

Wednesday, April 10th, 1946.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

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

Whereas the cessation of hostilities and the returning of the active service personnel to British Columbia, together with the continual influx to the Province of population from other parts of the Dominion, has aggravated the shortage of accommodation:

And whereas the housing shortage has not been caused solely by war conditions, but has been prevalent for many years:

And whereas it is recognized by public authorities that the results of bad housing and slum conditions are important factors contributing to the high cost of health, fire, police, and social services which constitute a heavy drain on municipal and Provincial revenue:

And whereas it has been established that the present Dominion housing legislation and methods of financing can not provide new, decent living accommodation for the lower income groups at rents which they can afford to pay:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that this Government should, in the interests of health, welfare, and progress of the Province, immediately confer with the Dominion Government with the object of securing a long-term, low-interest loan, such loan to be guaranteed and administered directly by a Provincial housing authority and to be used solely for the purpose of remedying the serious housing conditions now existing in many parts of British Columbia.

Mr. *Bennett* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *B. I. Johnson*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "accommodation" in the fourth line, and to substitute the following:—

"And whereas the shortage of building materials of all kinds is seriously retarding the construction of new homes in our Province:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature is of the opinion that representations should be immediately made to the Dominion Government urging the necessity of making available the necessary lumber, plumbing, electrical, and other building materials required to accelerate the completion of thousands of homes at present under construction, and the many thousands of additional homes required to properly house the people of our Province."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment to the proposed amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

That the following words be added:—

"And be it further Resolved, That this House express its opinion in favour of the establishment of a Provincial housing authority to take advantage of Federal legislation in the interest of additional housing construction in British Columbia, and to make representations to Ottawa relative to changes required in policy and legislation in order to meet the imperative need for low-cost, low-rental housing."

Amendment to the amendment negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. Speaker said that his attention had been called to Motion No. 22, standing in the name of the honourable member from Kaslo-Slocan, and Motion No. 28, standing in the name of the honourable member from North Okanagan. Both of these motions dealt with the subject of divorce and both had the same purpose in view; that is, the widening of the grounds upon which a divorce might be obtained. He stated that it is contrary to the Rules for two motions dealing with the same subject-matter to be on the Order Paper at the same time. He therefore ruled Motion No. 28, standing in the name of the honourable member for North Okanagan, out of order.

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

Whereas during the war years there have been rapid advances in fire-prevention and fire-fighting techniques:

And whereas the recent acquisition and distribution throughout the Province of new fire-fighting equipment calls for the maximum use and care of such equipment:

And whereas professional assistance in matters of basic training, periodic check-ups, and the dissemination of new fire-prevention and fire-fighting methods are necessary for the fullest protection of life and property:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government for its consideration the immediate appointment of a small committee to include representatives of the Fire Marshal's office, the Attorney-General's office, an organized professional fire department, and a volunteer fire brigade to inquire into and report to the Government on the possibilities and practicability of a reorganization of the fire-inspection, fire-prevention, and fire-fighting services and facilities of the Province.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *McInnis*,—

Whereas under the provisions of the "Old Age Pensions Act" the pension of a blind pensioner who marries a blind person is substantially reduced:

And whereas such penalty is discriminatory in that a similar reduction is not enforced in the case of a sighted pensioner:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommend to the Provincial Government that it urge upon the Dominion Government the removal of the present regulations which reduce the pension payable to blind pensioners upon marriage to another blind person.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. *Corsbie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rowland*,—

Whereas marketing legislation has proven of great benefit to the primary producers and has demonstrated its value in stabilizing markets and prices for agricultural products:

And whereas Provincial boundaries and jurisdiction often hinder the attainment of the full advantages of organized marketing:

And whereas marketing legislation can not be made completely effective without the enabling legislation of a "Dominion Marketing Act":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House affirms its belief that Dominion and Provincial marketing legislation are necessary if farm products are to be marketed in an orderly and economical manner:

And be it further Resolved, That this House commends to consideration of the Government the need for strongly urging the Federal Government to improve the methods and practices of the marketing of agricultural products in the realm of inter-provincial and export trade by the enactment of Federal legislation.

The Hon. Mr. *Putnam* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*,—

To strike out all the words after "Act" in the third paragraph, and to substitute the following:—

"And whereas the Hon. the Premier of this Province will soon be attending the Dominion-Provincial Conference in Ottawa at which time Dominion-Provincial relations will be discussed:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House respectfully request the Hon. the Premier to bring the importance of this matter to the attention of the proper authorities at that time."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

That briefs presented to the Cabinet by recognized labour organizations be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour and that the Committee be authorized to hear any further representations on matters contained therein and report its findings to this House.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Corsbie*,—

Whereas the Vancouver News-Herald reports in its publication of March 26th a statement made by Senator Magnuson of the United States to the effect that he understood the Canadian Government would close the military highway (Alaska Highway) to civilian travel and limit its use only to army training purposes when title to the highway changes on April 3rd:

And whereas it is understood that Canada formally takes possession of the highway from the American Army in a ceremony at White Horse, Yukon Territory, on that date:

And whereas the news report conveys the intimation that the information released by Senator Magnuson is based on an informal discussion with Finance Minister Ilsley of the Federal Government:

And whereas the closing of the Alaska Highway to civilian traffic would work a terrific hardship on the citizens of British Columbia resident in the Peace River area in view of the fact that the military highway commences at Dawson Creek and goes through several hundred miles of British Columbia territory:

And whereas restriction on travel over this road would be detrimental to the development of the resources in the Northern Peace River area:

