossing) Fund, (f) the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Superannuation Fund, (g) the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Employees' Superannuation Fund, (h) the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority Sinking Fund, (i) the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Sinking Fund, (j) the British Columbia Ferry Authority Sinking Fund, (k) the Teachers' Pensions Fund, (l) the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sinking Fund, (m) the Centennial Cultural Fund, (n) the Workmen's Compensation Fund, (o) the British Columbia School Districts Capital Financing Authority Sinking Fund, and (p) the Drug, Alcohol, and Cigarette Education, Prevention, and Rehabilitation Fund?

The Hon. David Barrett stated that, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a Return, and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House, and thereupon presented such Return.

96 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With respect to grants of social assistance made (a) between December 31, 1971, and August 31, 1972, and (b) between September 1, 1972, and December 31, 1972—

- 1. What was the case load and total number of recipients on a monthly basis?
- 2. What was the total expenditure for social assistance between December 1971 and December 1972, and what was this expenditure on a monthly basis?
- 3. With respect to No. 1, what portion of the case load and recipients remained constant throughout the period under review and on a month-to-month basis?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

"1.

Month	Case Load	Recipients
January 1972	59,010	126,707
February	58,386	124,185
March	56,183	118,405
April	53,318	112,636
May	49,184	105,949
June	48,425	102,426
July	49,961	106,412
August	51,804	109,991
September	50,426	106,843
October	49,845	105,151
November	(1)	(1)
December	(1)	(1)

"2. These figures are for the total expenditure for social assistance which includes: Social Allowances, burial of indigents, medical services, Supplementary Social Allowances, and maintenance of dependent children:

Month	Expenditure
	\$
January 1972	12,620,727.94
February	11,673,460.27
March	16,471,962.92
April	
May	10,972,983.78
June	
July	12,944,450.68
August	
September	13,255,568.98
October	
November	
December	12,962,813.75
Total	137,077,728.99
6.	
Month	Approximate Percentage of Chronic Cases
January 1972	60
February	61
March	63
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June	
	67
August	67
	69
November	

[&]quot;1 Not yet available."

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97 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

December _____(1)

With reference to the social welfare cost-sharing formula between the Government and the municipalities—

- 1. What was the total amount paid by the Government under this formula in the fiscal year 1971/72?
- 2. With respect to No. 1, what were the total amounts paid by the Government on a monthly basis for the remainder of the calendar year 1972?
- 3. What was the total amount paid by the municipalities in the fiscal year 1971/72?
- 4. With respect to No. 3, what were the total amounts paid by the municipalities on a monthly basis for the remainder of the calendar year 1972?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

"1. \$105,782,891.40.

 Month
 Amount Paid by Government

 April 1972
 \$10,611,576.80

 May
 10,611,576.80

 June
 10,611,576.80

 July
 10,611,576.80

 August
 10,611,576.80

Month	Amount Paid by Government
September	9,261,012.48
October	9,261,012.48
November	9,261,012.48
December	9,261,714.24

"3. \$18,608,452.55 (this figure includes an adjustment for a credit to the fiscal year 1970/71).

"4.

Month	Amount Paid by Municipalities
April 1972	\$1,872,631.20
May	1,872,631.20
June	1,872,631.20
July	1,872,631.20
August	1,872,631.20
September	1,634,296.32
October	1,634,296.32
November	1,634,296.32
December.	1,634,420.16"

- 105 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions: With respect to funds received under the Canada Pension Plan—
 - 1. What is the total amount received to date by British Columbia?
- 2. What is the total amount received after December 31, 1971, by British Columbia?
 - 3. What are the detailed investments of the money since December 31, 1971?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. \$791,936,000.
- "2. \$149,085,000.
- "3. British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority:

		Percentage	
Date	Maturity	Rate	Amount
			\$
Jan. 4, 1972	Jan. 4, 1992	6.76	4,391,000
Mar. 2, 1972	Mar. 2, 1992	6.90	6,893,000
Apr. 7, 1972	Apr. 7, 1992	7.08	10,000,000
Apr. 10, 1972	Apr. 10, 1992	7.08	6,099,000
June 8, 1972	June 8, 1992	7.38	10,000,000
June 9, 1972	June 9, 1992	7.38	3,770,000
June 9, 1972	June 9, 1992	7.38	6,555,000
July 6, 1972	July 6, 1992	7.45	10,000,000
July 10, 1972	July 10, 1992	7.45	3,637,000
Aug. 9, 1972	Aug. 9, 1992	7.49	2,500,000
Sept. 6, 1972	Sept. 6, 1992	7.50	7,572,000
Oct. 10, 1972	Oct. 10, 1992	7.49	3,575,000

"British Columbia School Districts Capital Financing Authority:

Mar. 1, 1972	Mar. 1, 1992	6.90	8,000,000
May 10, 1972	May 10, 1992	7.38	7,014,000
Aug. 10, 1972		7.49	6,260,000
Sept. 7, 1972	Sept. 7, 1992	7.50	5,000,000
Oct. 10, 1972	Oct. 10, 1992	7.49	5,000,000
Nov. 10, 1972	Nov. 10, 1992	7.51	8,907,000
Dec. 8, 1972			8,199,000
Jan. 10, 1973	Jan. 10, 1993	7.26	4,627,000

"British Columbia Regional Hospital Districts Financing Authority:

			149,085.000"
Feb. 9, 1973	Feb. 9, 1993	7.25	5,658,000
"British Columbia	Railway Company:		
Aug. 10, 1972	Aug. 10, 1992	7.49	2,500,000
May 9, 1972	May 9, 1992	7.38	8,000,000
Feb. 10, 1972	Feb. 10, 1992	6.75	4,928,000

- **107** Mr. *Richter* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions: With respect to the *Mining Tax Act*—
- 1. Was any revenue received from mining operations involved in the production of iron concentrates or copper concentrates during the calendar year 1972?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the total revenue received from mining operations producing either iron or copper concentrates?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$4,049,879.89; the *Mining Tax Act* does not require the reporting of profits and the payment of tax on the basis of each individual type of mineral produced and sold; thus, the figure of \$4,049,879.89 is comprised of revenue received in the calendar year 1972 from mining operations which not only produce copper or iron, but in addition may also produce other minerals such as lead, zinc, silver, etc."
- **111** Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:
- 1. Has the Provincial Government made any grants from the Agricultural Aid to Developing Countries and World Disaster Areas Fund from August 15, 1972, to January 29, 1973?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the date of each payment, (b) what was the amount of each payment, and (c) on what date was the Provincial Government advised of the disaster in each case?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) and (b) September 6, 1972, typhoon disaster assistance, Philippines (Canadian Red Cross), \$10,000; September 6, 1972, disaster relief, Bangladesh (UNICEF), \$35,000; September 6, 1972, relief goods and medical supplies, Vietnam (World Vision of Canada), \$10,000; September 6, 1972, emergency relief supplies, Peru (Foster Parents Plan of Canada), \$5,000; September 6, 1972, agricultural development programme, British Solomon Islands (Canadian Catholic Organization), \$60,000; November 14, 1972, Malaita Development Co., agricultural development programme, British Solomon Islands, cash grant (Canadian University Services Overseas), \$8,000; November 15, 1972, Fiji hurricane relief, cash donation (Canadian Red Cross), \$25,000; December 14, 1972, agricultural project, Tibet, cash grant (Tibetan Refugee Aid Society), \$35,000; December 18, 1972, agricultural experimental farm, Brazil, cash grant (OXFAM), \$10,000; December 27, 1972, earthquake assistance, Nicaragua, cash grant (Red Cross), \$25,000; January 9, 1973, educational grant, Mahinae's farm training project, Tonga, cash grant (Canadian Hunger Foundation), \$36,250.

