

Friday, March 18th, 1960

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Thomas Audley Bate," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 18th, 1960.

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. 99) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Thomas Audley Bate," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

The Bill was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

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

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Margaret Copeland Gibbs," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 18th, 1960.

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. 100) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Margaret Copeland Gibbs," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

The Bill was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Rules were suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

Whereas the Hon. *Earle Cathers Westwood*, member for the Electoral District of Nanaimo and The Islands, has been unable to attend all meetings of the present Session owing to the necessities of public business:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, pursuant to section 68 of the "Constitution Act," the Clerk of the House be directed to pay to the Hon. *Earle Cathers Westwood* the full allowances and expenses to which he would have been entitled had he attended all sittings of the present Session.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, it was *Ordered*,—

Whereas the Hon. *Earle Cathers Westwood*, member for the Electoral District of Nanaimo and The Islands, has been unable to attend all meetings of the present Session owing to the necessities of public business:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, pursuant to section 68 of the "Constitution Act," the Clerk of the House be directed to pay to the Hon. *Earle Cathers Westwood* the full allowances and expenses to which he would have been entitled had he attended all sittings of the present Session.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$367,676 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1961.

140D (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$530,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Water Act," to 31st March, 1960.

274 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Provincial Elections Act," to 31st March, 1960.

299. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,385 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1961.

300. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$176,716 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1961.

301. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,135,830 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1961.

302. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$84,808 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1961.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,013,076 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government Buildings (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1961.

304. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,979,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Construction of Provincial Buildings, to 31st March, 1961.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$416,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rentals, to 31st March, 1961.

306. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$173,836 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gas Division, to 31st March, 1961.

307. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$161,170 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1961.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$314,710 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1961.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$872,458.47 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1959, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

The reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th were taken as read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the Rules were suspended and the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply were read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the question was put and agreed to,—

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That toward making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Public Service of the Province, there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the following sums:—

- (1) \$872,458.47 to make good certain sums expended for the fiscal year ended the 31st day of March, 1959.
- (2) \$14,515,732 to supplement the moneys otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1960.
- (3) \$331,120,119 toward defraying the several charges and expenses for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1961.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
Resolution read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill referred to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

The Bill was committed, reported complete without amendment, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following question:—

How much was claimed from the Federal Government under the "Unemployment Assistance Act" for social assistance grants made in the following months of 1959: (a) May, (b) June, (c) July, (d) August, (e) September, (f) October, (g) November, and (h) December?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

"(a) May, \$585,248.50; (b) June, \$584,173.78; (c) July, \$543,771.42; (d) August, \$560,384.23; (e) September, \$567,425.34; (f) October, \$572,024.33; (g) November, \$627,291.77; and (h) December, \$679,737.85."

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

With respect to Provincial elections:—

1. Will a complete enumeration for registration of voters for the Provincial voters list in each electoral district in the Province be undertaken before the next Provincial election and, if not, what method will be used to bring the Provincial voters list up to date?

2. What method will be used in each electoral district for bringing the Provincial voters list up to date?

3. Will enumerators be appointed for each poll?

4. Will a house-to-house canvass be undertaken in each electoral district in the Province?

5. In which electoral district, if any, will a house-to-house canvass be undertaken?

6. What date will enumerators be appointed?

7. What date will enumeration commence?

8. What date will enumeration close?

9. Will enumerators work in pairs—two political parties to be represented?

10. Will a Court of Revision be held and, if so, what date will the Court of Revision sit?

11. Will Deputy Registrars or officers be appointed to supervise the registration of voters and, if so, what is the name and office address of each Deputy Registrar and during what hours will registration offices be open to the public?

12. When will the revised list of voters be available?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“1. A door-to-door canvass is now taking place in the Greater Vancouver area, which includes the Fraser Valley, and in the Greater Victoria area; other electoral districts, such areas as have experienced large shifts of population or have acquired extensive housing developments are being canvassed.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. No.

“4. Answered by No. 1.

