

Monday, February 16th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Alvin Hammill*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* made the following statement:—

“Victoria, B.C., February 16th, 1959.

“I wish to advise the House that, arising out of two lengthy discussions with the president of the C.P.R. at Ottawa Friday and Saturday last, I secured a commitment from the president, Mr. Crump, on Saturday afternoon, that the C.P.R. would take a second look at its previously announced decision to discontinue the steamship service between Victoria and Vancouver.

“I am assured that the C.P.R. is re-examining its previous decision with a view to avoiding interruption in service.

“The seriousness with which this matter is being viewed by the company may be inferred from the fact that over the week-end senior officials from the Pacific Coast have been summoned to Montreal for the purpose of detailed re-examination of this matter.

“The president of the C.P.R. has given me his personal undertaking to communicate further at the earliest opportunity, and in any event, by Wednesday of this week.

“I would summarize the import of the discussions between myself and Mr. Crump of the C.P.R. by saying that the two discussions were lengthy and involved a very frank exchange of views on both sides of this question. As a result of these conversations, I think Mr. Crump will be first to admit that he has a good understanding of the considerations which have prompted the recent protests to the National Government and to his company.

“On the week-end the press correctly reported my view, which was to the effect that I was optimistic toward the outcome to be expected from these discussions. I am optimistic to-day.

“As a result of reported observations arising particularly in the House of Commons as to constitutional jurisdiction in this connection, I would like to summarize what I believe to be the basic facts.

“First, the steamship operation of the C.P.R. is apparently an unregulated function of that company in the sense that it has not been a matter heretofore under the surveillance of the Board of Transport Commissioners.

“Secondly, the steamship service derives no franchise from the Provincial Government.

“Thirdly, apart from considerations of seaworthiness and related matters, the National Government is seized with no administrative responsibility arising out of an asserted jurisdiction. I do not mean to imply by this observation, particularly as a result of discussions with the Prime Minister of Canada and a number of his Ministers and House supporters, that the National Government is not sympathetic toward the problem.

“Fourthly, should it become necessary, ultimately, to deal with this matter, it follows from an examination of the B.N.A. Act that to do so lies within the constitutional competence of the National Government and the best evidence of this competence lies in the fact that, during 1958, by legislation, that Government appointed an Administrator to secure the continuation of the C.P.R. steamship service while a labour dispute was being settled.

“I have set these observations out with a view to assisting the House in its appraisal of this question.

"I wish to repeat, however, that I have every hope that the problem of the ferry service may be happily resolved as a result of discussions already held and without the necessity of approaching the matter on a more formal basis."

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Matthew*, seconded by Mr. *Price*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

That the House grant leave to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills to convene at 3.30 o'clock p.m. this afternoon to consider Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies in British Columbia."

Mr. *Matthew* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*,—

That the House grant leave to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills to convene at 3.30 o'clock p.m. this afternoon to consider Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies in British Columbia."

The motion was agreed to.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

With respect to the Girls' Industrial School, Project 208 (b):—

1. What was the original estimated cost of construction?
2. What amount has been expended as at December 31st, 1958, on said construction?
3. What is the present final estimated cost of construction?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

- "1. \$1,500,000.
- "2. \$1,466,510.03.
- "3. \$1,466,510.03."

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

With respect to the Allco Provincial Infirmary:—

1. Was any money spent on (a) construction and (b) building maintenance between April 1st, 1958, and December 31st, 1958?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how much was spent in each case?
3. Are any new buildings planned at this infirmary?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

- "1. (a) No and (b) yes.
- "2. (a) Nil and (b) \$10,103.
- "3. Yes."

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

1. Were any claims appealed under section 54A of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" during 1958?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many were appealed and (b) what was the result of these appeals?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Yes.
 " 2. (a) One hundred and fourteen and (b) decision varied—in favour of workmen, 35; no change in decision, 41; pending, 38; total, 114."

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

On the most recent date for which statistics are conveniently available:—

1. How many people were employed in British Columbia?
2. What percentage were men and what percentage were women?
3. What percentage of the men employed were members of a trade-union?
4. What percentage of the women employed were members of a trade-union?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

" 1, 2, 3, and 4. See Department of Labour Annual Report."