- "2. (c) In the case of major disasters, advice was received by the committee by telephone, telegraph, and letter; a response was made as promptly as verification of actual situation received. Concerning relief supplies or educational grants, these were not so imminent and a month or more of investigation and completion of details was usually required before a final decision was made."
- 119 Mr. Morrison asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question: What were the investments of the Regional Hospital Districts Financing Authority Trust Account as at December 31, 1972?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows: "Nil."

122 Mr. Morrison asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With reference to the Home-acquisition Grant-

- 1. What is the total number of grants made under the Act since its coming into force?
 - 2. What is the total amount of money granted under the Act since its inception?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. As at January 31, 1973, 76,209.
- "2. As at January 31, 1973, \$45,100,000."
- 175 Mrs. Jordan asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:
- 1. Has the Provincial Government made any grants to Howard Industries at Vernon?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the amount of the grant for capital and (b) what was the amount of the grant for operating?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2. Not applicable."

185 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:

For each period August 30, 1972, to January 31, 1973; August 30, 1971, to January 31, 1972; August 30, 1970, to January 31, 1971; August 30, 1969, to January 31, 1970; how many employees of the Civil Service of the Province of British Columbia (a) were hired, (b) were promoted, (c) resigned, and (d) were dismissed?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

"(a) August 30, 1972, to January 31, 1973, 1,800; August 30, 1971, to January 31, 1972, 1,495; August 30, 1970, to January 31, 1971, 1,106; August 30, 1969, to January 31, 1970, 1,680.

"(b) August 30, 1972, to January 31, 1973, 298; August 30, 1971, to January 31, 1972, 366; August 30, 1970, to January 31, 1971, 221; August 30, 1969, to

January 31, 1970, 496.

"(c) and (d) Statistics for the periods requested unavailable, available only quarterly or annually."

- **201** Mr. McClelland asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:
- 1. Has the Provincial Government received any applications for subscriptions to Hansard?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the total number of applications received to February 9, 1973?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. 461."

The Hon. *David Barrett* (Minister of Finance) presented the annual return for the calendar year 1972 submitted in accordance with section 53 of the *Administration Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia*, 1960.

And then the House adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

Thursday, February 15, 1973

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Carl Klassen.

By leave of the House, the Hon. David Barrett (Premier) made a statement in relation to the Alaska pipe-line.

On the motion of Mr. Curtis, Bill (No. 87) intituled An Act to Amend the Municipalities Aid Act was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Norman Levi, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, the Hon. D. G. Cocke (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance) made a statement relating to medical supplies for Vietnam.

- **93** Mr. *Brousson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:
- 1. How many (a) private vehicles and (b) commercial vehicles passed through the ferry terminal at Horseshoe Bay in 1971 and 1972?
- 2. With respect to the answer to No. 1 (a), (a) how many vehicles were transported from Horseshoe Bay terminal to the terminals at Nanaimo, Langdale, and

Bowen Island respectively and (b) how many vehicles were transported from the terminals at Nanaimo, Langdale, and Bowen Island respectively to the terminal at Harrock as Paris

Horseshoe Bay?

3. With respect to the answer to No. 1 (b), (a) how many vehicles were transported from Horseshoe Bay terminal to the terminals at Nanaimo, Langdale, and Bowen Island respectively and (b) how many vehicles were transported from the terminals at Nanaimo, Langdale, and Bowen Island respectively to the terminal at Horseshoe Bay?

The Hon. R. M. Strachan replied as follows:

"1. (a) Private vehicles, 1971, 849,309, 1972, 953,267; and (b) commercial

vehicles, 1971, 283,281, 1972, 301,408.

"2. (a) Private vehicles: Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo, 1971, 259,097, 1972, 281,589; Horseshoe Bay to Langdale, 1971, 135,284, 1972, 160,848; Horseshoe Bay to Bowen Island, 1971, 28,832, 1972, 34,611; and (b) Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay, 1971, 262,513, 1972, 280,760; Langdale to Horseshoe Bay, 1971, 134,751, 1972, 160,848*; Bowen Island to Horseshoe Bay, 1971, 38,832*, 1972, 34,611*.

"3. (a) Commercial vehicles: Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo, 1971, 85,149, 1972, 99,147; Horseshoe Bay to Langdale, 1971, 50,790, 1972, 44,820; Horseshoe Bay to Bowen Island, 1971, 7,246, 1972, 7,801; and (b) Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay, 1971, 84,382, 1972, 97,019; Langdale to Horseshoe Bay, 1971, 48,468, 1972, 44,820*; Bowen Island to Horseshoe Bay, 1971, 7,246*, 1972, 7,801*.

102 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions: With respect to the Drug, Alcohol, and Cigarette Education, Prevention, and

Rehabilitation Fund—

- 1. What was the total amount of money spent under this Fund between December 31, 1971, and December 31, 1972?
- 2. How much of this was allocated to advertising in the British Columbia media?
- 3. (a) Which agency or agencies, if any, prepared the materials for the advertisements and at what cost, by agency, and (b) were all contracts tendered and, if not, which contracts were not tendered?
 - 4. How much was spent to support the rehabilitative and treatment services?
 - 5. How much was expended on research?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. \$974,337.91.
- "2. \$393,146.52.
- "3. (a) Baker Lovick BBDO Ltd., \$393,146.52 and (b) not known.
- "4. \$188,015.
- "5. \$90,250."
- **118** Mr. Morrison asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:
- 1. Did the Provincial Government purchase land under the *Green Belt Protection Fund Act* between September 15, 1972, and January 25, 1973?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, who were the vendors and what was the price per acre paid in each case?

[&]quot;* Same figure shown inbound as outbound due to return fare structure."

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. No, but money was paid out between these dates covering prior commitments.
 - "2. Not applicable."
- 139 Mrs. Jordan asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:
- 1. Have any British Columbia parity bonds been taken into Provincial accounts since September 15, 1972?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the total amount of parity bonds held in Provincial accounts as of January 30, 1973?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$6,886,800."
- **141** Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the "limousine" maintained by the former Premier for official purposes—

- 1. Has this limousine been officially in use since September 1, 1972, and, if so, on which dates?
 - 2. Is a limousine chauffeur still retained by the Government?
- 3. What was the purchase price of this limousine and, if a chauffeur is still retained, what is his annual salary?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes, January 14, 15, and 16, 1973.
- "2. No.
- "3. Purchase price, \$9,800.47."
- **154** Mr. *Gardom* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:
- 1. How many tons of iron concentrates were produced in British Columbia in 1972?
- 2. What was (a) the total estimated value of these iron concentrates, (b) the total estimated cost of production, and (c) the royalty return to the Province from iron concentrates for the above year?
- 3. What are the names and locations of all mines producing iron concentrates and what was the production of each mine during 1972 (a) in tons and (b) in dollars?
- 4. Was any of this iron concentrate exported and, if so, how many tons and to which destinations?
- 5. What is the total number of persons employed in producing iron concentrates in British Columbia?
- 6. If complete answers are not available for Nos. 2 and 3, will appropriate studies be launched to obtain these answers?

The Hon. L. T. Nimsick replied as follows:

- "1. 1972 production not available as yet.
- "2. (a) Estimated value of iron concentrates shipped in 1972 is \$11.4 million,

(b) estimated cost of production not available as yet, and (c) royalty, \$145,225.35; paid mainly by Wesfrob Mines, small amount by Craigmont Mines.