“5. See No. 1: Burnaby, North Vancouver, Vancouver-Burrard, Vancouver Centre, Vancouver East, Vancouver-Point Grey, Chilliwack, Delta, Dewdney, New Westminster, Victoria City, Oak Bay, Saanich, and Esquimalt (urban area).

“6. Enumerators already at work.

“7. Now in progress in most districts.

“8. No decision yet reached.

“9. No.

“10. Courts of Revision to be determined by circumstances, which may vary between electoral districts.

“11. No Deputy Registrars being appointed; supervision will be carried out by the duly appointed Registrars of Voters who are permanent Government officials and whose offices are the Government offices throughout the Province.

“12. Not known; printed voters lists, however, are not available until after closing day for an election.”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following question:—

With respect to grants of social allowance in the Province, how many individuals were in receipt of grants as at December 31st, 1959?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“40,898.”

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

With respect to the Liquor Control Board:—

1. Is there a mark-up in British Columbia on Scotch whisky, rye whisky, rum, and gin?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the mark-up on each and (b) is a larger profit taken on Scotch whisky than on rye whisky and, if so, what is the reason?

3. During the year 1959, was Scotch whisky and (or) rye whisky purchased in barrels and bottled by the Liquor Control Board?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, (a) what was the value of each of the spirits so purchased, (b) what was the mark-up of each as compared with proprietary brands, and (c) what is the cost of bottling and packaging per case of twelve bottles?

5. Were any California wines imported in 1959 and, if the answer is yes, what brands of California wines are stocked by the Liquor Control Board and who is the Provincial agent for each brand?

6. Was vodka sold in British Columbia in 1959 and, if so, what was the value of sales?

7. With respect to lounge licences, have any been granted in British Columbia outside of metropolitan areas and, if the answer is yes, (a) how many were granted and (b) to whom was the first of such licences granted and where was it located?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Mark-up varies slightly upward according to location of source of supply in the following order: British Columbia, Canada, United Kingdom, and elsewhere; (b) *see* Votes and Proceedings of March 25th, 1930.

“ 3. Yes.

“ 4. Answered by No. 2 (b).

“ 5. (a) Yes, (b) *see* price list of the Liquor Control Board, and (c) the Liquor Control Board deals directly with suppliers, no agent involved.

“ 6. Yes; retail value was \$218,436.

“ 7. *See* answer to question 99; priority of issuance among simultaneous examination of many applicants not determinable.”

[Journals corrected, *vide* page 198.]

Mr. Gregory asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

With respect to the “Dental Technicians Act”:—

1. Has any section been brought into force as provided in section 8 of the Act and, if so, what section or sections and on what date or dates?

2. Has a Board of Examiners been appointed as provided in section 3 (1) of the Act and, if so, who are its members and when was each of them appointed?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:—

“ 1. Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the ‘Dental Technicians Act,’ 1958, were proclaimed to be in force forthwith by Order in Council No. 2398, approved October 25th, 1958.

“ 2. The following persons were appointed as members of the Board of Examiners under the provisions of the ‘Dental Technicians Act,’ approved October 25th, 1958: G. M. Shrum, O.B.E., M.M., E.D., M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.C. (chairman), R. R. Keith (member), J. R. Smith (member), W. Elder (member), and H. M. Cline, D.D.S., F.A.C.D. (member). These same persons were reappointed as members of the Board of Examiners under date of December 21st, 1959.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