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

With respect to claims of compensation for disablement from silicosis:—

1. Were any made during 1958?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many claims were made, (b) how many were rejected, (c) how many were appealed, and (d) of those appealed, if any, how many were allowed?
3. Were any claims for widow's benefit on the grounds that the husband died from silicosis made in 1958?
4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, (a) how many claims were made, (b) how many were rejected, (c) how many were appealed, and (d) of those appealed, if any, how many were allowed?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Yes.
 " 2. (a) Ninety-two; (b) not answerable—many silicosis claims are suspended and compensation may be subsequently paid if the condition becomes in part or wholly disabling; (c) nine medical appeals under section 54A; and (d) one.
 " 3. Yes.
 " 4. (a) Twelve, (b) three, (c) none under section 54A, and (d) answered by (c)."

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were there any regional staff meetings held in the Social Welfare Branch during 1958?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in which regions were they held?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Yes.
 " 2. Region 7; during 1958 these meetings were replaced by combined District Supervisors' meetings; meetings of Regions 5 and 7 and Regions 3 and 4 were held in 1958."

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

1. Were any cases presented to the Workmen's Compensation Counsellor during the year 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many cases were presented and (b) what was the final result of these cases?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Two hundred and seven and (b) the Compensation Counsellor's duties are to assist the persons who have problems under the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'; he is not required to have knowledge of the final disposition of their case.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What was the total number of social workers employed in Child Welfare Division as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“(a) Ten and (b) nine.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 16th, 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 9.50 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Cannon *R. E. H. Howell*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Observance of Douglas Day" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance) presented the annual Return for the calendar year 1958, submitted in accordance with section 53 of the "Administration Act," R.S.B.C. 1948.

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following question:—

With reference to the Minister's remarks in the House on Wednesday, January 28th, 1959, is it any part of the duty of British Columbia's Agent-General in England to refuse to refer to the Government trade inquiries of which, or of the sponsors of which, he does not approve?

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

"It is a matter of discretion, not duty."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

What was the total number of persons employed by the Department of Highways on the following dates: (a) July 31st, 1958; (b) August 31st, 1958; (c) September 30th, 1958; (d) October 31st, 1958; (e) November 30th, 1958; and (f) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

"(a) July 31st, 1958, 3,856; (b) August 31st, 1958, 3,748; (c) September 30th, 1958, 3,547; (d) October 31st, 1958, 3,481; (e) November 30th, 1958, 3,491; and (f) December 31st, 1958, 3,438."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General and Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce the following question:—

Have any plans been formulated to transfer the Motor-vehicle Registration Branch from Victoria to Vancouver?

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

"No."

Mr. *Speare* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

What progress has been made recently in the eradication of brucellosis from the cattle herds of British Columbia?

The Hon. *N. P. Steacy* replied as follows:—

“Calfhood vaccination strongly encouraged as the single most effective and practical step in brucellosis control and eradication. Continuation of practice of paying private veterinarians to undertake vaccination. Formation of four veterinary service districts under policy established in 1957.

“Fraser Valley brucellosis-control area established in 1957. More effective and stringent regulations are being applied as rapidly as possible. More effective publicity is increasing number of calves vaccinated each year: 1956/57, 39,230 calves vaccinated; 1957/58, 47,087 calves vaccinated; and 1958/59, 63,000 calves vaccinated (estimated).

“Canada Department of Agriculture on request assumed responsibility for administering four areas—Vancouver Island, Pemberton-Sechelt, West Kootenay, and McBride—under the Federal-Provincial policy. As result of effective preliminary work by the Provincial Live Stock Branch, incidence of brucellosis so low that all four areas are now established by Ottawa as brucellosis certified.

“Canada Department of Agriculture was requested recently, following equally thorough preliminary Provincial programmes of calfhood vaccination and blood testing, to assume responsibility for administering three more areas, mostly covering range-cattle operations.

“Provincial veterinary inspectors in 1958 blood-tested 8,006 cattle on 544 premises. Steady increase in blood testing by Departmental personnel and private practitioners.

“Milk-ring test being used primarily as a screening procedure to detect and pinpoint dairy herds infected with brucellosis. This test will be more widely used in the immediate future, particularly in the Fraser Valley.”

Amended answer to the following questions:—

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. During the fall of 1958 did the Minister receive information to the effect that Social Allowance cheques were not reaching recipients from the New Denver office until as late as the 17th of each month?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what action was taken to alleviate this problem, (b) upon what dates were cheques mailed to recipients from New Denver in the months of (i) September, (ii) October, (iii) November, and (iv) December, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. November 4th, December 3rd, January 7th, and February 4th; January mailing date later than usual because of holidays.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Ralph MacDonald*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* made the following statement:—

“As a result of representations made to the president of C.P.R. in Ottawa, Friday and Saturday last week, and pursuant to his undertaking to communicate with me following these discussions, the following telegram was received this morning:—

“ ‘ Ottawa, Ont., February 18th, 1959.

