

Thursday, March 7th, 1946.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. W. McPherson.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. Maitland, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Pearson (Provincial Secretary), presented the Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Period of April 1st, 1944, to March 31st, 1945.

By leave of the House, the following notice of question standing in the name of Mr. E. E. Winch was withdrawn:—

1. Do the annual records show that any physicians have been issuing liquor permits in excessive numbers?

2. If yes, what action, if any, has been taken by the Attorney-General or Liquor Control Board to prohibit the issuance of permits by such physicians?

Mr. Harding asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. What is the number of timber sales in the Nelson Forest District at present held in the name of the Big Bend Lumber Company?

2. On what date was each sale granted?

3. What is the total area of these limits?

4. What is the total amount of the following cut on the above limits since granted:  
(a) Scale of logs and (b) lineal feet of poles?

The Hon. Mr. Kenney replied as follows:—

“ 1. Eleven.

“ 2. Timber Sale X30588, April 27th, 1942; Timber Sale X30651, February 24th, 1943; Timber Sale X33850, December 17th, 1943; Timber Sale X34792, March 30th, 1944; Timber Sale X34805, April 12th, 1944; Timber Sale X35029, December 8th, 1944; Timber Sale X35515, January 11th, 1945; Timber Sale X36010, December 8th, 1944; Timber Sale X35477, August 9th, 1944; Timber Sale X36884, May 16th, 1945; Timber Sale X37802, November 27th, 1945.

“ 3. 2,787 acres.

“ 4. (a) 1,973,465 F.B.M. of logs and (b) 18,680 lineal feet of poles.”

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

What action, if any, has been taken relative to the setting of a minimum scale of wages for bank employees?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

“ At the present time the setting of wage scales is the responsibility of the War-time Wages Control Board, set up under Federal Order P.C. 5963; otherwise the Provincial Legal Department has ruled that the Provincial Government has no authority to fix wages for bank employees.”

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. What is the number of timber limits in the Nelson Forest District at present held in the name of the Arrow Lakes Cedar Pole Company?
2. On what date was each sale granted?
3. What is the total area of these limits?
4. What is the total amount of the following cut on the above limits since granted:  
(a) Scale of logs and (b) lineal feet of poles?

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

- “ 1. Three.
- “ 2. Timber Sale X35119, May 30th, 1944; Timber Sale X36020, November 17th, 1944; Timber Sale X36668, April 12th, 1945.
- “ 3. 515 acres.
- “ 4. (a) 444,636 F.B.M. of logs and (b) 54,730 lineal feet of poles.”

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

1. How many married persons with families were unemployed in the Province on December 1st, 1945?
2. How many single men were unemployed in the Province on December 1st, 1945?
3. How many single women were unemployed in the Province on December 1st, 1945?

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

- “ 1. The Department of Labour has no official knowledge of this as this is a matter that is covered under the jurisdiction of the Federal Department of Labour.
- “ 2. No official information.
- “ 3. No official information.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Friday, March 8th, 1946.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. N. S. Noel.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 8th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 8th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Frank Henry Proby (Sr.) and others for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend 'The British Columbia Insurance Company Act, 1904,'" have been complied with, except Rule 98, section (3), and your Committee recommends that this Rule be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 8th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Hamish D. McKenzie and others for leave to introduce a Private Bill authorizing the Minister of Lands and

Forests to give Crown grants or quit claim deeds of certain foreshore property have been complied with, except as to Rule 101, and your Committee recommends that the said Rule be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* (Provincial Secretary) presented the following papers:—

The Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1944.

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1945.

Fourth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Period January 1st, 1944, to December 31st, 1944.

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

1. Does the Department of the Attorney-General rent any office space or buildings in the town of Fort St. John?
2. If yes, what amount of rental was paid in the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1945?

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

"1. Yes; space is rented by the Game Commission.

"2. \$120, paid to Messrs. Bowes & Herron, Fort St. John, for the fiscal year April 1st, 1944, to March 31st, 1945."

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

What action, if any, has been taken during the past year relative to amendments to the "Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act"?

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

"There is no jurisdiction in this Province in divorce matters, as this rests solely with the Dominion Government. Representations have been made to the Canadian Bar Association and the Uniformity Commission on Legislation in keeping with the views expressed in the House last Session in favour of the English Act, but the decision rests finally with the Dominion authorities."

