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OF THE PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
SESSION, 1940

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Tuesday, October 29th, 1940.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fifth meeting of the Nineteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ERIC WERGE HAMBER, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 24th day of September, 1940,

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

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

I welcome you to the Fifth Session of the Nineteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

Since the last Session of this Legislature His Majesty the King has been pleased to appoint the Earl of Athlone as his representative in Canada. As Governor-General of the Dominion, His Excellency has already brought to his office that high sense of duty and devotion to the interests of the Dominion and the Empire that have, in the past, distinguished his life and career, and to him and to his Royal Chatelaine, the Princess Alice, our Province extends most cordial welcome.

The war, which started in September, 1939, is still waging in more frightful form than ever. Notwithstanding all that has happened, Great Britain stands stronger than ever as the bulwark of freedom and liberty. Into this conflict the people of Canada are bringing to bear the full weight of their resources in man-power, material, and money.

From within our own Provincial boundaries many hundreds of trained troops have left for various destinations and many more are being rapidly trained in numerous camps throughout the Province. To them, and to those men who remain to guard our shores, we extend heartfelt good wishes in the services which they are rendering for the maintenance of civilized society and for the cherished freedom which is our heritage.

The people of British Columbia, in common with the rest of Canada, view with great satisfaction the appointment of a joint Defence Council representing the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada, which Council is taking such preliminary steps as may be deemed necessary to ensure the security of our shores against possible aggression.

The joint official opening of the new King George VI. Highway, which is part of a vital link connecting the two countries, is another symbol of the close friendship existing and being further strengthened between the United States of America and Canada.

Amendments to the "Teachers' Pensions Act," the "Provincial Elections Act," the "Forest Act," and various other Acts will be submitted for your consideration.

The Public Accounts will be presented and Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you.

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

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

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

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

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Mackenzie was read, as follows:—

“ PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
“ VICTORIA, October 22nd, 1940.

“ Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death on the 5th day of May, 1940, of John Melvin Bryan, a member thereof for the Mackenzie Electoral District; and

“ Whereas on the 9th day of August, 1940, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“ Now I do hereby certify that on the 21st day of October, 1940, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer, with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *Manfred McGeer* to represent the Mackenzie Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“ To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.”

“ P. WALKER,  
“ Deputy Provincial Secretary.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Mackenzie be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Manfred McGeer*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* and the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, and took his seat.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 1) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Weekly Half-holiday Act ’ ” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;

6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;
8. On Forestry;
9. On Fisheries;

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by Mr. *Maitland*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House in reverence and affection expresses its great regret at the loss of life with the going-down of His Majesty's destroyer "Margaree," many of the personnel of which were British Columbians, and extends to the bereaved deepest sympathy and regard.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the motion by a standing silent vote.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

Annual Statement of Accounts of the Agricultural Credit Commission and the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

Annual Report of Vital Statistics for the Year 1938.

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the Year 1939.

Annual Report of the Administration of the "Mothers' Allowances Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—

Return of Lands exchanged under Chapter 144, R.S.B.C. 1936, from October 31st, 1939, to October 22nd, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

Reports of the Department of Mines during the Current Year, being Bulletins Nos. 1 to 9, inclusive.

Report on the Estimated Production of the Mining Industry for the Year 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Leary*—

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of the Railway Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*—

Annual Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Reports of the Provincial Normal School, Vancouver; Provincial Normal School, Victoria; School for the Deaf and the Blind; and Summer School of Education, for the School-year 1939-40; also Report of P. G. Barr, Officer in Charge, Text-book Branch.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

## Wednesday, October 30th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Straith* presented a petition from the Royal Trust Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the distribution of the estate of Albert Edward Tulk, deceased.

Mr. *Forester* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

Mr. *Forester* presented a petition from The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending "The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, Act."

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

Mr. *Putnam* (Nelson-Creston) moved, seconded by Mr. *McGeer* (Mackenzie),—

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

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

A debate arose.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.42 p.m.

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Thursday, October 31st, 1940.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. W. McLean*.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Royal Trust Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the distribution of the estate of Albert Edward Tulk, deceased.

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

From The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending "The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, Act."

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

The debate continued.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Department of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.33 p.m.

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Friday, November 1st, 1940.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. Forester presented the following report of the Special Committee appointed on the 29th day of October:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 1st, 1940.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. Putnam, LeBourdais, Bull, Connelly, Braden, Murray, Gillis, Strachan, Carson, Macintosh, Eyres, Guthrie, Shepherd, and Telford.

FISHERIES.—Messrs. Murray, Forester, Kenney, McGeer, Johnston, Connelly, Macintosh, Paton, E. E. Winch, and Cameron.

FORESTRY.—Messrs. Johnston, Connelly, King, Braden, Carson, Straith, McGrath, McGeer, Bruhn, Macintosh, Finland, Cameron, and Guthrie.

MINING.—Messrs. Henniger, LeBourdais, Burns, Kenney, Putnam, Connelly, Johnston, McGeer, Murray, McGrath, Braden, Bruhn, Paton, Finland, Uphill, Guthrie, and Cameron.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. Burns, Putnam, Henniger, Carson, Mrs. Smith, and Messrs. Gillis, Tupper, Straith, Kenney, Forester, Hunter, Anscomb, Eyres, Paton, Shepherd, Mrs. Steeves, and Mrs. Jamieson.

PRINTING.—Mrs. Smith, and Messrs. Murray, Perry, Bull, Strachan, Paton, E. E. Winch, Mrs. Jamieson, and Mr. Uphill.

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. Perry, Straith, Mrs. Smith, and Messrs. Forester, Connelly, Gillis, Bull, Tupper, Henniger, McGrath, Maitland, Anscomb, Finland, H. E. Winch, Mrs. Steeves, and Mr. Telford.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Messrs. Kenney, Burns, Putnam, King, Bull, Tupper, Henniger; Carson, Strachan, Johnston, LeBourdais, Straith, Connelly, Bruhn, Maitland, Anscomb, Telford, H. E. Winch, and E. E. Winch.

RAILWAYS.—Messrs. Tupper, Murray, Perry, King, Braden, Forester, LeBourdais, Finland, Hunter, E. E. Winch, and Telford.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. FORESTER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. Gray—

Annual Report of the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. Weir—

Annual Report of the Text-book Branch of the Department of Education for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. Pearson—

Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries in connection with the Commercial Fisheries in the Inland Waters of British Columbia.

By the Hon. Mr. Weir—

Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Monday, November 4th, 1940.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Adjutant *Charles Watt*, Salvation Army.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*October 30th, 1940.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*October 30th, 1940.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*October 30th, 1940.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters affecting the agricultural industry as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes; to call members of the British Columbia Agricultural Production Committee, the British Columbia Fertilizer and Agricultural Poisons Board, the British Columbia Feed Standards Board, and the Provincial Seed Board with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province, and to report its findings to this House.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented the Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Was an advertisement headed "Come to British Columbia" inserted in the "News-Herald," Vancouver, on Monday, April 29th, 1940?

2. If so, what was the cost of the said advertisement?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$166.65."

Mr. *Anscomb* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has the Government carried out any reforestation during the last year?

2. If so, who carried out the work?

3. What area has been reforested?

4. What was the cost per acre?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Forest Service.

"3. To date, 3,359 acres; this year, 1,084 acres; additional planting of about 350 acres now in progress.

"4. About \$11.20 per acre."



Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. What is the total amount expended by the Province of British Columbia in connection with the San Francisco Fair?
2. How many persons were sent by the Government to San Francisco in connection with the British Columbia exhibit?
3. What is the total amount expended on the San Francisco Fair in travelling expenses?

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

- " 1. \$66,765.62.
- " 2. Twenty-eight.
- " 3. \$5,205.96."

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. How many tabulating machines are covered by the rental of \$10,000 per annum paid by the Government for the use of the same?
2. Who are the owners of the said machines?
3. Is the said contract still in force?

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

- " 1. Seven pieces of equipment form the present tabulating unit.
- " 2. International Business Machines Co., Ltd., 36-38 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario.
- " 3. Yes."

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

1. How many licences to sell gasoline have been refused to date by the Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board?
2. From what cities or towns or places were such applications made?
3. Was the broadcast reviewing the gasoline situation made by the Premier on Wednesday, May 15th, 1940, made at the public expense?
4. If so, what was the cost of the said broadcast?
5. What was the cost of advertising the said broadcast?

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

- " 1 and 2. A Return has been made, giving information requested.
- " 3. Yes.
- " 4. \$25.
- " 5. \$148.30."

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

1. Has the Government made any representation to the Dominion Government or Board of Transport in reference to freight rates on mill-feed and feed-grain since December 9th, 1938?
2. If so, what was the nature of such representation and what was the result of the same?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. A request for further lowering of freight rates and inclusion of wider range of feed-stuffs under the schedule. The results were, in addition to the special rates shown in Supplement 21 to Tariff No. 145, effective June 24th, 1940, additional advantage to users of feed-grain in British Columbia has been secured in that the tariff rates are protected on certain off-grades, such as Nos. 5 and 6 special wheat, sample wheat heated, sample wheat bin heated, sample wheat mixed heated, sample bin burnt, Nos. 4, 5, and 6 mixed wheat, No. 1 mixed grain, under ruling issued to freight agents in 1940. Also, under further ruling of September, 1940, the following have been included for protection under C.F.A. Tariff No. 145: Car-loads of wheat, oats, or barley on which the Federal Inspection Certificate contains the word ' Sample ' before the species of grain and the word ' Heated ' following."

