

Wednesday, February 20th, 1929.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate 'North-west Telephone Company'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Burnaby Municipality Act, 1923'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act respecting the Municipality of Delta" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting Companies" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting Mineral Survey and Development" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*, Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *A. M. Manson* (in the absence of Mr. *Wrinch*) moved, seconded by Mr. *Gillis*,—

That a Return of the report of the Sumas Commission of Messrs. Dixon, Whitside & Mackin be laid upon the table of the House.

A debate arose, which was, with the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *A. M. Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, February 21st, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1930;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1929;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1928, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 21st, 1929.*

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate 'North-west Telephone Company'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting Mineral Survey and Development" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson*, Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection 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. *Atkinson*, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
February 21st, 1929.*

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. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle 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. *Shelley* presented a Return pursuant to section 124A of the "Taxation Act," chapter 54, R.S.B.C. 1924.

To lie upon the table.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *A. M. Manson* on February 20th, as follows:—

That a Return of the report of the Sumas Commission of Messrs. Dixon, Whitside & Mackin be laid upon the table of the House.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to such Order, the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson* presented the Return.

To lie upon the table.

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province at August 18th, 1928?
2. What was the amount of sinking funds at that date?
3. What was owing to the Canadian Bank of Commerce and other banks (if any) by way of overdraft or borrowed on Treasury bills at August 18th, 1928, with particulars?
4. If Treasury bills issued, when do these fall due?
5. What amounts were available for borrowing purposes under various Loan Acts, with particulars, as at August 18th, 1928?

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

" 1. B.C. Stock and Debentures	\$71,065,736.00
Treasury Bills	12,958,069.00
B.C. House mortgage	167,325.00
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	\$84,191,130.00
P.G.E. Guaranteed Stock (formerly shown as contingent liability)	20,160,000.00
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Gross Provincial debt, August 31st, 1928	\$104,351,130.00
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" N.B.—A net cash deficit has accrued from all operations of the Government, which up to March 31st, 1928, amounts to approximately \$4,745,000; further cash deficits have accrued since this date and have not as yet been determined. It will be necessary to borrow by way of debentures to offset these.

" 2. \$17,482,410.81.

" 3. The Canadian Bank of Commerce (Treasury Bills)—

University Endowment Lands	\$315,000.00
Pacific Great Eastern Construction	195,000.00
Consolidated Revenue	100,000.00
Buildings	724,000.00
Refunding	8,484,300.00
'Soldiers' Land Act'	20,000.00
Highways and Bridges	3,119,769.00
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	\$12,958,069.00
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" 4. November 1st, 1928.		
" 5. Consolidated Revenue—		
' Loan Act, 1916 '	\$220.00	
' Loan Act, 1921 (S.S.) '	450,000.00	
		\$450,220.00
Industries—' Loan Act, 1920 '		1,000,000.00
B.C. University—		
' Loan Act, 1927 '	\$25,000.00	
' Loan Act, 1928 '	300,000.00	
		325,000.00
P.G.E. Construction—		
' Loan Act, 1920 '	\$165.65	
' Loan Act, 1921 '	170,080.80	
' Loan Act, 1927 '	455,000.00	
' Loan Act, 1928 '	4,000,000.00	
		4,625,246.45
Buildings—		
' Loan Act, 1922 '	\$789.00	
' Loan Act, 1923 '	854.15	
' Loan Act, 1927 '	380,000.00	
' Loan Act, 1928 '	100,000.00	
		481,643.15
' Soldiers' Land Act '—' Loan Act, 1927 '		60,000.00
Land Settlement Board—' Loan Act, 1925 '		8,213.00
Highways and Bridges—' Loan Act, 1928 '		2,400,000.00
Conservation—		
' Loan Act, 1921 '	\$84,128.00	
' Loan Act, 1922 '	45,000.00	
		129,128.00
B.C. Electric Railway Co.—' Loan Act, 1921 '		93,000.00
' Crown Property Development Act '—' Loan Act, 1925 '		75,000.00
Total borrowing-powers as at August 18th, 1928		\$9,647,450.60 "

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

What steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the recommendations contained in the reports of the Royal Commission on Mental Hygiene, particularly in regard to the following matters:—

1. The creation of a Provincial Board of Control.
2. The establishment of a Psychopathic Hospital for more or less temporary care of patients suffering from suspected insanity.
3. Provision of accommodation separate from Mental Hospitals for mentally deficient persons.
4. Provision, in co-operation with the Dominion Government, for examination of intending immigrants to ensure exclusion of the mentally unfit.
5. Enactment of legislation to provide under carefully safeguarded measures for prevention by operation of the transmission of progeny of mental deficiency.
6. The appointment of a Provincial Psychiatrist and arrangement for special training for him for such position through the generous offer of the Canadian National Committee on Mental Hygiene.
7. The establishment of special classes for mentally deficient children.
8. The establishment of vocational schools adapted for training of graduates from special classes for mentally deficient children.
9. The enactment of a special Mental Deficiency Act.
10. In the matter referred to in any one or more of the foregoing questions 1 to 9, if no steps have yet been taken, is it the intention of the Government to give effect to these recommendations of the said Royal Commission; and, if so, when?