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"3.		(Estimate	s for 1972)
Producer	Location	Shipments	Value
		Tons	\$
Wesfrob Mines Ltd.	Tasu	643,743	5,335,000
Texada Mines Ltd.	Texada Island	565,000	5,150,000
Craigmont Mines Ltd.	Merritt	39,264	644,150
Cominco Ltd.	Kimberley	38.433	350,509

- "4. The shipments from Wesfrob and Texada were exported, mainly to Japan.
- "5. 1972 employment not available as yet (there is no separation between iron and copper employment).
 - "6. Details to Nos. 2 and 3 will be available later in the year."
- **155** Mr. *Gardom* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:
- 1. How many tons of copper concentrates were produced in British Columbia in 1972?
- 2. What was (a) the total estimated value of these copper concentrates, (b) the total estimated cost of production, and (c) the royalty return to the Province from copper concentrates for the above year?
- 3. What are the names and locations of all mines producing copper concentrates and what was the production of each mine during 1972 (a) in tons and (b) in dollars?
- 4. Was any of this copper concentrate exported and, if so, how many tons and to which destinations?
- 5. What is the total number of persons employed in producing copper concentrates in British Columbia?
- 6. If complete answers are not available for Nos. 2 and 3, will appropriate studies be launched to obtain these answers?

The Hon. L. T. Nimsick replied as follows:

- "1. There were 22 copper producers in 1972.
- "2. (a) Estimated value of copper shipments in 1972 is \$218 million, (b) estimated cost of production not available as yet, and (c) royalty, nil.

"3. (a)		Estimated Copper Content of	Estimated Copper Concentrates
Producer	Location	Shipments in 1972	Shipped in 1972
		Lb.	Tons
Anaconda Britannia Mines	Britannia Beach	20,208,000	34,190
Bethlehem Copper Corp. Ltd.	Highland Valley	58,044,550	90,745
Bradina Joint Venture	Owen Lake	271,350	603
Brenda Mines Ltd.	Peachland	33,490,000	81,000
Coast Copper	Benson Lake	10,489,680	20,568
Cominco Ltd.	Trail	471,900	4901
Craigmont Mines Ltd.	Merritt	49,035,000	87,850
Giant Mascot Mines Ltd.	Hope	2,172,600	19,2502
Gibraltar Mines Ltd.	McLeese Lake	75,487,786	124,600
Granby Mining Co. Ltd. (Phoenix)	Phoenix	10,495,000	19,950
Granduc Operating Co.			86,240
Granisle Mines Ltd.	Babine Lake	24,982,621	37,580
Lornex Mines Ltd.	Highland Valley	32,311,867	51,195
Noranda Mines Ltd. (Bell Copper)	Babine Lake	17,170,000	13,000
OK Syndicate		4,137,000	6,300
Placid Oil Co.	Cranbrook	4,719,400	9,600

Producer	Location	Estimated Copper Content of Shipments in 1972	Estimated Copper Concentrates Shipped in 1972
		Lb.	Tons
Similkameen Mining Co. Ltd.	Princeton	19,327,000	40,400
Texada Mines Ltd.	Texada Island	4,694,000	10,600
Utah Mines Ltd.	Port Hardy	63,983,511	148,856
Wesfrob Mines Ltd	Tasu	5,041,720	13,228
Jordan River Mines Ltd.	Jordan River	951,728	2,025
Western Mines Ltd.		10,998,461	23,234

[&]quot;1 Copper matte.

- "(b) All shipments were valued at the average price of 43.97 cents per pound.
- "4. Destinations of shipments are not available as yet but usually over 95 per cent goes to Japan.
 - "5. 1972 employment not available as yet.
 - "6. Details to Nos. 2 and 3 will be available later in the year."

156 Mr. *Gardom* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources the following questions:

- 1. How many tons of coal concentrates were produced in British Columbia in 1972?
- 2. What was (a) the total estimated value of these coal concentrates, (b) the total estimated cost of production, and (c) the royalty return to the Province from coal concentrates for the above year?
- 3. What are the names and locations of all mines producing coal concentrates and what was the production of each mine during 1972 (a) in tons and (b) in dollars?
- 4. Was any of this coal concentrate exported and, if so, how many tons and to which destinations?
- 5. What is the total number of persons employed in producing coal concentrates in British Columbia?
- 6. If complete answers are not available for Nos. 2 and 3, will appropriate studies be launched to obtain these answers?

The Hon. L. T. Nimsick replied as follows:

- "1. The estimated quantity of clean coal produced in 1972 is 6,541,625 tons.
- "2. (a) No estimate of value of production is available, (b) no estimate of cost of production is available, and (c) royalty, \$236,861.25; mainly paid by Fording Coal Ltd.
 - "3. (a) Coal producers in 1972:

•	Burt.	of Clean Coal
		Tons
Kaiser Resources Ltd.	Sparwood	5,352,590
Fording Coal Ltd.	Fording River	1,130,822
Coleman Collieries Ltd.	Tent Mountain	58,213

Estimated Production

- "(b) No value of production requested from companies, only value of shipments.
- "4. Coal exported in 1972 (estimated), Japan, 5,695,029 tons; The Netherlands, 38,876 tons; United States, 302 tons.
 - "5. 1972 employment not available as yet.
- "6. Details of Nos. 2 and 3 will be available later in the year; however, the value of coal is only recorded when shipments made and not at the production level."

[&]quot;2 Nickel-copper.

- **160** Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:
- 1. Have cost estimates been made as to the approximate value of the B.C. Telephone Company for purposes of expropriation?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the value at the time of the estimate of (a) the physical assets, (b) the common shares, (c) the preferred shares, and (d) what were the debt obligations?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. This matter is presently under review.
- "2. See answer to No. 1."

186 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:

With respect to the Swartz Bay to Tsawwassen ferry route, by what manner does each vessel dispose of so-called bilge wastes and other liquid material associated with engine-room operation?

The Hon. R. M. Strachan replied as follows:

"Bilge wastes and other liquid waste materials are pumped into septic tank trucks and disposed of by them."

- **205** Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:
- 1. Does the Department of Highways intend to undertake asphalt paving on Canal Road and part of Rainbow Road on Saltspring Island?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, when does the Department plan to commence this work?

The Hon, R. M. Strachan replied as follows:

- "1. Not at this time; the Department will carry out minor road improvements to Canal Road and reconstruction of its intersection with Lower Ganges Road this summer and reconstruct the bridge on this road.
 - "2. See No. 1."
- 210 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:
- 1. Since September 16, 1972, have any firms, companies, individuals, or organizations met with the Premier to discuss the possibility of establishing or expanding their business operation in British Columbia?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) which provinces were represented by firms, companies, individuals, or organizations and (b) which countries were represented by firms, companies, individuals, or organizations?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) and (b) The representations made were individuals, not on behalf of provinces or countries."
- **223** Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

With respect to the staff of Executive Council—

1. Who was employed as a member of the staff of Executive Council as of January 31, 1972, and at what salaries?

2. Who was employed as a member of the staff of Executive Council as of January 31, 1973, and at what salaries?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

- "1. No one.
- "2. No one."

229 Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon, the Minister of Finance the following questions:

- 1. Was either one, Eric Kierans, or one, John de Wolf, involved in any way with the preparation of the Budget?
 - 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in what capacity was each involved?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2. Not applicable."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Friday, February 16, 1973

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Jim Hawkins.