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

1. What was the contract price for the erection of the new Women's Gaol at Oakalla?
2. What extras, if any, have been incurred in the construction of same?
3. What was the construction cost per cubic foot of: (a) New Women's Gaol; (b) T.B. Hospital Unit, Vancouver; (c) new Nurses' Home at Essondale.

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

- "1. \$63,000.
- "2. Contract not completed.
- "3. (a) 40 cents; (b) 37 cents; (c) 19 cents."

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

1. Have plans been drawn for the erection of a new laboratory building at the University of British Columbia?
2. Has a contract been let for the construction of such a building?
3. If such contract has not been let, is it proposed to do so during the coming year?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No.
- "3. No decision arrived at."

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

1. Has the Government purchased any or all of the land necessary for the 1-mile road extension from the port of entry at Huntingdon to the Trans-Canada Highway, known as "C" Street Extension?
2. If so, what price was paid for this property?

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

- "1. Yes; all except one parcel.
- "2. \$2,572."

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

1. Was the \$17,000 authorized in 1938 for the construction of 0.62 mile from Mile 2.76 on the Rossland-Paterson Tourist Link actually expended?
2. If not, what portion thereof was expended?

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

- "1. \$17,000 was authorized in 1938 for the construction of 0.62 mile from Mile 2.69 on the Rossland-Paterson Road.
- "2. Expenditure, \$16,908.33."

Mr. *Anscomb* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. Has the Department of Trade and Industry made or guaranteed any loan to any person or companies in the Province during the period March 31st, 1939, to October 1st, 1940?
2. If so, to whom?
3. If yes, (a) what amounts have been granted or guaranteed to each person or company, (b) the terms of such loan, and (c) the rate of interest in each case?
4. What payments have been received by the Government towards liquidation of such loans?
5. What security for each advance has been received by the Department?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. Answered by No. 1.
- "5. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Is the Premier in receipt of complaints relative to housing shortage and rental charges in the City of Prince Rupert?
2. If so, is any remedial action being taken?
3. If no action yet taken, is any contemplated?

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

“1. Yes; one from Prince Rupert C.C.F. Club.

“2 and 3. The Dominion Government has appointed a Rentals Administrator.”

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

1. Has a survey been made covering the road from Nakusp to Arrowhead?
2. What is the mileage?
3. What is the estimated cost?

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

“1. Yes; preliminary survey.

“2. 35.71 miles, as surveyed.

“3. Approximately \$660,178.32, subject to revision.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 5th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Hugh A. McLeod*.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. Was an advertisement headed “British Columbia’s Commercial Fishing Industry,” and signed “Hon. G. S. Pearson, Commissioner,” inserted in the “News-Herald,” Vancouver, on Monday, April 29th, 1940?

2. If so, what was the cost of the said advertisement?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Paid for by the Department of Trade and Industry.”

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

1. As at October 1st, 1940, what was the closing date of the period covered by the then latest School Medical Report available to the public in printed form?

2. On the above date was the report for the school-year ended June 30th, 1939, available to the public in printed form?

3. If yes, when was same first available?

4. Is the report for the school-year ended June 30th, 1940, available in printed form?

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

“1. The year ended June 30th, 1938.

“2. No.

“3. Answered by No. 2.

“4. No.”

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

1. Was any representation made to the Minister that students who failed in the junior or senior matriculation in 1940, and who had been accepted for service but not called up, should be afforded an opportunity to write their said examinations again in December, if still waiting to be called up?

2. If so, has any action been taken in respect to such representation?

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

"1. No representation was made by any candidate who failed, but such representation was made by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, whose letter, dated July 24th, contained the following statement which led the Minister to believe that the Leader of the Opposition laboured under a misapprehension: 'Ordinarily, as you know, failure means the waiting for another year, which is very serious in the lifetime of many.' This statement is incorrect, as the records show that out of 485 candidates who failed in senior matriculation in June, 1940, and wrote in the August supplementals 400 were successful. The Minister assumed that the Leader of the Opposition was unaware of the holding of supplemental examinations in August and wrote forthwith advising him of same. No application for the writing of supplemental examinations in December has been received from any student who failed in August and has been accepted for service. In his reply the Minister stated that any cases not covered by the usual regulations would, upon the request of the student, be given careful consideration. It may be pointed out also that a student who has enlisted for war service may enrol for our correspondence lessons, and in that way would have an opportunity of gaining full university entrance standing at any time in the year that the work is completed to the satisfaction of our High Correspondence School. Such a student would not need to wait for the annual examinations in June or August, 1941.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. How many licences to operate reduction plants were granted in 1938?

2. How many licences to operate reduction plants were granted in 1939?

3. How many licences to operate reduction plants were granted in 1940?

4. How many were granted in each of said years to Japanese or companies having Japanese shareholders or directors?

5. Were any licences refused; and, if so, to whom?

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

"1. Thirty-one.

"2. Thirty-one.

"3. Thirty-two to October 31st.

"4. None.

"5. None."

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

1. Was an advertisement entitled "Milestones of Progress, 1934-40," and signed "Department of the Provincial Secretary, Hon. G. M. Weir, Minister," published in the "News-Herald," Vancouver, on Monday, April 29th, 1940?

2. If so, what was the cost of the said advertisement?

3. Did the said advertisement contain a picture of the Provincial Secretary?

4. Was an advertisement headed "'Motor-vehicle Act'—This Legislation is for You," and signed, "G. S. Wismer, Attorney-General," inserted in the "News-Herald," Vancouver, on Monday, April 29th, 1940?

5. If so, what was the cost of the said advertisement?

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

"1. See the 'Vancouver News-Herald,' Monday, April 29th, 1940.

"2. This was paid through the Department of Trade and Industry.

"3. See the 'Vancouver News-Herald,' Monday, April 29th, 1940.

"4. See the 'Vancouver News-Herald,' Monday, April 29th, 1940.

"5. This was paid through the Department of Trade and Industry."

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

1. Who are the present members of the Board of Industrial Relations?
2. How many sessions did they hold in 1939 and at what places were the sittings?
3. How much was paid to each member of the Board in relation to services or expenses during the year 1939?
4. How many sittings of the said Board have been held to date in 1940?
5. How much was paid to each member of the Board in relation to services or expenses to date in the year 1940?
6. Where are headquarters for the Board located?
7. How many employees are there in the Board's employ?
8. What has been the total cost of the Board's operations during 1939?
9. Were any additional employees taken on in 1940; and, if so, how many?

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

"1. Adam Bell, James Thomson, Mrs. F. Eaton, C. J. McDowell, and J. A. Ward Bell.

"2. Twenty-one sessions, 41 sittings: Vancouver, 16 sessions, 30 sittings; Victoria, 5 sessions, 11 sittings.

"3. Adam Bell: Travelling expenses, \$323.87. James Thomson: Salary, \$2,850; travelling expenses, \$172.76. Mrs. F. Eaton: Allowance, \$380; travelling expenses, \$113.70. C. J. McDowell: Allowance, \$180; travelling expenses, \$74.85. J. A. Ward Bell: Allowance, \$180; travelling expenses, \$230.32. Totals: Salaries, \$2,850; allowances, \$740; travelling expenses, \$915.50.

"4. Twenty-nine sessions, 57 sittings: Vancouver, 10 sessions, 19 sittings; Victoria, 17 sessions, 34 sittings; Nanaimo, 1 session, 2 sittings; Port Alberni, 1 session, 2 sittings.

"5. Adam Bell: Travelling expenses, \$181.78. James Thomson: Salary, \$2,375; travelling expenses, \$225.63. Mrs. F. Eaton: Allowance, \$320; travelling expenses, \$231.85. C. J. McDowell: Allowance, \$250; travelling expenses, \$37. J. A. Ward Bell: Allowance, \$275; travelling expenses, \$274.81. Totals: Salaries, \$2,375; allowances, \$845; travelling expenses, \$951.07.

"6. Victoria.

"7. No employees are employed by Board; administrative and ancillary work is done by Labour Department staff.

"8. \$8,213.06.

"9. Answered by No. 7."

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

1. Was an advertisement headed "Province of British Columbia—Hon. G. S. Pearson, Minister; Adam Bell, Deputy Minister, Department of Labour," inserted in the "News-Herald," Vancouver, on Monday, April 29th, 1940?
2. If so, what was the cost of the said advertisement?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Paid for by the Department of Trade and Industry."

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

1. How many married people with their families are on relief in the Province of British Columbia at the present time?
2. How many single men are on relief?
3. How many single girls are on relief?
4. How many farmers are in receipt of relief at the present time?

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

"1. Employables, 4,320 heads, with 10,503 dependents; unemployables, 2,051 heads, with 4,116 dependents.