Mr. *Corsbie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Were any land surveys conducted in the Peace River constituency during the last calendar year?
2. If yes, what areas were surveyed?
3. Will any land surveys be carried out in that district this year?
4. If yes, in what areas?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Prepared to make surveys, but consider it advisable to await results of soil survey arranged for this year.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

How many notices of wills have been filed with the Director of Vital Statistics under section 34 of the "Wills Act," as enacted by the "Wills Act Amendment Act, 1945," up to February 28th, 1946?

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

"Ninety-eight notices of wills have been filed with the Director of Vital Statistics under section 34 of the 'Wills Act' up to February 28th, 1946."

*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 5.50 p.m.

## Monday, March 11th, 1946.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Hitchcox*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act.'"

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act.'"

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Enforcement in British Columbia of Maintenance Orders made in England and Northern Ireland and other Parts of His Majesty's Dominions and Protectorates and vice versa."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting Probation Officers."

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

Whereas the recent general election disclosed certain weaknesses in the "Provincial Elections Act" and difficulties in carrying out its provisions:

And whereas it is desirable to remedy these conditions:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to consider the provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act" with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to hear representations from individuals and public bodies, to take the evidence of witnesses under oath, and to report to the House such findings and recommendations in respect thereof as the said committee may deem advisable.

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

That the following members of the Legislature shall be appointed to serve as a Special Committee appointed to consider the provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act": Messrs. *R. H. Carson, Straith, Brown, Wismer, Eyres, King, H. E. Winch, Gargrave, and Love.*

On the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*, seconded by Mrs. *Rolston*, it was Resolved,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare to consider the questions of cancer control, arthritis, and maternity benefits, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; to hear representations from individuals and public bodies; and to report to the House such findings and recommendations in respect thereof as the said Committee may deem advisable.

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

1. Do the annual records show that any physicians have been issuing liquor prescriptions in excessive numbers?
2. If yes, what action, if any, has been taken by the Attorney-General or Liquor Control Board to prohibit the issuance of prescriptions by such physicians?

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

"1. Section 22 of the 'Government Liquor Act' provides that any physician who deems liquor necessary for the health of a patient of his whom he has seen or visited professionally may give to the patient a prescription signed by the physician. While a number of prescriptions issued by certain physicians have been greater in number than those issued by other physicians, it is difficult for the Board to determine whether the number of the prescriptions issued is deemed to be excessive. Where the Board had reason to believe that the authority of physicians to issue prescriptions for liquor had been abused, the Liquor Control Board has endeavoured to correct such abuses by personal contact with the physician, co-operating with the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and legal action.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

What arrangements, if any, have been made with the Dominion Government which would indicate progress toward the completion of the proposed road between Atlin and the Alaska Highway?

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

"The Dominion Government has been approached with respect to the proposal and the whole matter is receiving the consideration of the Federal authorities."

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

1. Is there a resident engineer located in the Omineca riding?
2. If no, what action, if any, has been taken to provide same?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. No action."

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

1. In the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1945, what amount was paid in the Peace River constituency for the rental or hire of road and snow-plough equipment?
2. From whom was the equipment rented or hired and what were the total amounts paid to each person or company from whom this equipment was obtained?

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

"1. Snow-removal, \$13,318.

"2. Wilson Freightways, \$660; J. McGinnis, \$396; J. B. Peirce & Sons, \$2,886; Spinney Trucking Service, Limited, \$1,188; J. Gordon Wilson, \$200; Joe Barkley, \$44; V. V. Peck, \$35; Colin Campbell, \$55; More & Pomeroy, \$4,354; Hasler Creek Coal Co., Ltd., \$3,500; total, \$13,318."

Mr. *McInnis* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—  
Will work be started on the road between Sinclair Mills and McBride this year?

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

"No."

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

1. What action, if any, has been taken to survey a route through Burnaby for a new express highway between New Westminster and Vancouver?
2. Have plans for such highway been prepared?

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

"1. Reconnaissance survey has been made.

"2. No."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 12th, 1946.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Penfold*.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1947;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1946;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1945, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 11th, 1946.*

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Report of Committee on Resources and Railways, 1945.

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

1. What forms of mechanical restraint of patients, if any, are used in Provincial and private mental hospitals?
2. What is the maximum continuous period during which a patient can be kept under mechanical restraint without relaxation or complete freedom of bodily movement?
3. What regulations are in force to ensure that such period shall not be exceeded?

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

"1. There are two forms of mechanical restraint used; namely, camisole and restraining sheet.

"2. The maximum period is four hours, following which the patient is removed from restraint, bathed if necessary, and always given an alcohol rub and exercised.