In respect of which school districts, if any, did the Province, in the school-year 1959, pay less than 50 per cent of the operating costs of education and what percentage did it pay in each?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“For the calendar year 1959, school districts for which the Provincial operating expense grants were less than 50 per cent of net operating budgets, with the respective percentage for each, were as follows: School District No. 11 (Trail), 38.44 per cent; School District No. 29 (Lillooet), *nil*; School District No. 37 (Delta), 44.24 per cent; School District No. 38 (Richmond), 47.17 per cent; School District No. 39 (Vancouver), 36.74 per cent; School District No. 40 (New Westminster), 34.68 per cent; School District No. 41 (Burnaby), 44.5 per cent; School District No. 43 (Coquitlam), 40.21 per cent; School District No. 44 (North Vancouver), 44.65 per cent; School District No. 45 (West Vancouver), 39.25 per cent; School District No. 46 (Sechelt), 47.19 per cent; School District No. 47 (Powell River), 20.25 per cent; School District No. 48 (Howe Sound), 30.62 per cent; School District No. 49 (Ocean Falls), 30.91 per cent; School District No. 51 (Portland Canal), 39.9 per cent; School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert), 20.44 per cent; School District No. 60 (Peace River North), 49.8 per cent; School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria), 43.58 per cent; School District No. 64 (Salt-spring), 48.36 per cent; School District No. 65 (Cowichan), 40.2 per cent; School District No. 66 (Lake Cowichan), 36.72 per cent; School District No. 68 (Nanaimo), 44.81 per cent; School District No. 70 (Alberni), 21.28 per cent; School District No. 72 (Campbell River), 33.66 per cent; School District No. 73 (Alert Bay), 49.76 per cent; School District No. 74 (Quatsino), 9.17 per cent; School District No. 76 (Agassiz), 39.6 per cent; School District No. 80 (Kitimat), *nil*; Butedale Rural School District, *nil*; McDame Creek Rural School District, *nil*; Sarita River Rural School District, 34.32 per cent; and University Hill Rural School District, 46.42 per cent.”

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

With respect to the Budget Speech of the Provincial Secretary, February 22nd, 1960, and in particular the portion of the said speech dealing with the Civil Service:—

1. Have any copies of this portion of the speech been printed by the Queen's Printer?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) was it necessary for any of the staff of the Queen's Printer to work overtime to print these copies, (b) were any copies mailed or distributed by any other means to employees of the Government, including all Boards, Commissions, and other Government agencies, and, if so, how many copies, (c) what was the total cost of printing the copies and what portion of the cost was for labour, (d) what was the total cost of mailing of copies of the document, and (e) were any copies distributed to any persons not employees of the Government and, if so, how many?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) No.; (b) yes, approximately 14,700 copies; (c) (i) \$1,049.50 and (ii) \$484; (d) approximately \$294; and (e) yes, approximately 8,600.”

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

With respect to expenditure made in the Province for education in the year 1959:—

1. What was the total sum?
2. What portion of the total sum was expended on (a) ordinary expenditure and (b) capital expenditure?
3. What portion of the total sum was contributed by (a) the Provincial Government, (b) the city and district municipalities, and (c) by the Provincial Government on behalf of rural areas of any school district?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ 1. \$121,019,717 (exclusive of by-law funds, school districts for calendar year 1959, other services for fiscal year 1958/59).

“ 2. (a) \$107,566,350 and (b) \$13,453,367.

“ 3. (a) \$59,903,776, (b) \$42,757,110 (inclusive of towns and villages), and (c) \$10,468,891.”

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to grants of social assistance made between April 1st, 1959, and December 31st, 1959:—

1. How many individuals were granted social allowance?
2. What was the case load and total number of recipients on a monthly basis?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Average numbers for the period April 1st, 1959, to December 31st, 1959: Single persons, 6,739; heads of families, 10,241; and dependents, 18,695; total beneficiaries, 35,675.

“ 2. Month, case load (single persons and heads of families), and total recipients: April, 17,188 and 36,453; May, 16,782 and 35,185; June, 16,421 and 34,595; July, 15,871 and 33,135; August, 15,867 and 33,146; September, 16,548 and 34,381; October, 16,871 and 35,029; November, 18,312 and 38,253; December, 18,964 and 40,898.”

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

With reference to the operating cost of elementary and high schools in 1952 and each subsequent year for which figures are available:—

1. What was the average per pupil cost in British Columbia and how much thereof was paid by the Province?
2. What was the per pupil cost in School District 61 and how much thereof was paid by the Province?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Based on calendar year net budgets and pupil enrolment as at June 30th, average per pupil cost in British Columbia for 1952 was \$191.56, of which the Province paid \$76.50; for 1958, on the same basis, the amounts were \$276.25 and \$138.13, respectively.