"2. Employables, 2,486; unemployables, 2,496.

"3. Women: Employables, 327; unemployables, 1,719.

"4. 1,093 families, 269 single (July).

"NOTE.—Totals shown in reply to No. 1 include farmers."

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

1. Does the Department of Education exercise jurisdiction over private schools or classes in the Province?
2. Have any schools or classes been carried on in any other language except English?
3. If so, how many, and in what languages?

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

"1. No provision was ever made in the 'Public Schools Act' for such jurisdiction.

"2 and 3. Some classes in languages other than English have been conducted by various organizations for many years. It is difficult to ascertain the exact number of such classes. The matter was given careful attention early in 1940 and appropriate action has been decided upon."

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

1. What is the estimated bed capacity of the Provincial Infirmary at Marpole?
2. What is the number of resident patients (a) ambulatory, (b) bed-ridden?
3. What number, if any, applications for admission are on the waiting-list?
4. What is (a) the number of beds, the average (b) floor space, and (c) cubic air space per bed in Ward 5?
5. What is the ward floor and cubic air space per patient recognized by hospital authorities as requisite, or desirable, for (a) ambulatory, (b) bed patients of advanced years?
6. What is the (a) total number of staff, (b) on day ward duty, (c) on night ward duty?

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

"1. 164.

"2. 162, (a) 75 and (b) 87.

"3. 57.

"4. (a) 37, (b) 77.3 square feet per patient, and (c) approximately 700 cubic feet.

"5. No distinction made between type of patient; 85 square feet, 850 cubic feet.

"6. (a) 57, (b) 22, and (c) 3."

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

1. Were any certificates of birth or marriage supplied to men enlisting for which a fee was charged by the Government?
2. If so, what was the fee charged for each certificate?

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

"1. Where applicant indicated that certificates of birth, death, or marriage were required for the purpose of enlistment or application for a dependent's allowance for the Department of National Defence of the Dominion of Canada, no fees were charged.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What amount to date has been spent by the Provincial Government for equipment, supplies, sporting goods, devices, and paraphernalia in connection with the Pro-Rec activities?
2. Have tenders been called for any of such supplies?

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

"1. \$28,405.55 since 1935.

"2. Purchases of all supplies have been handled through the Purchasing Agent in the usual manner."

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

1. Have any goods or supplies of any kind been purchased from the Western Gymnasium Supply Company, Limited, for Pro-Rec classes, schools, or any other Government activities under a Department of the Minister?
2. If so, what amount?

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

"1. Yes; information as to the cost may be obtained from the Public Accounts.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What has been the total cost to date of the Health Insurance Commission since it assumed office?
2. How many sittings were held in 1939?
3. How many sittings were held in 1940?

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

“1. For cost prior to March 31st, 1940, see Public Accounts. Cost from April 1st to September 30th, 1940, was \$7,642.72.

“2. Ten.

“3. Seven to date.”

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

1. What was the amount paid to recipients under the “Mothers’ Pensions Act” between March 1st, 1939, and February 28th, 1940?
2. How many people were in receipt of such pensions?

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

“1. Amount paid and number of people benefiting under the ‘Mothers’ Allowances Act’ between April 1st, 1939, and March 31st, 1940:—

	Amount.	No. of Mothers.	No. of Children.	No. of Husbands.	Total.
April, 1939 .....	\$67,279.91	1,743	3,623	470	5,836
May, 1939 .....	67,771.58	1,756	3,654	473	5,883
June, 1939 .....	67,157.20	1,755	3,664	473	5,892
July, 1939 .....	67,629.58	1,747	3,665	472	5,884
August, 1939 .....	67,138.07	1,750	3,677	480	5,907
September, 1939 .....	67,873.48	1,755	3,662	481	5,898
October, 1939 .....	67,482.76	1,750	3,633	484	5,867
November, 1939 .....	67,667.38	1,763	3,657	503	5,923
December, 1939 .....	67,929.24	1,765	3,636	505	5,906
January, 1940 .....	67,583.31	1,763	3,635	500	5,898
February, 1940 .....	67,563.68	1,763	3,623	504	5,890
March, 1940 .....	67,611.93	1,762	3,617	510	5,889

\$810,688.12

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Has a survey been made for the road south from Edgewood to Renata?
2. What is the mileage?
3. What is the estimated cost?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. 27.1 miles as surveyed.

“3. Estimate in course of preparation.”

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

1. How many married people with families were on relief in the Province on October 1st, 1939, and October 1st, 1940?
2. How many single men were on relief in the Province on October 1st, 1939, and October 1st, 1940?

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

“1. October 1st, 1939: Employables, 9,491 heads, 25,572 dependents; unemployables, 2,139 heads, 4,258 dependents. October 1st, 1940: Employables, 4,320 heads, 10,503 dependents; unemployables, 2,051 heads, 4,116 dependents.

“2. October 1st, 1939: 4,238 employables, 2,703 unemployables. October 1st, 1940: 2,486 employables, 2,496 unemployables.”

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

1. Was any sum paid to the "News-Herald," Vancouver, in relation to any articles published by the Public Works Department in the "News-Herald" on Monday, April 29th, 1940?

2. If so, for what articles, and what amount?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What is the tonnage toll for trucks and loads at the Cariboo Highway toll-gate?

2. What amount was collected during 1939 at this toll-gate?

3. What was the cost of collecting same?

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

"1. (a) Where the combined weight of the motor-vehicle and the load thereon does not exceed 5,000 lb., a toll of \$1; (b) where the weight of the truck without load exceeds 5,000 lb. a toll of \$2 will be levied on the truck itself; (c) where the combined weight of the motor-vehicle and the load as mentioned in (a) exceeds 5,000 lb., an additional toll on the excess at the rate of 10 cents for each 100 lb. or major fraction of 100 lb.; (d) where the weight of the truck without load exceeds 5,000 lb. as mentioned in (b) and for which a toll of \$2 is paid for the truck itself, an additional charge of 10 cents for each 100 lb. or major fraction of 100 lb. for any freight whatsoever carried thereon; (e) an additional toll of 25 cents for each person carried therein in addition to the driver to apply to the foregoing.

"2. \$74,845.58.

"3. \$2,987.26."

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

1. Did the Provincial Secretary receive a letter in December, 1939, from Dr. H. M. Cassidy, alleging that the social services of the Province are not in good shape; that waste and bad management are inherent in the present disorganized system; that some fundamental house-cleaning is badly needed in the interests not only of the unemployed, the sick, the aged, and the widows, but also of the general body of taxpayers?

2. If yes, did the said Dr. H. M. Cassidy request that a Royal Commission or Committee of the Legislature, or any other independent body, be set up to inquire into the social services of British Columbia; and that he be examined and cross-examined upon recommendations of the said Dr. Cassidy contained in reports made by him?

3. What action, if any, has been taken in respect of the said letter?

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

"1. For the answer to this question see letter referred to which was published in the 'Vancouver Daily Province,' the 'Vancouver Sun,' the 'Vancouver News-Herald,' and the 'Victoria Times,' December 11th, 1939, and the 'Victoria Colonist,' December 12th, 1939. The letter referred to was an open letter to the Provincial Secretary, written from Berkeley, California, U.S.A., in December, 1939, eleven months after Dr. Cassidy left the Department.

"2. No; see text of letter. Dr. Cassidy did not in the letter request the appointment of any commission, committee, or other independent body. He did, however, offer to appear before any such body if one were set up.

"3. No specific action was taken in respect to the letter because none was called for. It may be noted that in another letter addressed to the Provincial Secretary under date of December 20th, 1938, one month before leaving the Department, Dr. Cassidy wrote in part as follows: 'Under your regime more has been accomplished, I believe, to build up efficient, modern health and welfare services in British Columbia than in any other similar period of time. To you and to the Government which has supported your progressive moves great credit is due for these advances.' The letter mentioned in the questions refers to a report written by Dr. Cassidy on his own initiative in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., several months after leaving the employ of the Department. This report, while containing a number of useful suggestions which have been given careful consideration by the Department, dealt with many



matters completely beyond the jurisdiction of the Department itself and also beyond the jurisdiction of Dr. Cassidy while he was Director of Social Welfare. The recommendations of the report, if carried out, would involve the creation of at least one additional portfolio and a very considerable number of additional departmental bureaus, divisions, committees, and boards. The additional trained personnel which would be required to carry out the functions of these various bureaus does not exist in British Columbia, and it is doubtful whether a sufficient number could be found available in Canada. The cost to the Provincial Treasury of carrying out the recommendations contained in the report was estimated by Dr. Cassidy himself at approximately \$700,000, and the Department has good reason for assuming that, if the cost is estimated by Dr. Cassidy at \$700,000, the actual cost would be well in excess of \$1,000,000."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.23 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 6th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

### REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 6th, 1940.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the Royal Trust Company for a Private Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Estate of Albert Edward Tulk, deceased" have been complied with, and your Committee therefore recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

### REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 6th, 1940.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" have

been complied with, and your Committee therefore recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 6th, 1940.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, for a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend 'The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, Act'" have been complied with, and your Committee therefore recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. Forester—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

On the motion of Mr. Forester—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, Act.'"