"3. Mechanical restraint is used only on doctor's written prescription. The patient is always under the direct supervision and control of the Supervisor in charge of the ward who is responsible for seeing that this standing order is carried out. The type of camisole used is made of 12-oz. duck fitting over the arms and chest of the patient. It laces up at the back; the ends of the arms are blind and terminate in long straps which may be tied behind the patient rather loosely to merely control rather than eliminate movement of the arms. The restraining sheet is made of 12-oz. duck, the full size of the bed. It goes over the bed and laces underneath the bed thereby forming an envelope in which the patient is placed with the head out on a pillow. It does not prevent movement but limits it to movement within the envelope."

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

1. What action has been taken by the Government relative to the Resolution passed by the House on March 9th, 1944, "That this House petition the Government of the Dominion of Canada, urging that the 'Old Age Pensions Act' and its regulations be so amended that property used by pensioner as his home and contributions reasonably expected from children, donations, and benevolences be not treated as income" (*vide Journals*, 1944, page 71) ?

2. If any action was taken, what reply was received from the Federal Government?

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

"1. This Resolution was forwarded to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on April 21st, 1944, for transmission to the Under Secretary of State, Ottawa.

"2. No reply received."



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

And then the House adjourned at 4.47 p.m.

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## Wednesday, March 13th, 1946.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. G. A. Reynolds.

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.

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

That because of the present indisposition of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, who adjourned the debate, the Rules of the House be suspended and he be granted leave by the House to participate in the debate at a later stage, and that Mr. *E. E. Winch* be granted leave of the House to proceed with the debate.

The debate continued.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Brown*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act respecting certain Water-lots in the Port of Vancouver."

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

On the motion of Mr. *Wismer* (in the absence of Mr. *R. H. Carson*)—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The British Columbia Insurance Company Act, 1904.'"

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to hear representations from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and any other body desiring to make representations to the said Committee and to report its findings to this House.

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

The Seventy-fourth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province, 1944-45.

The Annual Report of the Provincial Library for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

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

1. What, if any, maintenance-work has been done on the Tzuhalem Road in the Cowichan-Newcastle riding since March 31st, 1945?
2. Of what did such work consist?
3. What was the total amount of money expended on such work?

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

- “ 1. Graveling, grading, draining, bituminous surfacing (respray and patching).
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 3. \$1,809.58.”

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

1. What, if any, maintenance-work has been done on the Indian Road in the Cowichan-Newcastle riding since March 31st, 1945?
2. Of what did such work consist?
3. What was the total amount of money expended on such work?

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

- “ 1. Graveling, draining, grading, and brushing.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 3. \$411.87.”

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

1. Has a survey been taken of a possible route for a road connection between Manson Creek Road and Finlay Forks?
2. If so, what was the estimated cost of construction?

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

- “ 1. Yes; reconnaissance survey in 1943.
- “ 2. \$1,168,000, based on this survey.”

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

1. Has the bridge across the Nechako River, one-half mile north of the village of Vanderhoof on the Fort St. James-Vanderhoof Highway, been condemned as unsafe for traffic?
2. If yes, what action has been taken to replace same?

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

- “ 1. No; but loads are limited to 10 tons gross.
- “ 2. Plans in hand to undertake reconstruction at an early date.”

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

What, if any, road machinery, tractors, or other equipment or supplies have been purchased by or for the Department from the War Assets Corporation?

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

“ Two 1939 Ford V-8 station wagons, one 1-ton International panel delivery, six 1½-ton International COE general service trucks, two D-4 Caterpillar tractors and bulldozers, three ½-ton Fargo pickups, one ½-ton Dodge pickup, one ¾-ton Ford panel delivery, one 12-foot Caterpillar auto patrol grader, five Onan portable electric lighting sets, one building (wooden frame construction, 24 by 40 feet), and miscellaneous items of camp equipment and hardware for stock.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.39 p.m.

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## Thursday, March 14th, 1946.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. C. Thomson*.

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. *B. I. Johnson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Fifteen million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 11th, 1946.*

*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. 15) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Fifteen million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 11th, 1946.*

*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. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty 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. *Hart* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 11th, 1946.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" 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. *Hart* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Pacific Great Eastern Railway Aid Act, 1925,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 11th, 1946.*

*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. 12) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Pacific Great Eastern Railway Aid Act, 1925,'" 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. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What sum was expended during 1945 for vocational retraining as provided for by section 11 (15B), chapter 72, Statutes of 1943?
2. How many workmen (*a*) have been given vocational retraining during 1945 and (*b*) are now being retrained under the above provisions?