“ 2. 1952 per pupil cost in School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) was \$190.08, of which \$44.57 was paid by the Province, and 1958 per pupil cost in School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) was \$251.27, of which \$118.65 was paid by the Province.”

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

1. Have any licences for the sale of alcoholic beverages by the glass been issued since August 1st, 1952?

2. If so, when and to whom were the licences issued and what kind of licence was issued in each case?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Licences issued to approved applicants for the years 1952 to 1960 in the categories set forth hereunder:—

“ 1952: Beer licence, 382; club licence, 110; and veterans licence, 109.

“ 1953: Beer licence, 379; club licence, 110; and veterans licence, 53.

“ 1954: Beer licence, 377; club licence, 109; veterans licence, 59; public-house, 64; dining-room, 138; dining-lounge, 35; and lounge, 162.

“ 1955: Public-house, 508; dining-room, 156; dining-lounge, 49; and lounge, 333.

“ 1956: Public-house, 493; dining-room, 142; dining-lounge, 56; and lounge, 320.

“ 1957: Public-house, 516; dining-room, 144; dining-lounge, 97; and lounge, 389.

“ 1958: Public-house, 507; dining-room, 139; dining-lounge, 112; and lounge, 402.

“ 1959: Public-house, 498; dining-room, 113; dining-lounge, 127; and lounge, 382.

“ 1960: Public-house, 497; dining-room, 105; dining-lounge, 157; and lounge, 393.”

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

With reference to group life insurance policies for employees of the B.C. Power Commission, the Liquor Control Board, and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, in each case, with which company or companies is this group insurance carried?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“(a) British Columbia Power Commission, Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada; (b) Liquor Control Board, Canada Life Assurance Company and Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada; and (c) Pacific Great Eastern Railway, Great-West Life Assurance Company. These questions should properly have been asked, as to (a) and (c), of the Hon. the Premier, and as to (b) of the Hon. the Attorney-General.”

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

1. What is the approved salary grant scale for teachers in British Columbia?

2. What salaries are actually being paid in School District 61?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ 1. The standard basic salary grant schedule authorized by the Council of Public Instruction in accordance with section 180 of the ‘Public Schools Act,’ effective January 1st, 1958.

“ 2. Salaries are actually being paid in School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) in accordance with an agreement entered into between the school district and the Greater Victoria Teachers’ Association.”

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

With reference to the sum of \$2,200,000 for Civil Service salaries referred to on page 48 of the Budget Speech:—

1. Is any portion of this money for salary increases which became effective April 1st, 1959?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what portion?
3. Is any portion of this money for salary increases effective April 1st, 1960?
4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what portion?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. Not applicable.
- “ 3. Yes.
- “ 4. \$700,000 estimated, as recommended by the Civil Service Commission.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Social Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were any children who are wards of the Superintendent of Child Welfare on the waiting-list for The Woodlands School as at (a) December 31st, 1958, and (b) December 31st, 1959?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how are these retarded children cared for, (b) for what length of time have these retarded children been on the said waiting-list, and (c) how many of these children were on the said waiting-list as at (i) December 31st, 1958, and (ii) December 31st, 1959?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) and (b) Yes.
- “ 2. (a) All except two children are being cared for in foster homes under the supervision of the Department of Social Welfare—the two exceptions were cared for in private hospitals; (b) of the children on the 1958 list, six had been waiting for one and a half years and nineteen for less than a year; of the children on the 1959 list, three had been waiting for two years, two had been waiting for one and a half years, and twenty had been waiting less than a year; (c) (i) twenty-five and (ii) twenty-five.”

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

With reference to enumerations under the “ Provincial Elections Act ”:—

1. Have any enumerators been appointed during 1960?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) in which constituencies have they been appointed, (b) in each constituency what are the names of the persons appointed, and (c) what rate of remuneration is being paid to these individuals?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. (a) All constituencies, with one exception; (b) not available; and (c) urban areas, \$6 a day plus 15 cents per new registration or recheck; rural areas, \$6 a day plus 25 cents per new registration or recheck; and supervisors, \$2 daily in addition to above rates.”