Mr. Maitland asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. Was an advertisement entitled "This Year See B.C." inserted in the "News-Herald," Vancouver, on Monday, April 29th, 1940, by the Department of Trade and Industry?

2. If so, what was the cost of the said advertisement?

The Hon. Mr. Asselstine replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$166.66."

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. During each of the past two years, what sums have been expended in the Aiyansh District under (a) Provincial or (b) Federal appropriations?

2. Of the above, what sums have been expended in wages and to whom, and in what amounts have these payments been made?

The Hon. Mr. Leary replied as follows:—

"1. (a.) Expenditures by the Provincial Department of Public Works: 1939-40, \$3,101.15; 1940-41, roads, \$548; 1940-41, bridges, \$282. (b.) No information.

"2. Wages, 1939-40: Foreman Harmon, \$765; J. Phillips, \$229; Gray, \$398; G. Spencer, \$180; Findler, \$192; Robertson, \$194; R. Phillips, \$64; McCabe, \$186; Wynnes, \$24; O. Spencer, \$180; Weber, \$178; Hughan, \$204. Wages, 1940-41: Foreman Harmon, \$305; J. Phillips, \$70; Gray, \$110; G. Spencer, \$44; Findler, \$44; Robertson, \$36; R. Phillips, \$46; McCabe, \$12; Wynnes, \$8; O. Spencer, \$44; Weber, \$48; Hughan, \$63."

Mr. *Paton* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Are there any reports or studies of a departmental nature dealing with the question of the establishment of a copper-smelter on the Coast or in the Interior?
2. If yes, what are the names and dates of such reports?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No finished report but various correspondence, in part confidential."

Mr. *Paton* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Have any public sampling works, concentrating plants, custom smelter, or refineries been built under the "Ore Purchasing and Treatment Act" of 1917?
2. If so, where are they situated?
3. If not already built, have any sites been purchased, optioned, or otherwise required for same?
4. If so, where are they situated?
5. If any, what action has been taken regarding the establishment of the Department of Ore Purchasing?
6. If established, where is it situated?
7. If in operation at any time, what purchases have been made during the years it operated? Detail by years.
8. If any, have ore purchases been made during the years 1937, 1938, 1939, and 1940?
9. If yes, detail purchases.
10. If purchases were made, what was paid for the ores so purchased, and what was received on sale?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Sampling plant at Prince Rupert.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. 'Ore Purchasing and Treatment Act,' repealed in 1938. No Department was established prior to repeal of this Act.
- "6 and 7. Answered by No. 5.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. Refer to Annual Reports of the Minister of Mines for the years 1938, pages B 30 to B 39, and 1939, pages A 53 to A 59, and to Returns submitted to the Legislature under 'Department of Mines Act,' section 14, subsection (4).
- "10. Answered by No. 9."

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Was a class in mining carried on by the Government at Emory Creek during the years 1937, 1938, and 1939?
2. If so, how many were included in the class?
3. What salaries were paid in connection with the class?
4. What amount was paid to the members of the class?
5. On whose property were operations carried on?
6. Was any gold recovered; and, if so, how much?
7. What disposition was made of the gold recovered?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. 1937, 203; 1938, 137; 1939, 228.
- "3. 1937, \$2,881.28; 1938, \$2,002.91; 1939, \$5,095.31.
- "4. 1937, \$5,409.59; 1938, \$8,628.16; 1939, \$14,542.90.
- "5. Lease reserved to Crown for mining training purposes and situated at the junction of Emory Creek and Fraser River.
- "6. Yes. 1937, \$34.30; 1938, \$16 (approximately); 1939, \$19 (approximately).
- "7. 1937, distributed to enrollees on *pro rata* basis; 1938 and 1939, insufficient for distribution; turned over to Provincial Mining Museum for exhibition purposes."

Mr. *Paton* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Has the Department studied the question of the establishment of an iron- or steel-smelter on the Coast or elsewhere in the Province?
2. If yes, are the reports available and under what names and date?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No finished report in recent years but various reports, in part confidential."

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

1. What is the width of the new King George VI. Highway?
2. What number of bridges were erected in connection with same?
3. What is the width of same for traffic purposes?
4. If width of bridges is less than that of the highway, what would have been the extra cost to have made them the same width as the highway?
5. Why was this not done?

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

"1. Surfaced width, 22 feet.

"2. Four.

"3. Twenty-four feet.

"4 and 5. See answers to No. 1 and No. 3."

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

1. Has a bridge been constructed recently at Marblehead?
2. With what roads, if any, does this bridge connect; and, if not, what is the distance to any road at each end?
3. What was the total cost of the bridge?
4. Where is the bridge located?
5. How much lumber was required?
6. What price was paid for this lumber?
7. What company, individual, or firm supplied the lumber?
8. What was the expenditure for hardware?
9. What company, firm, or individual supplied the hardware?

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

"1. A bridge is being constructed across Lardeau River at Marblehead.

"2. On the left bank the bridge gives access to the existing pioneer road to Howser which joins the road across Duncan River to Argenta; on the right bank connection will be made with the old tote-road to Gerrard. It is intended to improve these roads when funds are available.

"3. Bridge is not completed.

"4. See answer to No. 1.

"5. See answer to No. 3.

"6, 7, 8, and 9. Materials secured through Purchasing Agent, as follows: Creosoted timber, \$71.75 per thousand, F.B.M., f.o.b. mill, from Timber Preservers, Limited, Burnaby, B.C.; untreated timber, \$42.43 per thousand, F.B.M., delivered bridge-site, from Big Bend Cedar Pole Co., Nakusp, B.C.; steel and iron, average 7.656 cents per pound, f.o.b. mill, from Pacific Bolt Co., Vancouver, B.C."

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

1. Has a bridge recently been constructed at Coffee Creek on the Kaslo-Balfour Road?
2. What is the length of the bridge and what is the total cost?
3. Who were the contractors?
4. Who supplied the lumber and what was the total cost of such lumber?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Fifty-five feet, \$10,200.

"3. None; work carried out by day-labour.

"4. Big Bend Cedar Pole Co., Nakusp, B.C., \$310."

Mr. *Shepherd* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following question:—

How many miles of roads are there within organized districts which are maintained wholly by municipalities or other local public bodies, exclusive of classified highways, to which the Province contributes?

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

“Information not available in Department of Municipal Affairs.”

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

1. In 1939 did the Provincial Government build a bridge on the Rossland-Paterson Highway between Mile 1.86 and Mile 2.76?
2. Was the bridge built by day-labour?
3. If by contract, who was the contractor and what was the cost?
4. If built by the Department of Public Works, by day-labour, what was the cost?

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

“1. No.

“2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Were repairs made recently to the Bulkley Bridge, at Hazelton?
2. If so, what was the total cost of such repairs?
3. What was the amount of piling used?
4. What was the cost per foot of such piling?
5. From whom was such piling purchased?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. \$7,553.64.

“3. 5,670 lineal feet.

“4. 16 cents.

“5. Hanson Lumber & Timber Co., Ltd.”

Mr. *Cameron* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

Have any logging operators been reimbursed, in whole or in part, from public funds for outlays incurred in felling snags and dead trees in accordance with the provision of section 11 of the “Forest Act Amendment Act, 1939”?

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

“No.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.

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Thursday, November 7th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *George Biddle*.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose and read to the House the following statement with reference to the report of the Rowell-Sirois Commission:—

“On Monday of this week I received a communication from Prime Minister Mackenzie King with reference to report of the Rowell-Sirois Commission. A copy of this letter was presented to Parliament to-day by the Prime Minister.

"In view of the fact that Prime Minister King has stated in his letter that in the opinion of the Dominion Government the adoption of the Commission's recommendations is necessary to put our country in a position to pursue a policy which will achieve the maximum war effort and at the same time lay a sound foundation for post-war reconstruction, it seems to me that I should make a statement to this Legislature as to the position of the Provincial Government.

"I had heretofore refrained from making any pronouncement because I felt that no definite and unalterable commitment should be made until opportunity had been afforded to discuss the whole situation with the Dominion Government and the other Provinces. I have stated upon many occasions that it is the desire of this Government to co-operate to the full with the Dominion and the Provinces looking to adjustments on a mutually satisfactory basis, and that this would necessarily involve some give and take.

"Prior to the submission by Prime Minister King of his letter to Parliament, I telephoned to Mr. King. He advised me that while the Dominion Government was making known its general attitude towards the report of the Rowell-Sirois Commission, that at the conference which it is proposed to hold in January his Government was prepared to hear representations of all the Provinces and to make any adjustments which circumstances and conditions appeared to dictate.

"I look upon the report of the Rowell-Sirois Commission as of most valuable character, but this Government is not prepared to accept the recommendations of this report *in toto* as suitably applicable to British Columbia. I do not agree with all its conclusions, and the very bases upon which those conclusions were arrived at by the Commission have, in this already short space of time, very considerably altered and have changed the picture.