The Hon. R. M. Strachan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

JOHN R. NICHOLSON

Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 16, 1973

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. 34) intituled *Insurance Corporation of British Columbia Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. R. M. Strachan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:

JOHN R. NICHOLSON Lieutenant-Governor

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *Automobile Insurance Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 16, 1973

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. 35) intituled Automobile Insurance Act, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, Bill (No. 88) intituled The British Columbia Bill of Rights was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. D. D. Stupich, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

52 Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance, Chairman of the Treasury Board, the following questions:

With reference to contracts entered into since September 1, 1972, by the Government of British Columbia or any Crown corporation or any other Government agency, in respect of goods or services rendered—

1. How many contracts valued in excess of \$100,000 have been awarded

without tenders being called?

- 2. With respect to the answer to No. 1, which companies or agencies were awarded these contracts and, in each case, what were the goods or services concerned?
- 3. How many contracts valued (a) between \$20,000 and \$49,999 and (b) between \$50,000 and \$99,999 have been awarded without tender being called?
- 4. With respect to the answers to No. 3 (a) and (b), which companies or agencies were awarded these contracts and, in each case, what were the goods or services concerned?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Three.
- "2. PO 906-2156-07, dated September 20, 1972, Westinghouse Canada Ltd., \$252,331, exciter for generator 9, Peace River project, to match equipment supplied by Westinghouse for Units 6, 7, and 8, Exciter Contract 131-E; original contract price \$654,388; approved by Executive Management Committee March 13, 1972. PO 254480, dated January 19, 1973 (confirming award made December 15, 1972); General Motors of Canada Ltd., \$1,902,500, 39 buses, tenders were called but were cancelled when it became necessary to place firm orders by December 15, 1972, to ensure deliveries by dates required in 1973; special approval by Board of Directors December 13, 1972. PO 254481, dated January 19, 1973 (confirming award made December 15, 1972); Flyer Industries Ltd., \$2,707,500, 60 buses, tenders were called but were cancelled when it became necessary to place firm orders by December 15, 1972, to ensure deliveries by dates required in 1973; special approval by Board of Directors December 13, 1972.
 - "3. (a) Four and (b) two.
- "4. (a) PO 218494, dated November 1, 1972, Westinghouse Canada Ltd., \$34,000, reclosing protection equipment for Natal No. 2 Substation; to match equipment being supplied by Calgary Power Ltd. at their terminal and to match existing equipment installed by Westinghouse for Line 2L113 in 1972. PO 906-1546-04, dated November 20, 1972, \$46,000, Westinghouse Canada Ltd., protection and control generator switchboard for Unit 9, Peace River project; to match equipment supplied by Westinghouse for Units 6, 7, and 8, Contract 45A, original contract price \$185,340; approved by Executive Management Committee August 11, 1971. PO 218923, dated December 21, 1972, Canron Limited, \$20,000, steel structures to extend Abbotsford Substation; existing structure steel supplied by Canron under their own proprietary drawings. PO 219270, dated January 8, 1973, Sydney Kom & Associates Ltd. of Montreal, \$30,000, special consulting and planning to assist in design of new central warehousing facilities to accommodate existing operations at Surrey Service Centre; professional service.
- "(b) PO 218894, dated November 24, 1972, Corporation of Township of Richmond, \$50,000, repairs to road after duct installation work on No. 3 Road, to be performed by the municipality. PO 218895, dated November 29, 1972, Shields Navigation, \$58,000, emergency repairs to fractured direct current submarine cable to Vancouver Island; only contractor available with the necessary equipment."
- **57** Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:
- 1. Have costs exceeded estimates on each of the Peace and Columbia River power projects?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, as of January 1, 1973, or the latest possible date for which data are available, what were actual costs over estimates on each of the Peace and Columbia River projects?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. (a) With respect to the Peace River project, no and (b) with respect to the Columbia River Treaty storage projects, yes.
- "2. With respect to the Columbia River Treaty storage projects, actual costs to December 31, 1972, were \$539,068,481; estimate (excluding any provision for inflation) dated December 1963 was \$410,671,000."

92 Mr. Brousson asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to B.C. Hydro "security deposits"—

1. (a) What is the total amount held by B.C. Hydro in "security deposits" and (b) how many depositors are concerned?

2. Will this amount be refunded to the depositors and, if so, when?

3. Has any interest been paid to depositors on account of deposits held by B.C. Hydro?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. (a) \$1,084,141 as at December 31, 1972, and (b) 26,952 as at December 31, 1972.
- "2. Residential security deposits are now in the process of being credited to the accounts of customers affected; the programme is expected to be completed by approximately mid-March 1973.

"3. All deposits have earned interest at 6 per cent from October 1, 1972."

101 Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With reference to Columbia River power development—

1. What was the total amount expended to December 31, 1972?

- 2. Was this expenditure made directly from the moneys obtained from the United States of America under the Columbia River Treaty?
- 3. If the answer to No. 2 is no, was the expended money borrowed and, if so, where from and at what rate of interest?
 - 4. If the answer to No. 3 is no, where was the expended money obtained?
 - 5. What was the estimated expenditure for the year 1972?

6. What is the estimated expenditure for the year 1973?

7. What are the latest estimates as to the total capital cost of (a) Duncan storage, (b) Arrow storage, (c) Mica storage, (d) Mica at-site generation, and (e) general costs?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. \$539,068,481 on Duncan, Arrow, and Mica storage projects.

"2. Yes, to the extent of \$473,904,288.

"3. The balance of \$65,164,193 was provided from B.C. Hydro borrowings, with interest charged to the projects at the rates of 7 per cent per annum on \$31,815,686 and 7½ per cent per annum on \$33,348,507.

"4. See answer to No. 3 above.

"5. The estimated expenditures on Duncan, Arrow, and Mica storage projects were \$50,900,000; the actual expenditures on Duncan, Arrow, and Mica storage projects were \$48,523,746.

"6. \$17,537,000 on Duncan, Arrow, and Mica storage projects.

- "7. (a) \$32,170,000, (b) \$196,027,000, (c) \$329,855,000, (d) \$460,-384,000, and (e) \$3,998,000."
- **103** Mr. *McGeer* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With reference to the Peace River power project—

- 1. What is the total amount spent to date on this project?
- 2. What is the total amount spent to date on the Portage Mountain Dam?
- 3. What is the total amount spent to date on transmission-lines?

- 4. What is the latest estimated cost of the first stage of this project?
- 5. What is the latest estimated cost of the whole project?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. \$668,540,243 to December 31, 1972.
- "2. \$116,811,683 to December 31, 1972.
- "3. \$152,398,569 to December 31, 1972.
- "4. \$464,960,921.
- "5. \$730,204,000."
- **120** Mr. *Morrison* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With reference to natural gas sales by B.C. Hydro—

- 1. Was a net profit made on the sale of gas during the last reported financial year?
 - 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the amount of the profit?
- 3. Was a net loss made on the sale of gas during the last reported financial year?
- 4. What was the total cost of gas purchased during the last reported financial year?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2, \$9,549,367.
- "3. No.
- "4. \$21,349,347."
- **131** Mr. *McClelland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

With respect to hospital construction—

- 1. What was the total sum spent on hospital construction of acute and extended care hospital accommodation in the year ended December 31, 1972?
- 2. What was the total sum spent on (a) acute care accommodation and (b) extended care accommodation?
- 3. What was the total new beds provided for (a) acute care accommodation and (b) extended care accommodation?