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

1. What was the total expenditure made in the Province for education in the years 1952 and 1959?

2. What portion of the above sum was spent (a) on ordinary expenditures and (b) on capital expenditure?

3. What portion of the sum referred to in No. 1 was contributed (a) by the Provincial Government and (b) by city and district municipalities?

4. What was the total amount spent on ordinary expenditures in School District 61 in 1959?

5. What portion of the sum referred to in No. 4 was contributed (a) by the Provincial Government and (b) by the city and district municipalities in School District 61?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 1952, \$47,177,926, and 1959, \$121,019,717 (exclusive of by-law funds, school districts for calendar years 1952 and 1959, other services for fiscal years 1951/52 and 1958/59).

“ 2. 1952, (a) \$43,791,403 and (b) \$3,386,523, and 1959, (a) \$107,566,350 and (b) \$13,453,367.

“ 3. 1952, (a) \$19,945,394 and (b) \$21,566,938 (exclusive of villages and rural areas), and 1959, (a) \$59,903,776 and (b) \$42,757,110 (inclusive of towns and villages but exclusive of rural areas).

“ 4. \$6,057,267 (net budget calendar year 1959).

“ 5. (a) \$2,639,721 and (b) \$3,361,092 (exclusive of rural area).”

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

1. What election expenses were declared by the respective candidates of the political parties, pursuant to the “Elections Act,” who ran in the Trail by-election, December 15th, 1958?

2. Did the central committees of the said parties declare election expenses incurred by them pursuant to the “Elections Act” for the said by-election?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, what were the relevant expenses?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1, 2, and 3. Social Credit: Candidate's expenses, \$1,929.32, and central committee expenses \$14,981.89. C.C.F.: Candidate's expenses \$1,904.81, and central committee expenses, *nil*. Liberal Party: Candidate's expenses, \$4,046.85, and central committee expenses, *nil*. Progressive Conservative: Candidate's expenses, \$4,930.52, and central committee expenses, \$1,073.69.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.47 a.m.

Friday, March 18th, 1960

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Rules were suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

That the Votes and Proceedings of Friday, March 18th, be amended as follows: Paragraph 6 in the answer to question on page 192 be amended by striking out the figures "18,203" and substituting therefor the figures "218,436."

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of Friday, March 18th, be amended as follows: Paragraph 6 in the answer to question on page 192 be amended by striking out the figures "18,203" and substituting therefor the figures "218,436."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act" the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* rose on a point of order.

Bill ruled out of order, and it was *Ordered* that the order for the second reading be discharged and the Bill dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the Elections Act" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the House reverted to routine business, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Strachan* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

That a copy of the report submitted to the Comptroller of Water Rights on December 30th, 1959, by Mr. *W. C. Mainwaring*, on behalf of the Peace River Power Development Company, be tabled with this House forthwith.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

Bryan
Gregory
Cox
Squire

Eddie
Gargrave
Dowding

Uphill
Nimsick
Haggen, Mrs.

Harding
Strachan
Turner

NAYS—36.

Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Steaey</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

That this House is of the opinion that the Government should take under advisement the calling of a Provincial-municipal conference to consider all phases of Provincial-municipal relations and jurisdiction.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bryan*,—

That all correspondence between the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of British Columbia, dealing with immigration in connection with International Refugee Year, be filed with this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bryan*,—

That all correspondence between the Minister of Finance and any official of the Department of Finance on the one hand and the Board of School Trustees of the City of Vancouver on the other, dealing with the question of the sale of school bonds, be filed with the House.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tisdalle*,—

Be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Federal Government should accept realistic financial responsibility for maintaining the transportation system along the British Columbia coast:

And be it further Resolved, That where a combination of highway extensions and car-ferry facilities can be provided to replace the basic steamer services which are fading away and which formerly provided the system of transportation which existed along the British Columbia coast, the Federal Government be asked to contribute full 50 per cent of such costs:

And be it further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Transport and all British Columbia members of the House of Commons.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in his name was withdrawn:—

Be it Resolved, That Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills and that the said Committee be empowered to make recommendations concerning revision of Standing Orders.

Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

This House urges consideration by the Government of a review of present Provincial constituency boundaries, the ratio of elected members to population, and factors which affect areas of Provincial constituencies with a view to improvement of democratic representation in the Legislature and current electoral procedure.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Provincial Government should apply to the Federal Government of Canada to have the control of the British Columbia Telephone Company Limited and its subsidiaries within the Province of British Columbia revert to Provincial jurisdiction in order that the rates and services of the said telephone company can be controlled on behalf of the people of the Province by the Public Utilities Commission of British Columbia.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>			

NAYS—35.

Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Steacy</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Massey</i>	

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the notice of motion standing under his name on the Order Paper as No. 10 be amended by deleting the period at the end of the motion and adding the following words thereto: "Subject to the concurrence of the appropriate Minister or officials of the National Government concerned therewith."

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bryan*,—

That copies of all correspondence between any Minister or other official of the Government of British Columbia and any Minister or other official of the Government of Canada dealing with the qualifications of L. & M. Logging Company to fulfil a contract relating to construction work on the Trans-Canada Highway be tabled in this House, subject to the concurrence of the appropriate Minister or officials of the National Government concerned therewith.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

Resolved, That all annual departmental reports be tabled in this House during the first week of each Session and that copies be made available to every member of this House at that time.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*,—

“That Motion No. 14 be amended by adding after the word ‘House,’ in the first line thereof, the words ‘as early as possible,’ by deleting the words ‘the first week of,’ in the second line, and by deleting the words ‘at that time,’ at the end thereof.”

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Gargrave* moved, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should give consideration to the advisability of establishing a system of verbatim reporting of the proceedings of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cox*,—

That this Assembly urges the Federal Government to give consideration to the following policies in order that Canada may play a more positive role in the strengthening of world peace:—

- (1) Full support of total world disarmament and of all practical proposals and steps toward this end:
- (2) Progressive disarmament by Canada so that she may take the lead in showing the way to world peace:
- (3) Voluntary renunciation of the use of nuclear weapons by or in Canada:
- (4) Support the cessation of all nuclear tests and the elimination of all nuclear weapons:
- (5) That Canada should use the savings from such policies to begin in earnest a war against poverty and to provide credits to the industrially under-developed countries for the purchase of goods in this country:
- (6) Continued support to the United Nations as a means of preserving world peace and solving problems of international relations.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Price* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Speare*,—

“That Resolution No. 17 be amended by striking out all words following ‘That,’ in the first line, and substituting as follows: ‘Because this Assembly believes people of this Province desire goodwill, friendship, happiness, and felicity between all men on earth, we urge the Government of Canada to intensify its efforts to achieve world disarmament by international agreement through the United Nations organization and to encourage trade with the Far East toward attaining peace among all nations of the world.’”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—37.

Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Stacy</i>	<i>Sharp</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Richter</i>			

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Cox</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>	

The debate was resumed on the motion as amended.

The House divided.

The motion as amended was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—48.

Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Carnell</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Lundell</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Sharp</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Stacy</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bryan*,—

Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should give consideration to the reprinting of Speakers' Decisions and distributing them to members of the Legislative Assembly.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Dowding*, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in his name was withdrawn:—

That any correspondence between the College of Physicians and the Attorney-General relating to the use of force on a prisoner named Norman Stewart Munro on or about December 31st, 1958, at Oakalla Prison Farm be filed in this House.

Mr. *Cox* moved, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*,—

Resolved, That this House recommends that the Government give consideration to a basic automobile insurance plan which would provide compensation to every victim of an automobile accident and which insurance would be supplied at cost.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in his name was withdrawn:—

Resolved, That the matter of the advisability of limiting the length of speeches in the House (other than those of Ministers of the Crown and of House leaders of parties represented in the House) be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills and that the said Committee make its recommendations thereon to this House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Squire*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the notice of motion standing on the Order Paper under his name as No. 23 be amended by deleting the period at the end of the motion and adding the following words thereto: “ Subject to the concurrence of the appropriate Minister or officials of the National Government concerned therewith.”