"I submit that there are five economic and social units in Canada—the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairie Provinces, and British Columbia—and while I think it is desirable that as far as possible the same yardstick shall apply to all, the fact is that in a country as far flung as Canada it is not possible that a single measure would meet the circumstances of each individual Province. There must be a degree of elasticity. It is this lack of elasticity that has brought about the present situation.

"I know that the people of this Province are prepared to make any necessary sacrifice in winning this war and that that object is beyond all else, but this Government will not concur in enactments of permanent character which may, and in considerable probability, will, be inapplicable to conditions which may arise after and out of the war.

"There are those who would advocate placing in the hands of the Federal authority plenary powers even to the extent of those which are now exercised during this war period. In peace time such authority could only lead to disruption and disunity. Undue centralization of any kind would be harmful. There are certain jurisdictions which should be exclusive to the Dominion and the Provinces respectively and these should be clearly and definitely stated. There are other jurisdictions where joint participation would appear desirable. These also should be clearly defined.

"This Government proposes to co-operate to the full with the Federal Government and other Provincial authorities to reach common ground, but in so doing we must not sacrifice the well-being of British Columbia."

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Mr. *Paton* be added to the personnel of the Select Standing Committee of the House on Agriculture.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Leary*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Special Committee of eleven members—namely, Messrs. *Straith*, *Kenney*, *Forester*, *Perry*, *Tupper*, *Putnam*, *Murray*, *Maitland*, *Bruhn*, *H. E. Winch*, and *Cameron*—be appointed to consider amendments to the "Provincial Elections Act," and to report to the House such recommendations in respect thereof as said Committee may deem advisable.

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Poultry and Poultry Products," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 1st, 1940.*

*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. 13) intituled "An Act respecting Poultry and Poultry Products," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 7th, 1940.*

*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. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey Grades 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.

By leave of the House, at the request of Mr. *Maitland*, the following questions standing on the Order Paper in his name were withdrawn:—

1. Did the Government forward to the Government of Canada the Resolution passed by this House on December 9th, 1938, in which this House went on record as being opposed to the immigration of any Chinese or Japanese to the Province of British Columbia?
2. If so, on what date?
3. What reply, if any, was received?

The Hon. Mr. *Asselstine* presented a Return pursuant to section 14 (4), "Department of Mines Act," chapter 177, R.S.B.C. 1936.

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

1. What is the estimated bed capacity of the Provincial School for the Deaf and the Blind?
2. What is the number of (a) resident, (b) day pupils?
3. What is the number of beds in the (a) senior, (b) junior girls' dormitory?
4. What is the average (a) floor, (b) cubic air space for the bed in each of the above dormitories?
5. What number of applications for admission are on the waiting-list?
6. What is the known or estimated number of children of school age in the Province who are (a) deaf or (b) partially deaf, (c) blind or (d) partially blind who are not receiving special instruction in public schools who would likely be benefited by the instructions and facilities of the Provincial School for the Deaf and the Blind?

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

- "1. Seventy beds.
- "2. (a) 68 and (b) 17.
- "3. (a) 19 and (b) 11.
- "4. In senior dormitory: (a) 39.7 square feet and (b) 482.7 cubic feet per bed. In junior dormitory: (a) 37.7 square feet and (b) 441.9 cubic feet per bed.
- "5. Seven applications have been approved; other applications are under investigation.
- "6. No reliable data available at this time."

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

1. What ferry-barges have been completed or are under construction for Columbia River points this year?
2. Were they built by contract or by day-labour?
3. If by contract, who was the contractor and what was the cost of each barge?
4. What quantity of lumber was used or is being used in each barge and by whom was such lumber supplied?

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

- "1. Two; Needles-Fauquier and Arrow Park.
- "2. Day-labour.
- "3. See answer to No. 2. Cost: Arrow Park, \$3,303; Needles-Fauquier, under construction.
- "4. Lumber: Needles-Fauquier, 58,633 F.B.M.; Arrow Park, 20,834 F.B.M. Supplied by Big Bend Cedar Pole Co."

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

1. What contracts were let during the year 1939 on the Trans-Canada Highway between Rosedale and Hope?
2. Were public tenders called for?
3. If public tenders were not called for, what system was adopted?

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

- "1. One, comprising revision of portions of highway between Jones Creek and Hunter Creek.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Since March 31st, 1940, was any maintenance-work done on the Metchosin Road, in Esquimalt District, Vancouver Island?
2. If yes, (a) on what portion or portions of such road was such work done, (b) of what did such work consist, and (c) what was the total sum expended on such work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) General maintenance as required over whole distance; (b) asphalt surfacing repair, ditching, and cutting brush and weeds; (c) \$339.60."



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

1. Since March 31st, 1940, has any maintenance-work been done on the public highways at Port Renfrew, Vancouver Island?
2. If yes, (a) of what did such work consist and (b) what was the total sum expended on such work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) Grading and gravelling; (b) \$461.89."

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

1. What mileage has been graded on Prince Rupert Highway east of Usk?
2. Has C. Arnett an unfinished contract on this highway?
3. If so, for what mileage and at what cost?
4. Has any work been done on this highway by one Mannick?
5. If so, for what amount?
6. What, if any part of the contract, was on a cost plus basis?
7. What was the cost of rock per yard on the said contract?
8. How much has the said Mannick been paid to date on the said contract?

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

- "1. Approximately 7 miles.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Mile 6.8 to Mile 10.8, on unit price basis estimated to cost \$55,971.
- "4. No; but contract let in 1939 to Fred Mannix & Company.
- "5. See answer to No. 4; \$65,445.14.
- "6. See answer to No. 4; 145 lineal feet of corduroy; cost, \$124.96.
- "7. See answer to No. 4; price for solid rock excavation was \$1.25 per cubic yard.
- "8. Fred Mannix & Company, \$58,906.57."

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

1. Since March 31st, 1939, has any work been done on the West Coast Road beyond Jordan River, Vancouver Island?
2. If yes, (a) of what did such work consist and (b) what was the total sum expended on such work?

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

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

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

1. Since March 31st, 1940, was any maintenance-work done on the Albert Head Road, in Esquimalt District, Vancouver Island?
2. If yes, (a) of what did such work consist and (b) what was the total sum expended on such work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) Surfacing and grading; (b) \$54.97."

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

1. Since March 31st, 1940, was any maintenance-work done on the West Road at Shownigan Lake, Vancouver Island?
2. If yes, (a) of what did such work consist and (b) what was the total sum expended on such work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) Gravelling, culverts, and grading; (b) \$255.80."

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

1. If any, what different types of highway signs were purchased during the current year and what was the value of the same, respectively?
2. From what source were these purchased?

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

- "1. Highway route markers; \$2,042.75.
- "2. From General Steel Wares, Canada, through the Purchasing Agent."

Mr. *Paton* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Have driving rights on the Columbia River in the Big Bend district been granted to any firm, company, or individual?
2. If so, to whom and when were such rights granted?
3. What was the consideration?

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

- "1. Yes; on portion of the Big Bend of the Columbia River.
- "2. Sidney Leary, February 15th, 1935.
- "3. Application fee of \$25 and annual rental of \$25."

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

1. Has the Government expended any funds since March 31st, 1939, on the construction or maintenance of a trail between Clo-oose and Browns Bay, Vancouver Island?
2. If yes, (a) what was the total sum so expended and (b) was such trail completed or was the necessary maintenance-work on such trail fully completed?
3. Was any contract given for the shipment of material or equipment in connection with the work?
4. If yes, (a) for what, (b) to whom was such contract given, and (c) what was the total sum paid under such contract to such contractor?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a) \$738; (b) yes.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by No. 3."

Mr. *Eyres* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the total consumption of butter in the Province in the year 1939?
2. What amount was produced in the Province?

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

- "1. 18,761,096 lb.
- "2. 8,896,079 lb."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.15 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.34 p.m.

Friday, November 8th, 1940.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Monahan*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By Mr. Speaker—

Annual Report of Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Leary*—

Return pursuant to the "Public Works Act" for the Year ended October 31st, 1940.

Mr. *Eyres* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

What was the total cost of the Macdonald Report to the Province up to 1940?

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

"See Public Accounts."

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

1. How many students failed in the junior matriculation examinations held in June, 1939?
2. How many of those failed were passed in the supplementary examinations held in August, 1939?

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

"1. In June, 1939, 694 candidates wrote a full university entrance (junior matriculation) examination. Of these, 409 passed in all subjects and 281 were granted partial standing; 4 failed in all subjects.

"2. One hundred and eighty-four candidates who had failed in June were successful in completing university entrance in August, 1939.

"NOTES.—(1.) In addition to the number specified above who wrote on the full examination in June, 1939, there were 4,413 candidates who wrote a partial examination. These candidates were mostly Grade XI. students who had completed two or three subjects of university entrance at the end of that grade; 3,002 were successful in gaining standing. (2.) A candidate who fails in June and August may return to school and take not only the subjects in which he has failed but also a sufficient number of other subjects of the same or a higher grade to make a full year's work. Moreover, any candidate who fails in university entrance in June or August may complete his studies by correspondence and is granted full standing at any time in the year that he completes the work and reaches the standard required by our High Correspondence School."