The Hon. D. G. Cocke replied as follows:

- "1. \$17,724,169.
- "2. (a) \$13,222,373 and (b) \$4,501,796 (regarding the amounts shown in Nos. 1 and 2 above, it should be observed that in addition to projects which were started and completed in 1972, some funds expended in 1972 were related to projects which were largely completed in 1971 or projects which commenced in 1972 but will not be completed until 1973, these costs also apply to diagnostic, treatment, and service areas for both in-patients and out-patients; where a project involves the construction of both acute and extended care accommodation, the costs have been pro-rated to calculate the figures shown in No. 2).
 - "3. (a) 364 acute-care beds and (b) 586 extended-care beds."

165 Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:

How many professional engineers who are American nationals are presently employed by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"The following information has been submitted by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority: To the best of our knowledge, two employed by British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and six by International Power and Engineering Consultants Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary."

- **188** Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:
- 1. At what date is closure of the laundry at the Royal Jubilee Hospital anticipated?

2. Are all the present workers at the laundry in Royal Jubilee Hospital to be relocated in the laundry at Glendale Hospital?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, will these workers retain seniority and increments on the staff at Glendale Hospital?

4. If the answer to No. 2 is no, are any steps being taken to change that situation?

The Hon. D. G. Cocke replied as follows:

- "1. Date of closure of the laundry at the Royal Jubilee Hospital is still under consideration by the hospital but we understand present thinking is in late 1973 or early 1974.
- "2. Relocation of workers at the Royal Jubilee Hospital laundry is under discussion.
 - "3. See No. 2 above.
 - "4. See No. 2 above."
- **189** Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following question:

Is the Provincial Government presently negotiating with owners of any private hospitals with a view to acquiring these hospitals?

The Hon. D. G. Cocke replied as follows: "Yes."

191 Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following question:

Is the Provincial Government presently negotiating with the owners of Richmond Heights Hospital, Victoria, with a view to acquiring that hospital?

The Hon. D. G. Cocke replied as follows:

"Negotiations are currently going on with the owners of Richmond Heights Private Hospital, Victoria."

224 Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:

Does the Government plan to increase the present allowance of \$50 per year

Does the Government plan to increase the present allowance of \$50 per year to senior citizens under the terms of the *Elderly Citizen Renters Grant Act?*

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"No, not this year."

225 Mr. *Wallace* asked the Hon, the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:

With regard to hospital insurance coverage for British Columbia residents who require hospital care outside British Columbia—

- 1. Is the maximum rate payable for hospital care \$25 per day?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, does the Provincial Government have any plans to raise this rate?

The Hon. D. G. Cocke replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2. The maximum rate payable outside Canada was increased from \$25 to \$50 per day effective December 1, 1972; elsewhere in Canada the Hospital Insurance Service pays the rate approved by each of the other provincial hospital insurance plans for a particular hospital (less the dollar-a-day charge)."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Monday, February 19, 1973

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. D. L. Ball.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. McGeer, Bill (No. 89) intituled An Act to Amend the Hospital Insurance Act.

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, Bill (No. 90) intituled The Taxpayers' Protection Act.

On the motion of Mr. Phillips, Bill (No. 91) intituled The Rural Student Travel Aid Fund Act.

Mr. Smith asked leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the effect on the economy of northeastern British Columbia resulting from the proposed increase on petroleum and natural gas royalties.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that the subject-matter of the motion had already been appointed by the House for discussion, in that legislation dealing with the specific subject-matter appeared on Orders of the Day and, accordingly, urgency of debate at this time had not been established.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued,

On the motion of the Hon. D. G. Cocke, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The House proceeded to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

On the motion of the Hon. A. B. Macdonald, seconded by the Hon. Ernest Hall, it was Ordered—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education to inquire into the question of the advertising of alcohol and tobacco products in the Province and legislation and regulations with respect thereto, and the effects of such advertising on the consumption of alcohol and tobacco products:

The Committee shall have the power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to hear representations from such organizations and individuals as may, in their discretion, appear necessary, and shall report its findings and recommendations to the House from time to time.

- **29** Mr. Chabot asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:
- 1. Has the Provincial Government contracted for rental space in the building located on the corner of Government Street and Humboldt Street in the City of Victoria?
 - 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the space rent per square foot?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Rates to be charged: (a) Basement, \$2.50 per square foot per annum and (b) second to eighth floor inclusive, \$4 per square foot per annum; all services included except hydro, janitorial, and telephones."
- **37** Mr. Fraser asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:
- 1. Did the Provincial Government carry out renovations and refurnishing of the Premier's office and related administrative offices after September 15, 1972?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the cost of the renovations and refurnishing to January 25, 1973?
 - 3. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, was the work done called for tender?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

- "1. The Provincial Government carried out restoration work on the Premier's office and related administrative offices after September 15, 1972.
 - "2. Cost of this work to January 25, 1973, has been \$23,949.51.
- "3. The items provided by the Architectural Design Division were tendered through normal Public Works Department or Purchasing Commission procedures, the work was carried out by a force of tradesmen from the Construction and Maintenance Division."

- **39** Mr. Fraser asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:
- 1. Has the Department of Public Works hired additional staff since October 1, 1972?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the number of additional staff hired to January 15, 1973, (b) what is the job classification of each person hired, and (c) were the new positions posted and filled by competition through the Civil Service Commission?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) Total number, 34; (b) seven Building Security Officers, Grade 1; five Building Service Workers, Grade 1; seven Building Service Worker Trainees; one Carpenter Apprentice; two Clerks, Grade 2; one Clerk, Grade 3; one Draughtsman, Grade 4; two Labourers; four Laundresses; one Painter; 1 Sheetmetal Apprentice; one Tour Guide; one Clerk-Typist 2; and (c) all positions of promotional nature posted and filled through competition by Civil Service Commission; positions not of a promotional nature filled from eligibility lists, local postings and advertisements, and by candidates referred through Canada Manpower."
- **41** Mr. Fraser asked the Hon, the Minister of Public Works the following questions:
- 1. Did the Provincial Government purchase the property in Victoria at 606 Douglas Street?
 - 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the purchase price?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

- "1 Voc
- "2. Price not available, at this time, due to continuing property negotiations."
- **42** Mr. Morrison asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:
- 1. Is the Provincial Government developing plans for a resource departments administration building in the City of Victoria?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the planned location of the structure, (b) what is the estimated cost of the structure, and (c) when is construction expected to commence?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

- "1. The Provincial Government is developing plans for the satisfaction of space needs in the City of Victoria; the resource departments are included in such plans and their requirements, along with the requirements for all departments, have been assessed.
- "2. (a) Location of all buildings will be determined when over-all plan is presented, (b) estimated cost will be determined when over-all plan is submitted, and (c) not yet determined."
- 55 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:
- 1. Have any new job positions in the office of the Minister of Finance been created since September 1, 1972?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many new job positions in the office of the Minister of Finance have been created and filled since September 1, 1972?

3. Will the Minister give the names, titles, and agreed salaries of any person so engaged?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2 and 3. Not applicable."
- 56 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions: With respect to the chairmanship of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority—
 - 1. Has a new Chairman been appointed?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what is the agreed salary of the newly appointed Chairman?
 - 3. Has the new Chairman been given any form of employment contract?
- 4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what are the particulars with regard to term, salary adjustments, and expenses?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$45,000 per annum.
- "3. No.
- "4. See No. 3."
- **63** Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:
- 1. How many unemployed employables received social assistance in each social welfare region of the Province for the calendar year 1972?
- 2. How many unemployed employables received social assistance in the Province in 1972, on a monthly basis?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

"1. Unemployed employables, 1972:

	Average Monthly	
Region	Case Load	Recipients
1	2,331	5,155
II 1		14,649
III	2,151	4,142
IV	706	1,472
V	1,311	2,793
VI	1,220	3,030
VII	991	1,880
VIII	419	849

¹ Figures for December not yet available, therefore these averages are based on the first 11 months.