Mr. *Squire* moved, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

Resolved, That all correspondence between this Government and the Government of Canada relating to the use of the Federal pier at Sidney by the British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority ferry be tabled in this House, subject to the concurrence of the appropriate Minister or officials of the National Government concerned therewith.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

Resolved, That all correspondence and documentary evidence in the hands of the Government relating to the construction experience and financial stability of the following companies: J.M. Construction Company, R. & L. Construction Company, L. & M. Logging Limited, Union Contractors, Bonanza Construction, Continental Contractors, Atlas Construction Limited, Cleaveley Construction, and Merit Construction Company, prior to their receiving their first Government contracts, be tabled in this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Gargrave* moved, seconded by Mr. *Squire*,—

That this House is of the opinion that the Federal Government should improve coast guard services on British Columbia's Pacific Coast by providing proper vessels, aircraft, equipment, and trained personnel co-ordinated by a control centre.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the notice of motion standing under his name on the Order Paper as No. 27 be amended by deleting the period at the end of the motion and adding the following words thereto: "Subject to the concurrence of the Minister of Agriculture for Canada therein."

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bryan*,—

That all correspondence between the Minister of Agriculture of British Columbia and either the Minister of Agriculture for Canada, the Federation of Agriculture of British Columbia, or any other organizations or individuals, concerning the Federal offer of surplus pork or any other agricultural products to hospitals or other institutions be tabled in the House, subject to the concurrence of the Minister of Agriculture for Canada therein.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bryan*,—

That all correspondence of the Minister of Recreation and Conservation in which the Minister offered proposals, financial or otherwise, for the distribution of the booklet "Beautiful British Columbia" be tabled in the House.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance) tabled all correspondence between the Minister of Finance and any official of the Department of Finance on the one hand and the Board of School Trustees of the City of Vancouver on the other dealing with the question of the sale of school bonds.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (President of the Council) presented the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission for the year ended December 31st, 1959, and a Report of the activities pursuant to the "Cemeteries Act."

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Bruch*, the following notice of question standing on the Order Paper in his name was withdrawn:—

With respect to the "Trade-unions Act," does the Minister have any statistical or other information available indicating whether or not (a) organizational work by unions has been retarded or impeded and (b) the number of injunctions obtained by employers has increased?

At 4.52 o'clock p.m., the House recessed until 5 o'clock p.m.

FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

I. M. Horne, Esq., Deputy Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the Grazing Act.
- (No. 2) First Narrows Bridge Gift Act, 1960.
- (No. 3) An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia.
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the Racing Commission Act.
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the Jury Act.
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the Magistrates Act.
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the Summary Convictions Act.
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the Fire Marshal Act.
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the Attachment of Debts Act.
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the Execution Act.
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the Quieting Titles Act.
- (No. 15) An Act respecting Legitimacy.
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the Testator's Family Maintenance Act.
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the Wife's Protection Act.
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the Constitution Act.
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the Gas Act.
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the Department of Mines Act.
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the Small Debts Courts Act.
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the Trustee Act.
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the Survivorship and Presumption of Death Act.
- (No. 27) An Act to repeal the Hospital Construction Act, 1950.
- (No. 28) Nancy Sloan Act.
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the Improvement Districts Assistance Loan Act.
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954.
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act.
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the Revenue Act.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the Provincial Home-owner Grant Act.
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.
- (No. 35) An Act respecting the Cancellation of Statutory Authorizations for the Borrowing of Money by the Province.
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the Water Act.
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the Evidence Act.
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the Irrigation District Rehabilitation Act.
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the Mineral Act.
- (No. 42) An Act respecting Public Service Group Insurance.
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the Companies Act.
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the Administration Act.
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the Change of Name Act.
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act.
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act.
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the Conditional Sales Act.
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the Assignment of Book Accounts Act.
- (No. 50) An Act to dissolve The Crow's Nest Southern Railway Company.
- (No. 51) An Act to dissolve Maple Ridge Agricultural Association, incorporated August 20th, 1914, and to incorporate Maple Ridge Agricultural Association.