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

1. Has any member of the nursing staff of any tuberculosis or other hospital under Provincial administration developed symptoms of tuberculosis which has necessitated leaving work and taking medical treatment during the past twelve months?

2. If yes, is compensation paid to such staff employees during the period of their partial or total disability?

3. What number of Provincial public or private hospital employees were admitted to any tuberculosis unit for treatment during 1939 and 1940, respectively?

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

"1. Yes; the unknown case of tuberculosis in an institution represents the main problem. Every endeavour is being made to bring these to light. Many new steps have been taken in the last two years to prevent tuberculosis among hospital employees.

"2. No compensation is paid to any hospital employee who develops tuberculosis. They, however, are given free treatment in a Provincial institution.

"3. While the occupations of patients admitted to tuberculosis units are known, it is impracticable to state definitely in every case where a patient was in fact employed immediately prior to admission. It is estimated, however, that approximately thirty-nine admissions were of employees from Provincial public and private hospitals during the period January 1st, 1939, to September 30th, 1940, and it may be noted that of these, seven cases were admitted from the Mental Hospital, four from the Vancouver tuberculosis unit, three from the Tranquille unit, and six from the Vancouver General Hospital. The above figures include employees generally."

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

1. How many admissions to the Provincial Mental Hospitals during each of the past five calendar years have been due to injury at birth?
2. How many infantile deaths have occurred during each of the past five calendar years in which injury at birth was the sole or a contributory cause?
3. How many maternal deaths have occurred during each of the past five calendar years due to (a) childbirth and (b) pregnancy?

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

	Male.	Female.
" 1. January 1st to December 31st, 1935 .....	5	2
January 1st to December 31st, 1936 .....	0	1
January 1st to December 31st, 1937 .....	3	0
January 1st to December 31st, 1938 .....	1	7
January 1st to December 31st, 1939 .....	1	1
" 2. January 1st to December 31st, 1935 .....	0	0
January 1st to December 31st, 1936 .....	1	0
January 1st to December 31st, 1937 .....	1	0
January 1st to December 31st, 1938 .....	0	1
January 1st to December 31st, 1939 .....	0	0
" 3. None during the calendar years 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, and 1939."		

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

1. What appropriation was made in 1939 for the Hope to Princeton Highway?
2. What expenditure has been made to date on the Hope to Princeton Highway?

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

- " 1. No special appropriation.
- " 2. \$575,002."

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

How many (a) male and (b) female patients were admitted to Essondale during the calendar year 1939 and the past ten months of 1940, respectively?

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

" January 1st, 1939, to December 31st, 1939: (a) 506 male; (b) 371 female; total, 877. January 1st, 1940, to October 31st, 1940: (a) 412 male; (b) 305 female; total, 717."

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

1. How many students failed in the senior matriculation examinations held in June, 1939?
2. How many of those failed were passed in the supplementary examinations held in August, 1939?

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

" 1. In June, 1939, 472 candidates wrote a full senior matriculation examination; of these, 274 passed in all subjects and 198 were granted partial standing.

" 2. Eighty-nine candidates who had gained partial standing in June were successful in completing senior matriculation in August, 1939.

" NOTES.—(1.) In addition to the number specified above who wrote on the full senior matriculation examination in June, 1939, there were 692 who wrote a partial examination; 535 were successful in gaining standing. (2.) Students of senior matriculation who fail to gain standing at the supplemental examinations in August are in much the same position as students who do not gain standing at the end of the first year in the university and fail in the supplemental examinations held at the university in September. There is, however, this difference: Senior matriculants who have taken the June and August examinations set by the Department of Education in any year and do not gain complete standing may register for our senior matriculation correspondence courses. If they complete the required work during the year to the satisfaction of our High Correspondence School and for some good reason want official standing before June of the following year, it is possible to arrange a special examination for them."

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

1. How many students tried the junior matriculation examination in 1939-40?
2. How many students failed in the examination?

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

"1 and 2. In June, 1940, 7,143 candidates wrote on the university entrance examinations. Many of these were Grade XI. students who had completed one or two subjects of university entrance at the end of that grade; 2,187 gained full standing and 4,676 partial standing; 280 candidates failed. In August, 1940, 1,226 candidates wrote on the university entrance examinations, of whom 408 gained full standing and 581 partial standing; 237 failed.

"NOTE.—A candidate who fails in June and August may return to school and take not only the subjects in which he has failed but also a sufficient number of other subjects of the same or a higher grade to make a full year's work. Moreover, any candidate who fails in university entrance in June or August may complete his studies by correspondence and is granted full standing at any time in the year that he completes the work and reaches the standard required by our High Correspondence School."

Mr. *Anscomb* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. Are any amounts still due to the Government from advances made to industries under the Department of Trade and Industry?
2. Give segregation of the amount and names of industries involved.

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Acme Cabinet Works, \$1,787.85; B.C. Livestock Exchange, \$25,110.94; Canadian Western Woodworks, \$12,086.98; Gordon Campbell Investment Co., Ltd., \$28,420.23; James Canadian Seeds, Ltd., \$87,068.16; Fort St. John Flour Mill, \$21,739.45; and T. H. Waters & Co., Ltd., \$17,715.79."

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

1. By whom and by what authority is the scale of fees for surgical operations set?
2. Is such scale of fees subject to the approval of any governmental authority?

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

"1. British Columbia Medical Association.

"2. No."

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

What was the actual daily menu served in the adult and child inmates' dining-rooms at Essondale and New Westminster from October 28th to November 3rd, inclusive?

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

"Female Building, Patients' Menu:—

"Monday, October 28th: Breakfast—Cornmeal, toast, and tea. Dinner—Shepherd's pie with mashed potato crust, cabbage slaw with dressing, and steamed pudding with sauce. Supper—Baked spaghetti and tomatoes, fruit.

"Tuesday, October 29th: Breakfast—Cracked wheat, toast, and coffee. Dinner—Irish stew with vegetables, potatoes (infirmary, mashed), and tapioca pudding. Supper—Baked beans and fruit (infirmary, scrambled eggs).

"Wednesday, October 30th: Breakfast—Rolled oats, toast, and tea. Dinner—Mutton stew with vegetables, potatoes (infirmary, mashed), and ice-cream. Supper—Cottage cheese, vegetable salad, fruit, and raisin cake.

"Thursday, October 31st: Breakfast—Rockhill cereal, toast, and tea (infirmary, oatmeal). Dinner—Roast pork with gravy, potatoes (infirmary, mashed), vegetable (infirmary, sliced meat, minced beef, or gravy), and chocolate pudding. Supper—Vegetable soup and fruit.

"Friday, November 1st: Breakfast—Oatmeal, toast, and coffee. Dinner—Baked fish with parsley sauce, vegetable, potatoes (mashed), and rice pudding. Supper—Clam chowder and fruit.

"Saturday, November 2nd: Breakfast—Cracked wheat, toast, and tea. Dinner—Beef stew with vegetables, potatoes (infirmary, mashed), and cottage pudding with fruit sauce. Supper—Baked macaroni and cheese, fruit.

"Sunday, November 3rd: Breakfast—Rolled oats, toast, and tea or coffee. Dinner—Roast beef with gravy, potatoes, vegetables (infirmary, minced meat, mashed potatoes), and steamed pudding with sauce. Supper—Split-pea soup, fruit, and chocolate cake.

"Provincial Hospital for Insane, Patients' Menu:—

"Monday, October 28th: Breakfast—Oatmeal, bread and butter, coffee (working patients, bacon). Dinner—Beef stew with vegetables, potatoes, and rice pudding. Supper—Split-pea soup and fruit (working patients, cold meat).

"Tuesday, October 29th: Breakfast—Rolled oats, bread and butter, coffee (working patients, hash). Dinner—Stew with vegetables, potatoes, and ice-cream. Supper—Macaroni cheese and fruit (working patients, cold meat; B, D, and I, bread and milk).

"Wednesday, October 30th: Breakfast—Oatmeal, bread and butter, coffee (working patients, smoked fish). Dinner—Roast beef with gravy, potatoes, vegetables (B, D, and I, minced meat), and blanc-mange. Supper—Cottage cheese, pickled beets, fruit, and cake (B, D, and I, scrambled eggs; working patients, cold meat).

"Thursday, October 31st: Breakfast—Rolled oats, bread and butter, coffee (working patients, sausages). Dinner—Beef stew with vegetables, potatoes, and rice pudding. Supper—Beans and bacon, fruit (working patients, cold meat; B, D, and I, tomato soup).

"Friday, November 1st: Breakfast—Oatmeal, bread and butter, coffee (working patients, bacon). Dinner—Fish with tomato sauce, potatoes, vegetables, and cottage pudding with fruit sauce. Supper—Pumpkin soup and peanut butter (working patients, bologna; B and infirmary, fruit).

"Saturday, November 2nd: Breakfast—Cornmeal, bread and butter, coffee (working patients, hash). Dinner—Mutton stew with vegetables, potatoes, and steamed pudding with fruit sauce. Supper—Clam chowder and fruit.