Recipients Month 46,257 February ______ 22,558 43,541 38,718 April ______ 18,696 35.192 May _______ 16,360 31,534 June _____ 15,564 29,188 July ______ 16,339 30,646 August ______ 16,997 31,967 September ______ 15.847 29,574 October ______15,044 27,963 November ______ 16,211 29,550 December _____ (1)

[&]quot;1 Not yet available."

90 Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

With respect to all British Columbia Government advertising in the fiscal years 1970/71 and 1971/72—

- 1. What was the total Government expenditure on a yearly basis and on a monthly basis for the years concerned?
- 2. Which advertising agencies received total contracts valued in excess of \$50,000 during that period, and what total amount in dollars of contracts was awarded to each agency?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

"1. Taken from the *Public Accounts* for the years noted, the following amounts were paid to the advertising agencies named; monthly breakdown is not available and should be obtained from each individual Minister concerned:

	1970/71	1971/72
	\$	\$
Lovick, J. & Co. (Baker, Lovick, BBDO Ltd.)	774,319	944,558
O'Brien Advertising Ltd.		113,710
Rowntree, G. & Co.	14,622	123,968
Thompson, J. W., Co. Ltd.		10,966
Walker, Ricks, Ehrig Ltd.	465,047	522,249
	1,253,988	1,765,451

"2. This information should be obtained from each Minister involved; answering for the Department of Finance only, the following is a summary of advertising placed with James Lovick Ltd.:

	\$		\$
May 1970	30,298.87	April 1971	16,930.57
June	160.00	May	16,200.48
July	9,797.39	June	8,533.81
August	378.00	June	508.45
September	344.96	July	384.00
October	26,060.91	July	357.00
November	2,446.04	August	162.00
December	300.00	August	14,338.08
February 1971	32,538.83	September	5,448.74
March	23,102.46	October	5,352.55
		November	13,653.23
	125,427.46	December	1,887.40
		January 1972	223.00
		February	37,777.50
		March	16,633.96
			138,390.77"

99 Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

With reference to investments made by the Overall Medical Services Plan of British Columbia for the fiscal year 1971/72—

- 1. What was the total amount invested?
- 2. What are the full details of each amount invested, including the rate of interest being received?

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

"1. As of March 31, 1972, \$51,530,000.

- "2. As of March 31, 1972: Toronto-Dominion Bank, 7 per cent, 5-year term, due March 1, 1976, \$10,000,000; Bank of Montreal, 6 per cent, 5-year term, due March 19, 1976, \$5,000,000; Bank of British Columbia, 4.44 per cent, 84-day term, due April 10, 1972, \$1,000,000; Bank of British Columbia, 4.43 per cent, 82-day term, due April 10, 1972, \$3,000,000; Toronto-Dominion Bank, 4.48 per cent, 89-day term, due April 12, 1972, \$3,000,000; Montreal Trust Company, 4.50 per cent, 74-day term, due April 10, 1972, \$1,000,000; Toronto-Dominion Bank, 4.31 per cent, 87-day term, due April 24, 1972, \$1,000,000; Bank of British Columbia, 4.52 per cent, 82-day term, due April 24, 1972, \$1,000,000; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 5 per cent, 84-day term, due May 8, 1972, \$4,000,000; Royal Bank of Canada, 5.26 per cent, 80-day term, due May 8, 1972, \$5,000,000; Bank of British Columbia, 5.66 per cent, 88-day term, due May 23, 1972, \$1,000,000; Montreal Trust Company, 5.75 per cent, 46-day term, due April 17, 1972, \$1,000,000; Montreal Trust Company, 5.75 per cent, 82-day term, due May 23, 1972, \$1,000,000; Bank of British Columbia, 5.90 per cent, 95-day term, due June 12, 1972, \$1,000,000; Bank of Nova Scotia, 6.02 per cent, 88-day term, due June 12, 1972, \$3,000,000; Royal Bank of Canada, 6.04 per cent, 87day term, due June 12, 1972, \$4,000,000; Bank of Nova Scotia, 6.46 per cent, 94day term, due June 26, 1972, \$1,000,000; Bank of Nova Scotia, 6.22 per cent, 89-day term, due June 26, 1972, \$1,000,000; British Columbia Hydro, 7 per cent parities, mature August 15, 1972, \$4,530,000."
- **104** Mr. McGeer asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:

With respect to the Moran Dam-

- 1. Were any funds expended during the calendar year 1972 by either the B.C. Hydro and Power Authority or the Provincial Government, or boards or agents commissioned by the Government or B.C. Hydro and Power Authority, on site investigation or site preparation for this dam?
 - 2. Are any contracts which have been let now completed?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. The only funds expended during the calendar year 1972 were by the B.C. Energy Board.
 - "2. Yes, B.C. Energy Board contracts are now completed."
- **116** Mr. *Fraser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:
- 1. Has the Provincial Government leased space in the building located on the corner of Government Street and Humboldt Street in the City of Victoria?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in addition to the lease cost is the Provincial Government responsible for the cost of any renovations or furnishings?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, (a) what is the estimated cost of the renovations and furnishings planned and (b) were tenders called for the renovations and furnishings?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Head lease is between Crown Canada and developer; Crown Provincial not responsible for costs of renovations; cost of furnishings borne by client department, which in this instance will be using existing equipment.
 - "3. Not applicable."

117 Mr. Fraser asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:

With reference to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority urban transportation—

- 1. What was the total expenditure for the year ended March 31, 1972?
- 2. What was the total revenue and total expenditure from March 31, 1972, to the latest available date?

The Hon. J. G. Lorimer replied as follows:

- "1. Operating expenses, \$21,817,008; plant expenses, \$146,080.
- "2. From April 1, 1972, to December 31, 1972: Revenues, \$13,033,016 (excludes transit subsidy received from Government of British Columbia); operating expenses, \$17,364,451; plant expenditures, \$706,508."
- **151** Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:
- 1. Has the Government a contract for the supervision and construction of a new Provincial building in downtown Vancouver with any firm?
 - 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what were the terms of the contract?
- 3. What has been the amount of money paid to this firm between August 30, 1972, and January 30, 1973?
- 4. Has the Provincial Government any plans to break this contract with the firm involved?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows:

- "1. The Government has let a contract for the provision of construction management services for the construction of a new Provincial building in downtown Vancouver; this contract does not include construction since all construction work is intended to be tendered publicly; the contract was entered into by the previous administration after nation-wide advertisement, and competitive proposals were received; the firm chosen was the unanimous choice of the examining committee as well as that which submitted the lowest cost proposal:
- "2. The terms of the contract require in general that the construction manager shall provide construction management services including, but not necessarily restricted to, advising the consultants and the owners' building management committee on matters relating to construction expertise, methods, techniques, materials, and alternatives, all to effect a balance between reasonable economy of cost and acceptable design and function; the manager's responsibilities include planning, scheduling, estimating, and tendering of the work. Remuneration will be a lump-sum fee of \$935,000, payable on a monthly basis up to the anticipated completion date of May 31, 1975, at the rate of approximately \$20,000 per month. The lump-sum fee will be payment in full for head office costs and salaries, salaries and related costs of seven key project personnel named, costs related to those personnel, of liability insurance, and profit. In addition to the lump-sum fee the owner is required to pay the construction manager the direct cost of all additional services performed by him, as authorized by the owner.
- "3. \$20,000 per month for September, October, November, December, January, total fees, \$100,000. Total \$126,017.73, including reimbursable expenditures.
 - "4. Not at this time since the entire matter is under review."