E. G. MacMinn, Esq., Clerk Assistant of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 52) An Act to amend the North-west Telephone Company Act, 1929.
- (No. 53) An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.
- (No. 54) An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.
- (No. 55) An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter.
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the Securities Act.
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act.
- (No. 65) Wills Act.
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the Greater Victoria Water District Act.
- (No. 67) An Act for the Protection of Archæological and Historic Sites and Objects.
- (No. 68) An Act to amend the Motor-vehicle Act.
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act.
- (No. 70) An Act to repeal the War Mariners' Benefits Act.
- (No. 71) An Act to repeal the Provisional Free Miners' Certificates (Placer) Act.
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act.
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the Insurance Act.
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act.
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the Greater Nanaimo Sewerage and Drainage District Act.
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the Municipal Act.
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the Mental Hospitals Act.
- (No. 80) An Act respecting British Columbia Electric Company Limited.
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Act.
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the Greater Nanaimo Water District Act.
- (No. 83) An Act to amend the Greater Vancouver Water District Act.
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act.
- (No. 87) An Act respecting the Attendance of Members of the Legislative Assembly at Parliamentary Association Conferences.
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the City of Port Alberni By-law Validation Act, 1945, and respecting School Assessments.
- (No. 89) An Act for the Validation of Assessments of Land and Improvements for the Year 1960.
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the Railway Act.
- (No. 91) An Act to amend the Marriage Act.
- (No. 92) An Act to amend the Government Liquor Act, 1953.
- (No. 94) An Act to amend the Psychiatric Nurses Act.
- (No. 95) An Act to amend the Real Estate Act.
- (No. 96) An Act to amend the Forest Act.
- (No. 98) An Act respecting Trading Stamps.
- (No. 99) An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Thomas Audley Bate.
- (No. 100) An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Margaret Cope-land Gibbs.

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

The said assent was announced by *E. K. DeBeck*, Esq., Clerk of the House, in the following words:—

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.”

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty’s person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour’s acceptance Bill (No. 78) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this, the Fourth Session of the Twenty-fifth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to commend you for your close attention to the important matters which have been placed before you, and to express my appreciation of your labours.

Your decision to enact legislation cancelling certain statutory powers for the borrowing of money by my Government will be of lasting significance to our Province.

The Act to amend the Provincial Home-owner Grant Act further encourages and assists citizens who become property-owners, and is an important factor in promoting stability of residence.

Significant measures for the protection of investors and consumers are the Act respecting Trading Stamps and legislation amending the Public Utilities and Securities Acts.

It is gratifying to note that you have authorized my Government to extend even broader benefits to needy old-age pensioners and to those of all ages receiving social allowance.

Amendments to the Superannuation Act and the enactment of legislation to introduce group insurance on a shareable basis are measures of benefit to the valued employees of the Government.

The establishment of a broadened portfolio of Mines and Petroleum Resources reflects the importance of newly developed forms of energy. You are to be commended for your concern for the safety of workers as reflected in amendments to Acts concerning mining regulations, with emphasis on regulations for improving underground working conditions.

The Act respecting revision of the Statutes and amendments to Acts concerning the administration of the law are important to the continuing efficient function of our democratic process.

Legislation enacted by you for the preservation of historic sites and objects will encourage pride in our traditions and heritage.

It is gratifying to note that you have approved legislation to enlarge the scope of Provincial participation in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, thereby

further cementing our ties with the Crown through direct representation at the deliberations of this Association.

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for Public Service to enable my Government to continue its programme.

I know you share my sorrow at the passing during this Session of the member for Oak Bay, Mr. P. A. Gibbs, who was a dedicated and respected servant of our people.

Honourable Members, in relieving you of your duties, I trust that Divine Providence will protect you as you return to your homes throughout the Province.

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker.*