"Sunday, November 3rd: Breakfast—Rolled oats, bread and butter, coffee. Dinner—Roast pork with gravy, potatoes, vegetables, and tapioca (B, D, and I, no pork, gravy only). Supper—Spaghetti and tomato, fruit.

"Acute Building and Male Block, Patients' Menu:—

"Monday, October 28th: Breakfast—Oatmeal, toast or bread, tea (working patients, hash). Dinner—Shepherd's pie, cabbage slaw, potatoes, and chocolate pudding. Supper—Clam chowder and fruit (working patients, bologna).

"Tuesday, October 29th: Breakfast—Cracked wheat, toast or bread, coffee (working patients, bacon and potatoes). Dinner—Beef stew with vegetables, potatoes, and cottage pudding with sauce. Supper—Cream pumpkin soup and fruit (working patients, cold meat).

"Wednesday, October 30th: Breakfast—Oatmeal, toast or bread, tea (working patients, sausages). Dinner—Mutton stew with vegetables, potatoes, and blanc-mange (acute, meat loaf, vegetables). Supper—Acute, cottage cheese and vegetable salad; M.C., tomato soup; working patients, cold meat and fruit.

"Thursday, October 31st: Breakfast—Rolled oats, toast or bread, coffee (working patients, smoked fish). Dinner—Roast pork with gravy, potatoes, vegetables, and rice pudding. Supper—Split-pea soup and fruit (working patients, cold meat).

"Friday, November 1st: Breakfast—Cornmeal, toast, and coffee (working patients, head-cheese). Dinner—Steamed fish with sauce, potatoes, vegetables, and fruit jelly. Supper—Macaroni and cheese, ice-cream (E2, six potatoes).

"Saturday, November 2nd: Breakfast—Rockhill cereal, toast or bread, tea (working patients, hash). Dinner—Beef stew with vegetables, potatoes, and steamed pudding with sauce. Supper—Baked beans and fruit.

"Sunday, November 3rd: Breakfast—Rolled oats, toast or bread, coffee, and jam. Dinner—Roast beef with gravy, potatoes, vegetables, and tapioca. Supper—Spaghetti and tomato, fruit, and cake (extra) (A1, scrambled eggs; E2, six potatoes).

"NOTE.—Letters refer to the various wards. In addition to this menu, infirmary and other patients receive a special diet."

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

1. Was there a fund set up by the late Jacob Haldi, of Fort Langley, for the purpose of financing the building of a bridge by the Department of Public Works from Fort Langley to MacMillan Island?

2. If so, (a) what was the original amount of the fund and (b) what is the present status of the fund?

The Hon. Mr. *Leary* (Minister of Public Works) replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) \$15,000; (b) \$14,858.51 expended on bridge, and balance, \$141.49 (together with Provincial fund, \$758.51), expended on approaches to bridge.”

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 12th, 1940.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*, Bill (No. 50) intituled “ An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Estate of Albert Edward Tulk, Deceased ” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

That on Wednesday, November 13th, and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

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

1. What was the *per diem* educational cost per pupil in the Chilliwack Municipality and Chilliwack City in the year 1929, both in high and elementary schools?

2. What was the *per diem* educational cost per pupil in the same areas in 1939?

3. What percentage of such cost was borne by the Department in (a) 1929 and (b) 1939?

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

“ 1. (a.) Chilliwack City: According to the annual report submitted by the School Board the total cost to the city for the school-year 1928-29 was \$46,879.54; of this amount \$34,769.82 was for ordinary expenses and \$12,109.72 for extraordinary expenses. In the same school-year the Government contributed \$12,495 for ordinary expenses and a grant of \$34,866.68 towards the cost of a new building. The total of ordinary expenses was \$47,264.82. The number of pupils enrolled was 681. The average cost per pupil on the basis of ordinary

expenditures was \$69.40 per annum, of which the Government contributed 26.4 per cent. (b.) Chilliwack District Municipality: According to the annual report submitted by the School Board the total cost to the district municipality for the school-year 1928-29 was \$37,058.91. In the same year the Government contributed \$20,141.25. The total cost for the school-year was \$57,200.16. The number of pupils enrolled was 1,042 and the average cost per pupil \$54.89 per annum, of which the Government contributed 35.2 per cent. (c.) Chilliwack City: According to the annual report submitted by the City School Board the total cost to the city for the school-year 1938-39 for the elementary school was \$15,730.07. The Government contributed \$7,783.27. The total cost for the school-year was \$23,513.34. The enrolment of pupils was 482 and the average cost per pupil \$48.78 per annum, of which the Government contributed 33.1 per cent. (d.) Chilliwack District Municipality: According to the annual report submitted by the School Board the total cost to the district municipality for the school-year 1938-39 was \$34,588.13. In the same year the Government contributed \$30,568.60. The total cost for the year was \$65,156.73. The number of pupils enrolled was 1,359 and the average cost per pupil \$47.94 per annum, of which the Government contributed 46.9 per cent. (e.) Chilliwack High School Area (comprising the city and district municipality): According to the annual report submitted by the Board of the High School Area for the school-year 1938-39 the total cost to the area for that year was \$88,040.77, of which \$28,000 was a capital expenditure covering the purchase of school-buses and \$33,025 was for new school-sites and construction of school buildings. The ordinary expenditures, including debt charges and sinking fund but not including the capital expenditure for school-buses, were therefore \$27,015.77. In the same year the Government contributed \$13,120.48. The total amount of ordinary expenses, exclusive of capital expenditure for school-buses, was \$40,136.25. The number of pupils enrolled was 503, and the average cost on basis of this ordinary expenditure was \$79.79 per pupil, of which the Government contributed 32.6 per cent. The Government also contributed 40 per cent. of the cost of a new school building.

" 2. Answered by No. 1.

" 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What was the Provincial Government's expenditure on the first 2 miles from the International Boundary of the Rossland-Paterson Highway in 1937?
2. Who were the contractors, and were there 2 full miles completed?
3. In 1938, what construction-work was done on the Rossland-Paterson Highway?
4. Was this by day-labour or by contract?
5. In 1939, what was the Provincial Government's contribution to 0.9 mile on the Rossland-Paterson Highway?
6. What was the Federal Government's contribution?
7. Is this 0.9 mile completed?

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

" 1. \$18,723.21.

" 2. General Construction Co., Ltd., 1.86 miles completed.

" 3. 0.62 mile.

" 4. Day-labour.

" 5. \$5,450.73.

" 6. \$5,450.73.

" 7. Yes."

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

1. What brand of grease is used for lubrication of machinery by the Department of Public Works at Williams Lake?
2. What price per pound is paid for such grease?
3. From whom is such grease purchased?
4. What brand of lubricating-oil is used by the Department of Public Works at Williams Lake?
5. What price is paid per quart for such oil?
6. From whom is such oil purchased?



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

“Materials purchased through Provincial Government Purchasing Agent in the usual manner.

“1, 2, and 3. Grease: High-pressure gun grease, 14 cents per pound, Home Oil Distributors; Marvelube high-pressure grease, 15¼ cents per pound, less 5 per cent., Imperial Oil, Ltd.; chassis lubricating high-pressure grease, 13 cents per pound, Shell Oil Co., Ltd.

“4, 5, and 6. Lubricating-oil: Snowdon S.A.E. No. 30, 27 cents per quart, T. A. Moore Co., Williams Lake; Golden Shell Lube Oil S.A.E. No. 30, 16 cents per quart, less 5 per cent., Shell Oil Co., Williams Lake; Shell Tenol Diesel Lube 20W, \$0.2481 per quart, Shell Oil Co., Williams Lake; Mobiloil S.A.E. No. 10, \$0.288 per quart, less 5 per cent., Imperial Oil Co., Williams Lake; Mobiloil S.A.E. No. 30, \$0.241 per quart, less 5 per cent., Imperial Oil Co., Williams Lake; Home Eastern S.A.E. No. 30, \$0.245 per quart, Home Oil Distributors, Williams Lake.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.09 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 13th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. A. Reynolds*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*—Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Workmen’s Compensation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Apprenticeship Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act relating to the Nanaimo Civic Arena.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Rossland.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Department of Municipal Affairs Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trade Licences Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Legal Professions Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Libraries Act.’”

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented a Return in reply to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Anscomb*:—

In what securities are the funds of the Workmen's Compensation Board invested? Give full data with list of securities.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Paton*:—

1. How many instructors are employed in the Pro-Rec activities in British Columbia?
2. What is the name and nationality of each?

Mr. *Paton* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Has the Department a record of the fruit-crop of the Province for the past five years?
2. If yes, what was the total crop of apples, apricots, peaches, and prunes for the years 1936, 1937, 1938, and 1939?
3. If yes, what was the total value of the crop for each year enumerated?
4. If yes, what amount was received by the grower in each year enumerated?
5. Has the Department returns showing the transportation charges? If yes, give details.