“ ‘ *Hon. R. W. Bonner, Q.C.,*

“ ‘ *Attorney-General, Victoria, B.C.*

“ ‘Am glad to inform you that after careful study it has been decided to operate daily service Vancouver–Victoria and return commencing February 25th, when present service discontinued, until May 15th, when summer triangle service will be resumed (stop) Expect substantial loss from this operation but attempt will be made keep to minimum by providing austerity service (stop) It will, however, maintain the connection desired.

“ ‘ N. R. CRUMP.’ ”

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Attorney-General) presented the Annual Report of the Director of Correction covering the Provincial Gaols and Probation Branch for the Year ended March 31st, 1958.

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

1. What was the total number of staff employed in the Corrections Office as at December 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total number of staff employed in Gaol Services as at December 31st, 1958?

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

“ 1. Eleven.

“ 2. Eight hundred and fifty-one.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What was the total number of employees in narcotic drug treatment as at December 31st, 1958?

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

“ Fifteen.”

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

1. What was the total number of staff employed at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31st, 1958?
2. What was the total number of prisoners held at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31st, 1958?
3. What was the total number of guards employed at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31st, 1958?

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

- “ 1. Four hundred and fifteen.
- “ 2. One thousand and sixty-eight.
- “ 3. Three hundred and forty-six; however, all staff, except female clerical assistance, has guard status and responsibility.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

Thursday, February 19th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. J. Welsh*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *N. P. Steacy* presented the Annual Report of the Milk Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1958.

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

Be it Resolved, That this House respectfully requests the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests to table the Turner report concerning development of University of British Columbia endowment lands forthwith.

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following question:—

The balance-sheet of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway as at December 31st, 1957, shows sinking funds “deposits and accrued interest,” \$525,661. With whom was this amount deposited?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“The Minister of Finance, Province of British Columbia.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

1. Does the Pacific Great Eastern Railway operate a microwave communication service?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, is the said system available for the transmission of messages by other parties?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, what are the present rates charged by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for users of its microwave system?

4. Is the operation or any part of the operation and rate structure of this system controlled either by the Public Utilities Commission, the Board of Transport Commissioners, or any other similar body and, if so, which one?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Yes.

“ 3. At the present time leasing is confined to other common carriers or restricted common carriers or Government departments and the rates charged for the various types of services given are in conformity with standard practices between common carriers.

“ 4. The operation of this system comes under the control of the Minister of Railways for the Province of British Columbia.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following questions:—

1. What was the amount of interest that accrued in each of the calendar years 1956, 1957, and 1958 on (a) short-term borrowings by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, (b) funded debt (direct Provincial obligations) chargeable to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and (c) funded debt (Pacific Great Eastern Railway obligations guaranteed by the Province of British Columbia)?

2. What amount of interest that accrued in each of the calendar years 1956, 1957, and 1958 was charged to (a) work in progress (1956, 1957, and 1958), (b) interest (operating expense), (c) Deficit Account, (d) Road and Equipment Account, (e) Consolidated Revenue (Province of British Columbia), and (f) any other account?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 1956, (a) \$302,959, (b) *nil*, and (c) \$349,375; 1957, (a) \$840,323, (b) *nil*, and (c) \$1,514,871; and 1958, (a) \$501,903, (b) *nil*, and (c) \$3,471,000.

“ 2. 1956, (a) *nil*, (b) *nil*, (c) *nil*, (d) \$652,334, (e) *nil*, and (f) *nil*; 1957, (a) *nil*, (b) \$566,188, (c) *nil*, (d) \$1,789,006, (e) *nil*, and (f) *nil*; and 1958, (a) *nil*, (b) \$1,464,294, (c) *nil*, (d) \$2,508,609, (e) *nil*, and (f) *nil*.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

1. Are any policies laid down by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway regarding the hiring of Canadian labour by construction companies employed on Pacific Great Eastern Railway construction?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what are the policies?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. A clause contained in the standard contract agreement reads as follows: ‘ In the employment of any workmen, the contractor shall, in the carrying out of this contract, give preference to British subjects.’ ”

Mr. Roche asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. How many hospitals are now under construction and at what cost?
2. (a) How many acute beds does this construction represent and (b) how many other beds?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:—

“1. There are five hospitals presently under construction at an estimated cost of \$9,512,257.

“2. (a) This construction represents 587 acute beds and (b) 67 beds for the accommodation of hospital staff.

“NOTE.—In addition to the above hospitals, there are three projects presently under construction involving additions to existing hospitals. There are also three residences under construction which will provide staff accommodation. The estimated cost of this construction is \$10,750,840. This construction represents 656 acute beds and 81 beds for the accommodation of hospital staff. In addition, there are two major projects under way which do not involve beds. The estimated cost of these remodelling and alteration projects is \$752,093.”