- **180** Mr. *Phillips* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance and President of the Council the following questions:
- 1. Did the Provincial Government pay money from the Provincial Disaster Fund for crop damage in Surrey?
- 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total amount paid and (b) what was the average compensation per acre?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) \$413,662.29 and (b) \$277.44."
- **181** Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce the following questions:

With respect to the proposed fish cannery at Port Simpson—

- 1. What is the total Provincial Government commitment to this project in respect of (a) grants and (or) (b) loans?
- 2. (a) What is the estimated annual total of man-hours of employment to be generated by the capacity operation of the cannery and (b) what is the estimated total of man-hours to be generated in each month of a normal calendar year of capacity operation?
- 3. Has the Provincial Government taken action to ensure that qualified personnel are prepared to assume full responsibilities for the management and operation of the cannery?
 - 4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what action has been taken?
 - 5. Has any project personnel been hired to date?
- 6. If the answer to No. 5 is yes, what is the (a) name, (b) salary, (c) job description, and (d) date of commencement for each person hired to date?

The Hon. A. B. Macdonald replied as follows:

"As this matter comes under ARDA, the question should be directed to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture."

202 Mr. Wallace asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:

Does the Provincial Government have plans to build a Provincial Government building and courthouse on Shaver's Bench site in Trail?

The Hon. W. L. Hartley replied as follows: "No."

- **212** Mr. *Nicolson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:
- 1. What election expenses were declared by the central committees of the Social Credit Party, the New Democratic Party, the Liberal Party, the Progressive Conservative Party, and the Communist Party of Canada, pursuant to section 177 of the *Provincial Elections Act?*
- 2. What election expenses were declared by the candidates representing the relevant parties, pursuant to section 174 of the *Provincial Elections Act?*

The Hon. Ernest Hall replied as follows:

"1. Social Credit, \$911,169.40; New Democratic, \$190,867.61; Liberal, \$223,754; Progressive Conservative, \$159,566.19; Communist, \$4,800.08.

"2. Cumulative sums spent by the candidates of each political party: Social Credit, \$458,537.74; New Democratic, \$299,900.14; Liberal, \$189,460.83 (does not include the expenses of Stanley Lim and Theodore Worthington whose Forms 28 are still outstanding); Progressive Conservative, \$157,185.48; Communist, \$5,921.93; Independent, \$3,916.06."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 1973

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. D. Lynn.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House after today:

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, Bill (No. 92) intituled An Act to Amend the Hospital Insurance Act

On the motion of Mr. Phillips, Bill (No. 93) intituled The Air Ambulance Aid Act.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Ernest Hall*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

8 Mrs. Jordan asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With reference to shelter overages—

1. Are any overages in payment, and, if so, (a) how many and (b) what is the current total monthly payment of these overages?

2. Were any overages in payment prior to September 15, 1972?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, how many overages were in payment and what was the total monthly cost at that time?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

"1. Yes, (a) approximately 18,140 and (b) approximately \$462,000.

"2. Yes.

- "3. Approximately 17,890 and approximately \$438,000."
- **21** Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With reference to Boards of Review under the social assistance regulations—

1. How many applications were received for Boards (a) in each month of 1972 and (b) for the complete calendar year of 1972?

2. How many Boards were set up in 1972?

3. How many cases were resolved in the applicants' favour during 1972?

4. From what areas of the Province were the applications received and how many cases were resolved in the applicants' favour in each area?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

- "1. (a) January, eight; February, two; March, two; April, two; May, nil; June, one; July, two; August, two; September, one; October, two; November, two; December, four; and (b) 28.
 - "2. Twenty-eight.

"3. Twenty-four.

"4. Areas of the Province from which applications received:

	Number of Cases	Number of Cases Resolved in the Applicants' Favour
Chilliwack	2	2
Courtenay	1	
Grand Forks	1	1
Haney	1	1
Langford	1	1
Mission	1	
Nelson		2
New Westminster	1	1
Port Alberni	1	1
Port Coquitlam	1	1
Prince George		2
Surrey	^	1
Trail	1	1
Vancouver	1	1
White Rock	1	1
Williams Lake		1
Victoria	7	7"

25 Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With respect to the British Columbia Guaranteed Minimum Income Assistance Plan—

1. Does the Federal Government make any financial contributions to the cost of the plan?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the Federal Government contribution to the cost of the plan between December 1, 1972, and January 15, 1973, (b) what percentage of the total cost of the plan between December 1, 1972, and January

15, 1973, does the Federal Government contribution represent, and (c) does the Federal Government make its contribution to the plan on the basis of an agreement which is unavailable to any other Canadian province?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

- "1 and 2. We are presently negotiating with the Federal Government regarding sharing."
- **27** Mrs. *Jordan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement the following questions:

With respect to Provincial Alliance of Businessmen employees—

- 1. What was the total employment in the Provincial Alliance of Businessmen?
- 2. What number of the total were offered other jobs through the Civil Service Commission?
 - 3. What number of the total have been hired in the Civil Service?

The Hon. Norman Levi replied as follows:

- "1. Twenty-four probationary/permanent, seven casual.
- "2. Ten were offered other jobs through the Civil Service Commission.
- "3. Eight have been hired in the Civil Service."

The Hon. the Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement stated that further details were being tabled as a Return.

- **67** Mr. Richter asked the Hon, the Minister of Finance the following questions:
- 1. Has the Government any advertising account contracts held by any of the following advertising agencies: O'Brien Advertising Ltd., 1030 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.; Baker, Lovick, BBDO Ltd., 1178 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C.; McCann-Erickson Advertising of Canada Ltd., 1030 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, B.C.?
 - 2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, have any contracts been cancelled?
- 3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, has the Government awarded any of the cancelled contracts to Menehan Dunsky Advertising Company Limited, Montreal?
- 4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what is the value of Government advertising contracts awarded to Menehan Dunsky Advertising Company Limited, Montreal?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. The Department of Finance has no advertising contracts.
- "2. Not applicable."
- **182** Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

With respect to the Tree Fruit Crop Insurance and the Grape Crop Insurance programmes—

- 1. What was the total cost of premiums under these programmes for the calendar years 1971 and 1972 and what portion of total premiums in each of these years was paid by (a) the Government of Canada, (b) the Government of British Columbia, and (c) individual farmers in the Province?
- 2. (a) What is the total estimated cost of premiums under these programmes for 1973, (b) what is the estimated cost to farmers, (c) to the Government of British Columbia, and (d) to the Government of Canada?
- 3. (a) What was the average cost of premiums to individual farmers for the years 1971 and 1972 and (b) what is the estimated average cost to farmers for 1973?

4. (a) What was the total expenditure for claims in respect of damages under these programmes for 1971 and 1972 and (b) what was the cost of administering these programmes in 1971 and 1972?

The Hon. D. D. Stupich replied as follows:

"Tree Fruit Crop Insurance Programme—

- "1. Total cost of premiums for 1971 was \$351,550.85; total cost of premiums for 1972 was \$397,113.95. In 1971 the portion of premium paid by (a) the Government of Canada was \$87,887.72, (b) the Government of British Columbia was nil, and (c) the individual farmer was \$263,663.13. In 1972 the portion of premium paid by (a) the Government of Canada was \$99,278.49, (b) the Government of British Columbia was nil, and (c) the individual farmer was \$297,835.46.
- "2. (a) The total estimated cost of premiums for 1973 is \$424,198, (b) the estimated cost to farmers is \$212,099, (c) the estimated cost to the Government of British Columbia is nil, and (d) the estimated cost to the Government of Canada is \$212,099.
- "3. (a) The average cost of premiums to individual farmers for 1971 was \$518, the average cost of premiums to individual farmers for 1972 was \$620, and (b) the estimated average cost to farmers for 1973 is \$407.
- "4. (a) The total expenditure for claims in respect of damages under this programme for 1971 was \$978,301.27 and for 1972 is estimated to be \$400,000 and (b) no separate cost of administration by programme is recorded; total administration of all crop insurance programmes in 1971 was \$177,001.05.