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2 and 3. Apples: 1936, 4,625,098 boxes, valued at \$4,336,820; 1937, 5,798,312 boxes, valued at \$5,136,458; 1938, 6,048,523 boxes, valued at \$4,886,929; 1939, 6,208,261 boxes, valued at \$5,151,413. Apricots: 1936, 3,853 crates, valued at \$4,042; 1937, 158,015 crates, valued at \$122,048; 1938, 187,964 crates, valued at \$155,442; 1939, 177,150 crates, valued at \$149,728. Peaches: 1936, 82,889 crates, valued at \$66,599; 1937, 417,313 crates, valued at \$288,758; 1938, 391,270 crates, valued at \$251,668; 1939, 530,973 crates, valued at \$350,029. Prunes: 1936, 238,525 crates, valued at \$114,209; 1937, 330,088 crates, valued at \$160,029; 1938, 340,648 crates, valued at \$164,305; 1939, 455,981 crates, valued at \$162,234.

" NOTE.—Figures include shipments, bulk, and manufactured by-products. Values are based on returns received from shippers on an f.o.b. basis, and include such charges as cost of containers and packing charges.

" 4. No information. It would be almost impossible to arrive at the exact farm values, due to the fact that there is a lack of uniformity in packing and container costs, not only in different centres but with regard to different fruits as well.

" 5. The McGregor Investigation reports freight and protection from Valley points to Regina, 57 cents, and to Edmonton, 48 cents per box. The freight on apples from Okanagan to Calgary is 71 cents per hundredweight, and to Regina and Winnipeg, \$1.13 per hundredweight. Minimum cars from June 1st to September 30th carry 30,000 lb., and from October 1st, 35,000 lb. Additional to freight there is cost for heating or icing protection at approximately 10 per cent. of freight rate."

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

1. Was an advertisement inserted by the Inspector of Credit Unions in the "News-Herald," Vancouver, April 29th, 1940?
2. If so, what was the cost of such advertisement?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. \$83.33."

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

What was the value of lumber sold by British Columbia during the year 1938 to (a) Alberta, (b) Saskatchewan, and (c) Manitoba?

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

" The Department of Lands has no record of lumber-sales."

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

1. Was there any money granted by the Public Works Department to assist municipalities in the Delta Electoral District in building or maintaining unclassified roads last year?
2. If so, (a) what was the total amount, (b) for what roads were the grants made, (c) what amount was granted in each case, and (d) on what conditions were the various grants made?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) \$1,500; (b), (c), and (d) River Road, Delta Municipality, \$1,000; total expenditure made by municipality in excess of \$3,500. River Road, Surrey Municipality, \$500; total expenditure made by municipality in excess of \$2,500. All work to be carried out under the supervision of the District Engineer of the Department of Public Works.”

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

1. How many (a) male, (b) female patients have been transferred from Oakalla to Essondale during 1938, 1939, and the current year?
2. How many of these are still patients in the latter institution?

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

- “1. 1938: Male, 12; female, *nil*. 1939: Male, 5; female, 3. 1940: Male, 4; female, 5.  
“2. Male, 13; female, 3; total, 16.”

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

1. If any, what was the nature and value of field, garden, or dairy produce purchased from outside sources for use at Oakalla during the current year?
2. Of the above, what was the value of that purchased from other Provincial institutions?

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

- “1. None.  
“2. *Nil*.”

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

1. At date of October 31st last was John Cameron, previously constable at Zeballos and other places in the Province, in the service of the Government?
2. If yes, in what capacity?

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

- “1. Yes.  
“2. Constable.”

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

1. How many persons were employed in administrating relief in the Province during the years 1937, 1938, and 1939?
2. How many are employed in the administration of relief at the present time?

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

- “1. 1937, 154; 1938, 167; 1939, 142.  
“2. 1940, 149.”

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

1. Is an annual financial report received from the administrators of the Canteen Fund showing how the grant received from the Provincial Government and from other sources is expended?
2. Is such report available for each of the past three years?

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

- “1. Yes; annual balance-sheets and financial statements are on file in the office of the Provincial Secretary.

“2. Yes.”

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

1. Were appointments recently made to the positions of (a) chief, (b) senior, and (c) junior deputy chief attendant at Essondale?
2. If yes, upon what basis of selection were these appointments made?

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

"1. (a) Yes, (b) yes, and (c) yes.

"2. Promotions based upon qualifications of persons concerned."

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

For what equipment was the sum of \$3,931.60, Vote 161, Public Accounts (EE 256), paid?

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

"\$3,831.60 rental, payable to Equipment Fund, of sundry Equipment Fund units employed on road maintenance; \$100 residual value of an Equipment Fund truck which was converted into a trailer for maintenance-work."

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

1. Has any one been appointed air-raid precaution warden in British Columbia?
2. If so, who was appointed?
3. What is his compensation?

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

"1. No.

"2. Major S. F. M. Moodie was appointed Chief Civilian Protection Officer (A.R.P.) for British Columbia, and Inspector, British Columbia Provincial Police.

"3. \$250 per month."

Mr. *Paton* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What is the total tree-fruit crop of the Okanagan District for 1940?
2. For what portion has a market been found or can reasonably be expected to be marketed as fresh fruit?
3. What portion remained unpicked?
4. What is being done to conserve fruit surplus to present market requirements?

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

"1. 1940 crop (estimated): Apples, 4,890,000 boxes; crab-apples, 126,030 boxes; pears, 288,580 boxes; plums, 71,100 crates; prunes, 260,500 crates; peaches, 575,975 crates; apricots, 191,725 crates.

"2. All stone-fruits, pears, and crab-apples marketed. Apples to date show 1,890,000 boxes sold.

"3. No information.

"4. Large quantities of apples being either canned, dehydrated, or manufactured into juice. Exact data not available until end of shipping season."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.09 p.m.

Thursday, November 14th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. *Spencer Elliott*, Dean of Columbia.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Return pursuant to section 53 of the “Administration Act,” chapter 5, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return pursuant to section 4 of the “Unclaimed Money Deposits Act,” chapter 295, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return pursuant to section 45 (2) of the “Revenue Act,” chapter 247, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return pursuant to section 103 (4) of the “Taxation Act,” chapter 282, R.S.B.C. 1936.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Civil Service Superannuation Act” for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Teachers’ Pensions Act” for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of the Civil Service Commissioner for the Period of April 1st, 1939, to March 31st, 1940.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Are data available relative to the number or percentage of Workmen’s Compensation permanent partial disability cases who are rehabilitated in (a) the industry in which they were injured, (b) in another occupation, or (c) not rehabilitated?

2. Do some industries make a general practice of re-engaging permanent partial disability cases?

3. If yes, what industries or particular employers do so?

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

“1. The Workmen’s Compensation Board advises that no record is kept of disabled workmen who are rehabilitated through their efforts. They state that, generally speaking, employers co-operate with the Board in an effort to find suitable employment for a disabled workman where he cannot follow the occupation engaged in before his accident. Frequently it is found that the employer cannot find suitable employment, but the Board advises that it is only the occasional employer who makes no effort to co-operate with them in this regard.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. On what date was the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Workmen’s Compensation Board received from the Board?

2. On what date was this report placed with the King’s Printer?

3. On what date was the printed report made available to the public?

4. If a lengthy delay occurred between the receipt of the report from the Board and it becoming available to the public, what was the reason for same?

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

“1. February 29th, 1940.

“2. June 29th, 1940.

“3. August 16th, 1940.

“4. Interval between dates given in answers No. 1 and No. 2 was attributable to Comptroller-General’s audit not having been completed until June 28th.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. During the current year what number of deaths have occurred covered by the "Workmen's Compensation Act"?
2. What number were (a) married and (b) single?
3. What was the estimated total cost to industry in each of the above groups?

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

- "1. January 1st to October 31st, 152 reported.
- "2. (a) 84 and (b) 68.
- "3. (a) \$409,815 to October 31st, 1940, and (b) \$79,773 to October 31st, 1940."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Has the Minister received complaints or protests relative to building contractors contravening the principles and regulations of hours of work statutes and conditions of employment as outlined in labour agreements on defence and war contract construction?
2. If so, has any complaint been lodged with governing or administrative authorities at Ottawa?
3. What action has been taken to protect working conditions and standards in this Province?

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

"1. Occasionally employees employed on Dominion Government contracts do, in error, refer questions involving wages and conditions of labour to the Provincial Department of Labour. Wherever this occurs our Department gives all possible assistance in directing complaints to proper quarter for redress, namely, the Federal Department of Labour.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Dominion Government policy governing fair wages, conditions of labour, and hours of work."

Mr. *Shepherd* asked the Hon. the Minister of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. Has the Department any report on the rock-slide at Hell's Gate in the Fraser River in 1913?
2. If so, has satisfactory action been taken to assure free passage of salmon to the spawning-grounds?

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

"1 and 2. Salmon conservation in British Columbia is the responsibility of the Federal Government."

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

1. Is one, Robert Henderson, in the employ of the Department of Labour?
2. If so, on what date was he first employed, and what are his duties?
3. What salary is he receiving?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. October 1st, 1936; Special Placement Officer, especially assigned to the Employment Service to aid in the placement of unemployed relief recipients in depressed industrial areas, who had formerly been employed in primary industries, such as mining; also, the placing of youths trained in our various Youth Training Projects.

"3. \$175."

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.55 p.m.