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

1. Was any land known as Ogilvie's Farm in the Fort St. John area purchased by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many acres were involved in this purchase and how much was paid for that land?
3. If any land was purchased known as the Ogilvie Farm, is this land within the municipal boundaries of Fort St. John?
4. If the answer to No. 3 is no, what is the distance between the said Ogilvie Farm and the municipal boundary of Fort St. John?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Acres, 318, and price paid, \$26,750.

“3. No.

“4. One mile.”

Mr. Harding asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

Were any individuals given in-service training by the Social Welfare Branch Training Division during 1958 and, if so, how many?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:—

“Yes; sixty-eight.”

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

1. Was any construction performed by Mannix Limited on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, were American foremen employed by the company in preference to Canadian foremen who were available at the time?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. No.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

1. Did Mr. *Clement C. Brookes* on behalf of the C Bar C Ranch Limited offer to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company a parcel of land which contained a 40-acre lot available as a station-site at a value of \$1 per acre?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many acres of land were involved in the total block offered in this case by Mr. *Brookes* on behalf of the C Bar C Ranch Limited?

3. What was the total price asked for this land?

4. How many acres, if any, were finally purchased from the C Bar C Ranch Limited and how much was paid for the same acreage?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Ninety-six acres.

“ 3. \$20,250, subject to renegotiation by Pacific Great Eastern Railway if desire to accept offer of 40 acres at \$1 per acre.

“ 4. Ninety-four acres: 41 acres at \$300, \$12,300; 13 acres at \$150, \$1,950; 40 acres at \$1, \$40; severance damages, \$5,000; total, \$19,290.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were any cases referred to the Rehabilitation Co-ordinator of the Public Health Branch by the Social Welfare Branch during the calendar year 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many and (b) how many of these cases were successfully rehabilitated during the year?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Thirty-one and (b) two. Status of remaining twenty-nine cases may be classified as follows: Not accepted, four; active, fifteen; deferred, one; voluntary withdrawal, two; deceased, one; rehabilitated, two; and not rehabilitated, six. Of the six classified as ‘not rehabilitated,’ three were granted a Disabled Person’s Allowance.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Premier and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following questions:—

With reference to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, in the year 1958:—

1. How many passengers were carried?

2. If any, how many of the passengers were carried (a) as guests of the railway, (b) on passes, and (c) at the regular fare?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Passengers, 181,423.

“ 2. (a) Guests, 147; (b) 14,980 passes, of which 80 per cent were employees being transported to and from work at various points along the line; and (c) 166,206 at the regular fare.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

In each school district in the Province which has rural components, what were the total sums collectable under the “Public Schools Act” in each rural component for the school budget years 1957 and 1958 for (a) basic levy and (b) capital, debt, or other costs?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ The annual rural school tax requisition supplied to the Provincial Assessor does not segregate the levy into (a) basic costs and (b) capital, debt, or other costs.”

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Were any bursaries granted by the Social Welfare Branch to social workers to help them obtain professional training during 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many, (b) what was the amount of each bursary, and (c) how many were given to single and how many to married individuals?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Four, (b) two at \$1,200 (social workers with dependents), and (c) two at \$600 (social workers without dependents).”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to the Provincial Infirmaries:—

1. What was the total staff of Marpole Infirmary as at December 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total staff of Allco Infirmary as at December 31st, 1958?

3. What was the total staff of Mount St. Mary Infirmary as at December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Eighty-three.

“ 2. Thirty-four.

“ 3. Eighty-eight.”

Mr. *Reid* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Have any hospitals been built since 1952 with unfinished areas included for future expansion?

2. If so, (a) how many and (b) what is the approximate number of beds that can be located in these unfinished areas?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Seven and (b) 152 beds.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

Have any regular meetings taken place between the Rehabilitation Co-ordinator and the personnel of the various social welfare agencies during 1958 and, if so, how many?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“ Meetings are not regularly scheduled but take place frequently as a part of the Rehabilitation Co-ordinator's work on an average of once a week.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, February 19th, 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.48 p.m.

Friday, February 20th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. B. Carr*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*—Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to repeal the Coal Sales Act."

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*—Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Union of British Columbia Municipalities."