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

"1 to 10. The whole question of mental hygiene in respect to this Province as reported upon by the Commission is receiving the earnest study and consideration of the Government. Frequent conferences and discussions take place, but at this stage it is impracticable definitely to state what steps will be taken to implement the recommendations of the Commission. During the ensuing year the Government hopes to arrive at a solution of at least some of the many problems involved."

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

1. What sums have been borrowed by the Government between January 1st, 1928, and August 18th, 1928?
2. From whom in each case borrowed, and under what authority?
3. What rate of interest is carried on its face by each such loan?
4. When are loans repayable in each case?
5. What were actual costs of loan in each case, inclusive of discounts and commissions?
6. Have borrowed moneys been fully expended; and, if not, how much in each case remains available?

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

"1. *Refunding*—

From the proceeds of Treasury Bill sold to the Canadian Bank of Commerce at par on a 4.75-per-cent. basis under authority of the 'Revenue Act,' R.S.B.C. 1924, dated January 14th, 1928, maturing May 1st, 1928, renewed and due November 1st, 1928 (refunding \$4,000,000 2-year 4½-per-cent. debentures maturing January 15th, 1928).....	\$4,000,000.00
From the proceeds of Treasury Bills sold to the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Dominion Securities and New York associates, sold at 99.817 on 4-per-cent. basis to yield 4.37 per cent., under authority of the 'Revenue Act,' R.S.B.C. 1924, dated February 1st, 1928, maturing August 1st, 1928 (refunding \$4,000,000 3-year 4½-per-cent. debentures maturing February 2nd, 1928)	4,000,000.00
The foregoing were renewed by 5-per-cent. Treasury Bills purchased by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, New York, on August 1st, 1928, maturing November 1st, 1928.	
Total refunding	\$8,000,000.00

"*New Borrowings*—

From proceeds of Treasury Bills sold at par to the Canadian Bank of Commerce on a 4.75-per-cent. basis under authority of:—	
'Loan Act, 1927'	\$2,074,769.00
'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921'	195,000.00
'British Columbia University Loan Act, 1920'	23,000.00
'Loan Act, 1928'	1,800,000.00
New borrowings fully expended between January 1st and August 18th, 1928	\$4,092,769.00

"2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Answered by No. 1."

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 p.m.

Friday, February 22nd, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. *Berry* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 22nd, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:—

After several sittings, hearing extensive evidence in connection with the fruit industry in the Interior of the Province, and realizing the serious condition of the grower, and also that, in order to make the "Produce Marketing Act" more beneficial and effective, it is necessary that certain amendments be made thereto.

This Committee therefore recommends to the House the amendments proposed by Mr. F. M. Black, Chairman of the Committee of Direction, being thoroughly convinced they will strengthen the Act to the benefit of the grower.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. BERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT No. 12.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 22nd, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That pursuant to Resolution of the 19th instant, Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm By-law No. 408 of the Corporation of the District of Saanich, and an Agreement and a Confirmatory Agreement both made on the 19th Day of July, 1928, between The Corporation of the District of Saanich and John Samuel Henry Matson" was referred back to your Committee.

Your Committee returns the Bill without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, it was *Ordered* that Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm By-law No. 408 of the Corporation of the District of Saanich, and an Agreement and a Confirmatory Agreement both made on the 19th Day of July, 1928, between The Corporation of the District of Saanich and John Samuel Henry Matson" be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act.'"

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act.'"

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Burnaby Municipality Act, 1923'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act respecting the Municipality of Delta" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting Companies" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Monday, February 25th, 1929.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. P. Westman*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Quarries'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Surveyors Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting Bounties on Iron and Steel" was read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 5th, 1929.

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. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Audit 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. *Howe* presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health and Report of Medical Inspection of Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1928.

On the motion of Mr. *Davie*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned at 5.38 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26th, 1929.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. *Twigg* presented the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 14.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments. Your Committee having amended the preamble by striking out the power authorizing the Company to construct a branch line at or near Fort Grahame northward through the valley of Finlay River for a distance of one hundred miles.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

Mr. *Hayward* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters begs leave to report as follows:—

That all matters that have been laid before the Committee have been duly considered and the work is now completed.