"Grape Crop Insurance Programme—

- "1. Total cost of premiums for 1971 was \$23,074.84; total cost of premiums for 1972 was \$26,293.81. In 1971 the portion of premium paid by (a) the Government of Canada was \$5,768.71, (b) the Government of British Columbia was nil, and (c) the individual farmer was \$17,306.13. In 1972 the portion of premium paid by (a) the Government of Canada was \$6,573.45, (b) the Government of British Columbia was nil, and (c) the individual farmer was \$19,720.36.
- "2. (a) The total estimated cost of premium for 1973 is \$30,000, (b) the estimated cost to the farmer is \$15,000, (c) the estimated cost to the Government of British Columbia is nil, and (d) the estimated cost to the Government of Canada is \$15,000.
- "3. (a) The average cost of premiums to individual farmers for 1971 was \$455, the average cost of premiums to individual farmers for 1972 was \$469, and (b) the estimated cost to farmers for 1973 is \$340.
- "4. The total expenditure for claims in respect of damages under this programme for 1971 was \$3,065.93; the total expenditure for claims in respect of damages under this programme for 1972 is nil."
- **183** Mr. D. A. Anderson asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:

With respect to the Berry Crop Insurance programme in the Fraser Valley and the Grain Crop Insurance programme in the Peace River area—

1. What was the total cost of premiums under these programmes for the calendar years 1971 and 1972 and what portion of total premiums in each of these years was paid by (a) the Government of Canada, (b) the Government of British Columbia, and (c) individual farmers in the Province?

- 2. (a) What is the total estimated cost of premiums under these programmes for 1973, (b) what is the estimated cost to farmers, (c) to the Government of British Columbia, and (d) to the Government of Canada?
- 3. (a) What was the average cost of premiums to individual farmers for the years 1971 and 1972 and (b) what is the estimated average cost to farmers for 1973?
- 4. (a) What was the total expenditure for claims in respect of damages under these programmes for 1971 and 1972 and (b) what was the cost of administering these programmes in 1971 and 1972?

The Hon. D. D. Stupich replied as follows:

"Berry Crop Insurance Programme—

- "1. Total cost of premiums for 1971 was \$109,952.32; total cost of premiums for 1972 was \$95,480.30. In 1971 the portion of the premium paid by (a) the Government of Canada was \$27,488.08, (b) the Government of British Columbia was nil, and (c) the individual farmer was \$82,464.24. In 1972 the portion of the premium paid by (a) the Government of Canada was \$23,870.08, (b) the Government of British Columbia was nil, and (c) the individual farmer was \$71,610.22.
- "2. (a) The total estimated cost of premiums for 1973 is \$72,000, (b) the estimated cost to farmers is \$36,000, (c) the estimated cost to the Government of British Columbia is nil, and (d) the estimated cost to the Government of Canada is \$36,000.
- "3. (a) The average cost of premiums to individual farmers for 1971 was \$1,043.84, the average cost of premiums to individual farmers for 1972 was \$1,118.90 and (b) the estimated average cost to farmers for 1973 is \$878.
- "4. (a) The total expenditure for claims in respect of damages under this programme for 1971 was \$13,746.62, the total expenditure for claims in respect of damages under this programme for 1972 was \$222,298.45 and (b) no separate cost of administration by programme is recorded.

"Grain Crop Insurance Programme—

- "1. Total cost of premiums for 1971 was \$151,336.23; total cost of premiums for 1972 was \$77,401.35. In 1971 the portion of the premium paid by (a) the Government of Canada was \$37,834.06, (b) the Government of British Columbia was nil, and (c) the individual farmer was \$113,502.17. In 1972 the portion of the premium paid by (a) the Government of Canada was \$19,350.34, (b) the Government of British Columbia was nil, and (c) the individual farmer was \$58,051.01.
- "2. (a) The total estimated cost of premiums for 1973 is \$288,000, (b) the estimated cost to farmers is \$144,000, (c) the estimated cost to the Government of British Columbia is nil, and (d) the estimated cost to the Government of Canada is \$144,000.
- "3. (a) Average cost of premiums to individual farmers for 1971 was \$630.56 (average acreage per farmer 398) and for 1972 was \$436.47 (average acreage per farmer 297) and (b) estimated average cost to farmers for 1973 is \$480.
- "4. (a) The total expenditure for claims in respect of damages for 1971 was \$283,672.70 and (b) no separate cost of administration by programmes is recorded, total administration of all crop insurance programmes in 1971 was \$177,001.05."

184 Mr. Curtis asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:

1. Since September 1, 1972, has one, Bernard Simpson, barrister and solicitor of Vancouver, been engaged by the Provincial Government in any capacity or for any purpose?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the details of each such engagement, including fee paid or agreed to be paid?

The Hon. David Barrett replied as follows:

- "1. No.
- "2. Not applicable."

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members,—On Friday, February 16, 1973, the matter of obtaining copies of Bills was raised as a matter of privilege.

The member concerned and I met yesterday, February 19, with the Sergeant-at-Arms to look into the procedure of distribution of Bills.

We were advised that when a Message Bill is first introduced in the House, the Queen's Printer unlocks the case containing Bills for distribution.

There are 150 Bills normally ordered by my office to supply books on 60 desks in the House or connected to this Chamber, a further 28 for caucus rooms and 22 for the accredited Press Gallery. These Bills are taken directly to each caucus room—Opposition first, Government second, the staff dropping off 22 copies at the Press Gallery en route to the Opposition office.

The balance of Bills remaining are available in their slots in the Sergeant-at-Arms' office as spares for M.L.A.s or members of this Press Gallery, but not for the public, who must apply for them from the Queen's Printer.

The above policy and procedure was worked out by the previous administration, and the then Speaker, Mr. W. Murray.

The Government has no part in the issuing of the requisition for these Bills, nor in their distribution. The Sergeant-at-Arms and his staff are the servants only of this Assembly and not of the Government and are under the direct supervision of the Speaker only. Our duty is to see that members have sufficient Bills to do their job both in the House and in their respective offices and there is no favouritism or discrimination in distributing them as soon as the particular Bill is introduced. No Bills are released by the Queen's Printer prior to the Bill being placed on the Table of the House except for proofreading copies guarded by Legislative Counsel. After a Bill is introduced, each M.L.A. has 20 copies mailed out by the Queen's Printer to persons listed by each member.

Thus, so far as the procedure is concerned, the only problem arises when a Bill attracts such trade that members demand numerous copies. The Bills in question were Bills 34 and 35; one Opposition member wants 100 copies, another asks for 60 and now the Opposition office has requested a requisition of 500 from the Queen's Printer. Further requests have come from Government members. These requests can be granted provided the members accept the necessity for larger appropriations than the previous administration allowed.

I have, therefore, ordered substantial quantities of Bills 34 and 35 as requested.

I trust this puts the matter at rest but I must acknowledge the unswerving loyalty of the Sergeant-at-Arms and his staff and the Queen's Printer in fairly doing their duty by all the members as true servants of this Assembly.

G. H. Dowding, Speaker