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—Pursuant to the powers vested in me, I have appointed Mr. *Gerald Herbert Cross* Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for this sitting of the House.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 20th, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee held three meetings to organize and hear the submissions of the Farmers' Institute Advisory Board and to give consideration to the submissions presented to the Committee and recommends as follows:—

- (1) That the Provincial Government be requested to retain an active interest, financially and otherwise, in the brucellosis programme after the Federal Government has taken over the brucellosis-free areas:
- (2) That Resolution No. 2 that reads as follows, "Be it Resolved, That all resolutions presented to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture by the Advisory Board and approved by them be voted upon by the Legislature," if adopted, would, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to Standing Orders, and your Committee therefore has not approved this resolution:
- (3) That the Department of Agriculture be requested to subsidize effectively the travelling charges of veterinarians in outlying areas; further, in view of the shortage of adequate veterinary services in many areas, it is recommended that the Provincial Government sponsor short courses in veterinary work for suitable applicants from each district in the Province:
- (4) That the levying of a tax for education purposes on farm land does not result in an equitable distribution of school costs; it is recommended that a review be made of present methods of taxation for school purposes with a view to finding a more equitable method than that in practice with special attention being given to removal of school taxation from farm land:
- (5) That, in view of the fact that the present legislation allows expropriation for the use of power companies' highway and gas pipe-line rights-of-way without giving the owner any right of appeal as to location, we recommend that the Provincial Government draw up a Bill for one comprehensive Expropriation Act which would apply to all types of expropriation, giving the same powers and protection to all:
- (6) That, in the best interests of all the people of the Province, the development of large-scale electric projects and the associated transmission systems be undertaken on behalf of and by the people of this Province, through its publicly owned utility, the British Columbia Power Commission, and that section 107 of the "Electric Power Act" be instituted in such areas; it is further submitted that this Committee recognize the extreme importance of this question of private and public power and recognize the fact that a question such as this requires a great deal of study which is outside the powers of this Committee and, as there is a commission sitting at this time on costs and other matters affecting the Power Commission, therefore we recommend that this commission be empowered to study the particular aspects of power development, both public and private:
- (7) That, where it has been alleged that large stores have used milk as a loss leader, the product being procured from outside areas to accomplish this, thus displacing local production to a degree that the local product is forced

into processing channels, therefore we recommend that the Minister of Agriculture take the necessary steps to see that section 57 of the British Columbia Dairy Act is fully enforced.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK RICHTER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company Condensed Statements of Account as at December 31st, 1958.

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Mines) presented a Return pursuant to section 169 of the "Mineral Act."

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

1. In December, 1958, what was the Class 1 accounting value for qualifying milk of 4 per cent butter-fat content in (a) Vancouver area, (b) Vancouver Island area, and (c) Puget Sound Washington State area?

2. In December, 1958, what was the weighted average price paid to producers for all qualifying milk of 4 per cent butter-fat content in (a) Vancouver area, (b) Vancouver Island area, and (c) Puget Sound Washington State area?

The Hon. *N. P. Steacy* replied as follows:—

"1. Vancouver area, \$5.947 per hundredweight; Vancouver Island area, \$5.947 per hundredweight; and Puget Sound area, \$5.14 per hundredweight.

"2. Vancouver area, \$5.10 per hundredweight; Vancouver Island area, \$5.73 per hundredweight; and Puget Sound area, \$4.43 per hundredweight."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What percentage and how many of the total number of Social Allowance cases remained on Social Allowance for a period of three months or less in the fiscal years of (a) 1956, (b) 1957, and (c) 1958, and the calendar year of 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"Not available."

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What was the total number of social workers in Social Welfare Branch, by regions, as at December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"Region 1, 30; Region 2, 51; Region 3, 19; Region 4, 20; Region 5, 15; Region 6, 26; Region 7, 10; total, 171."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 23rd, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. B. Airhart*.

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* 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 amend the Grazing Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11th, 1959.

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. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the Grazing Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* 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 "Department of Social Welfare Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1959.

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 "Department of Social Welfare Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* 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 "Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1959.

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. 18) intituled "Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *W. D. Black* 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 amend the Constitution Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1959.

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. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* 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 amend the Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1959.

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. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* 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 amend the Public Libraries Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1959.

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 Public Libraries Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *W. D. Black* 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 amend the Municipal Superannuation Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 20th, 1959.

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. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Superannuation Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *W. D. Black* 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 amend the Municipal Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 23rd, 1959.

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. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
Bill referred to Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* 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 amend the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 23rd, 1959.*

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. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill referred to Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Matthew*, seconded by Mr. *Price*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

That the House grant leave to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills to convene at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon to consider Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, Amendment Act, 1955."

Mr. *Matthew* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*,—

That the House grant leave to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills to convene at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon to consider Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, Amendment Act, 1955."

The motion was agreed to.

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

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.39 p.m.