Those items agreed upon have been referred to the Attorney-General for presentation to the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. HAYWARD, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Pursuant to an Order of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson* presented the Final Report, Sumas Relief Commissioners, 1928.

To lie upon the table.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 26th, 1929.

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. 46) intituled "An Act respecting Teachers' Pensions," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on this 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.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Kergin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence, reports, or records entered into, received, or made by the Hon. the Minister of Mines or any official of the Mines Department, or by any other member of the Government, in regard to the Snowflake or Waverley-Tangier mining groups.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills."

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Escheats Act'" was read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Audit Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Quarries" was read a third time and passed.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

- Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act.'"
 Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act.'"
 Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"
 Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"
 Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act.'"
 Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.'"
 Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act.'"
 Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"
 Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act.'"
 Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"
 Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act.'"
 Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act.'"

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting Companies" was again committed.
 Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting Mineral Survey and Development" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

- Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act.'"
 Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act.'"
 Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Small Debts Courts Act.'"
 Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act.'"
 Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Lister*, Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*.—

That the Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act'" be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members—namely, Messrs. *Lister*, *Carson*, *Schofield*, *Buckham*, and *Gillis*—with instructions to consider and hear representations in favour of the Bill or objections thereto, and to report their findings and recommendations to 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 5.53 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

Pursuant to an Order of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented a Return of permanent Civil Servants who have left the Service since August 21st, 1928.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting Mineral Survey and Development" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm By-law No. 408 of the Corporation of the District of Saanich, and an Agreement and a Confirmatory Agreement both made on the 19th Day of July, 1928, between The Corporation of the District of Saanich and John Samuel Henry Matson" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Rutledge*, Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Chiropody" was introduced and read a first time.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Chiropody" be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members—namely, Messrs. *Lister*, *Carson*, *Schofield*, *Buckham*, and *Gillis*—with instructions to consider and hear representations in favour of the Bill or objections thereto, and to report their findings and recommendations to the House.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 27th, 1929.

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. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1928.

Annual Report of the Warden of the Provincial Gaol at Nelson, B.C., for the Year ended March 31st, 1928.

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 p.m.

Thursday, February 28th, 1929.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Twigg* presented the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 15.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Rules be suspended for the purpose of enabling the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert to present a petition for leave to introduce a Private Bill authorizing the Corporation to enter into an agreement with the Power Corporation of Canada, Limited, and to pass a by-law for entering into same, and to ratify, validate, and confirm the said agreement and by-law, and for other purposes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 16.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time-limit for presenting reports be extended to the 12th day of March, 1929.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The reports were read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

REPORT No. 17.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28th, 1929.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments; your Committee, all parties having consented thereto, having amended the preamble by striking out the power authorizing the Company to construct a branch line at or near Fort Grahame northward through the valley of the Finlay River for a distance of one hundred miles.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act respecting the Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Hon. Mr. *Poolcy* rose to a question of privilege, and moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Shelly*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is very regrettable that inquiries are not addressed to the officials in charge of Government records in order to obtain correct information regarding Government actions before statements in regard to such actions are made.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *A. M. Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *M. Manson* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of enabling it to sell to the Power Corporation of Canada, Limited, the entire assets of its electric light and power department, and for other powers.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

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February 27th, 1929.

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. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the question of giving notice of motion for the adoption of a report of a Select Standing Committee, as follows:—

"A point of order having been brought to my attention yesterday regarding a motion proposed to be made without notice for the adoption of a report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills. I reserved my decision.

"It would appear that such a motion is of a substantive character, and while the House can waive the right of requiring notice, if the motion is moved under the sanction of the Chair and with the general concurrence of the House, as is indeed the usual practice in such cases, nevertheless, if objection is taken to such a course, the usual notice as required by Rule 48 should be given.

"Quite independently of the requirements of the Rule, it may be pointed out that a report of this nature is almost invariably printed in the Votes and Proceedings, and certain cases may arise in which a member wishing to peruse the same may object to its adoption before he has had an opportunity of doing so.

"Upon referring to the decisions of previous Speakers of this House, I find that as long ago as January, 1884, upon a similar motion for the adoption of a report from the Private Bills Committee, Mr. Speaker *Mara* ruled the motion out of order, notice of motion not having been given. (*See Speakers' Decisions*, p. 47.) Again, on April 17th, 1917, Mr. Speaker *Weart*, on a motion to adopt the report of a Select Committee, ruled it out of order on the same grounds. (*See also Bourinot*, p. 478.)

"It follows, therefore, that in the absence of the waiver and concurrence of the House as above stated, the usual two days' notice must be given, and I so rule."

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 p.m.