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

- "1. \$30,057.87.  
"2. (*a*) Ten and (*b*) ten; these figures do not include 400 workmen who were given occupational therapy during 1945 and were instructed in the use of tools and wood-working machinery at the rehabilitation centre maintained by the Board."

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

1. What maintenance-work, if any, has been done on the Edgewood-Vernon Road in the Kaslo-Slocan riding since March 31st, 1945?
2. What was the total amount of money expended on such work?

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

- "1. Renewal of gravel surfacing as required and construction of culverts.  
"2. \$508.86."

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

What is the yearly cost of operating the ferry across Stuart River at Finmoore, B.C.?

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

"For the fiscal year 1944-45 see Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works, page 103."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.19 p.m.

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## Friday, March 15th, 1946.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. B. Rowell*.

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

On the motion of Mr. *McDonell* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*), Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 15th, 1946.*

*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 "An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*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,*  
*March 15th, 1946.*

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for giving Assistance to Municipalities in the Clearance of Slum Areas," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 15th, 1946.*

*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 provide for giving Assistance to Municipalities in the Clearance of Slum Areas," 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. *Weir* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 15th, 1946.*

*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 Schools 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. *Weir* presented the Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History and Anthropology for the Year 1944.

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

1. How many (a) day and (b) dormitory wards are there in Essondale, New Westminster, and Saanich Mental Hospitals respectively?
2. How many of them respectively have radios?
3. What programmes are broadcast and for what periods?
4. Are all of the ward radios in working order at the present time?

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

"1. (a) and (b). Essondale: Day wards—male building 11, acute building 6, female building 15, veterans building 4, farm annex 1, farm cottage 2; dormitories—male building 14, acute building 10, female building 52, veterans building 8, farm annex 3, farm cottage 3; dormitories on the female side are divided. New Westminster: Day wards—male 8 and female 7; dormitories—male 8 (divided) and female 7 (divided). Colquitz: There are three day wards and 160 patients sleeping in dormitory wards, the remainder (129) in single rooms.

"2, 3, and 4. At Essondale loud speakers are installed on each ward and in the dining-rooms during meal times. They are on from 8 in the morning until about 9 at night. The patients prefer the local stations and these are tuned in for them. All radios are in good working order but are not modern; the new orders have not been filled. They could not be renewed due to war conditions. At New Westminster fourteen of the day-rooms are equipped with loud speakers and the other day-room has a radio. The loud speakers were not used during the construction period but are now functioning once more. Suitable programmes are selected. The loud speakers are on for two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. At night special programmes are put on for the older patients. At Colquitz the three wards and the dining-room are serviced by one master radio which is on for periods from 7.15 to 9



a.m., 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., and any other time when there is any special programme which the patients particularly request. There is another radio in the patients' recreation-room which is operated under the control of the patients themselves. All ward radios are in working condition at the present time. Should any radio go out of order it is immediately serviced."

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

What personnel and equipment facilities are available in each of the three mental hospitals for (a) eye and (b) foot ailments of patients?

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

"(a.) Eyes: Essondale and New Westminster, optometrist, staff doctors, nurses, attendants, treatment rooms, and consultant specialists; Colquitz, these are attended to by the visiting physician, Dr. G. Hall, or Dr. J. A. Stewart, eye specialist. (b.) Foot ailments: Essondale and New Westminster, staff doctors, nurses, attendants, and consulting orthopædic specialists; Colquitz, these are also attended to by Dr. Hall."

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

1. How many wards are there in each of the three mental hospitals exclusively for male patients?

2. In how many respectively are female nurses part of the ward staff?

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

"1. Essondale, 19 wards are used exclusively for male patients; New Westminster, 8 wards are used exclusively for male patients; Colquitz, all male patients at this institution.

"2. Essondale, female nurses are used on two wards, E-2 and infirmary; New Westminster, one male ward of small boys has female nurses on its staff; Colquitz, there are no female nurses employed at this institution."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.57 p.m.

Monday, March 18th, 1946.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *R. Shaw*.

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. *Wismer*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 15th, 1946.*

*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 'Fisheries 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. *Hart* presented a Return in reply to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*:—

What acreage and areas within the E. & N. Railway land grant have reverted to the Crown during each year of the past ten years due to non-payment of land tax?

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

1. Has a Government survey been made for a road linking Kaslo to Lardeau?
2. If yes, when was the survey conducted?
3. What was the estimated cost of construction?

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

- "1. Yes; a reconnaissance survey.
- "2. 1945.
- "3. \$225,900."

*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 5.13 p.m.