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is now spending approximately \$6,000,000 to connect Prince George with the Alaska Highway and any restriction on passage to the Yukon Territory would be detrimental to tourist traffic through British Columbia from the United States to the Alaskan territory:

And whereas no public pronouncement has yet been made relative to any negotiations of the Provincial Government with the Federal authorities relative to keeping the Alaska Highway open to the public:

And whereas the maintenance of and through travel over the Alaska Highway is of the utmost importance to the residents of Peace River in particular and the citizens of British Columbia in general:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing all matters relating to the Alaska Highway and of recommending to the Government that strong representations be made to the Federal authorities in order that policies governing the maintenance and control of the highway may be such as to serve the best interests of British Columbia.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Corsbie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rowland*,—

Whereas there is a shortage of veterinarians practising in British Columbia:

And whereas the development of British Columbia will necessitate the services of more in the profession, thereby presenting now the need for training many in this field of endeavour:

And whereas young men should be encouraged to train as veterinarians:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends to the consideration of the Government the opinion that assistance should be given those seeking training through scholarships to students showing aptitude and desire for the veterinary profession.

The Hon. Mr. *Putnam* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*,—

To strike out all the words after "veterinarians," in the third paragraph, and to substitute the following:—

"And whereas a recent survey of facilities shows that until the year 1950 there will be no openings in the Veterinary College at Guelph, Ontario:

"And whereas a faculty of medicine is to be established at the University of British Columbia:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends that additional facilities be provided at the University of British Columbia to take care of the training of students in Veterinary Science."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

Whereas the system of colouring gasoline for agricultural and industrial purposes proved satisfactory during the war:

And whereas the system of tax rebate on gasoline for agricultural and industrial purposes is a great inconvenience to the users and the Government:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends to the Government the consideration of colouring gasoline sold for agricultural and industrial purposes a different colour than that sold for general purposes and at a price minus the Provincial road-tax.

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

Whereas in many instances the fisheries on the Pacific Coast are prosecuted jointly by British Columbia and United States fishermen:

And whereas extensive credit facilities are available in the United States to the fishermen of that country, enabling them to acquire large, modern vessels and up-to-date equipment:

And whereas bank credit being too costly for the average fisherman to avail himself of, the only other credit available to British Columbia fishermen is through the medium of the various large fish companies which, through its very nature, tends to break down the independence of the fishermen:

And whereas by reason of this discrepancy British Columbia fishermen are placed in an unfair economic position in relation to the fishermen of the United States:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government for its consideration the establishment of a fishermen's loan board which would include representatives of the organized fishermen and the fishermen's co-operatives with power to make loans to *bona-fide* fishermen to purchase or improve boats and other equipment necessary to prosecute the industry.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*,—

That, in the opinion of this House, persons employed in domestic service should not be exempt from the provisions of the "Hours of Work Act," the "Female Minimum Wage Act," and the "Workmen's Compensation Act."

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Harding* moved, seconded by Mr. *Corsbie*,—

Whereas the law relative to divorce and matrimonial causes applicable in British Columbia is not in accord with modern conditions and public opinion, more particularly in respect of the grounds for dissolution of marriage:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature petition the Dominion Government to enact a Statute relative to divorce and matrimonial causes similar in its provisions to the English "Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937," and that failing endorsement by the Legislatures of other Provinces of Canada the said Statute be made applicable to British Columbia.

The motion was negatived.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.05 p.m.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Hart* on the 10th instant on the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Brett*:—

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And whereas extensive credit facilities are available in the United States to the fishermen of that country, enabling them to acquire large, modern vessels and up-to-date equipment:

And whereas bank credit being too costly for the average fisherman to avail himself of, the only other credit available to British Columbia fishermen is through the medium of the various large fish companies which, through its very nature, tends to break down the independence of the fishermen:

And whereas by reason of this discrepancy British Columbia fishermen are placed in an unfair economic position in relation to the fishermen of the United States:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government for its consideration the establishment of a fishermen's loan board which would include representatives of the organized fishermen and the fishermen's co-operatives with power to make loans to *bona-fide* fishermen to purchase or improve boats and other equipment necessary to prosecute the industry.

Honourable Members,—The Honourable the Premier has raised a point of order with reference to Motion No. 20 standing in the name of the honourable member for Prince Rupert.

In my opinion this motion is out of order on the ground that it is, in effect, a direction to the Government to bring in a Bill, and that it dictates Government policy. There are good reasons for the rule that a private member may not dictate the policy of the Government.

The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition advances the contention that there is no dictation of policy here but simply a recommendation that the Government give consideration to the establishment of a fishermen's loan board.

If this contention is sound the rule against a private member dictating Government policy could be evaded in every instance. There are numerous authorities to the contrary which I feel bound to follow.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker.*

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Physiotherapy and Massage."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemeteries Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to authorize a Grant to The Corporation of the City of Nanaimo of certain Lands in that City."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1947.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1947.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Probate and Succession Duties Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$84,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$147,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1947.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$73,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1947.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$637,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1947.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1947.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Suitors' Fund Deposits, to 31st March, 1947.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent Extra-municipal School Taxes, to 31st March, 1947.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1947.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,850 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries to 31st March, 1947.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1947.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1947.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Board of Industrial Relations, to 31st March, 1947.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Research and Publicity, to 31st March, 1947.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,290 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1947.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,175 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Safety Branch, to 31st March, 1947.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,612 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, "Wartime Labour Relations Regulations," to 31st March, 1947.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1947.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,325 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Office, to 31st March, 1947.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$115,490 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, to 31st March, 1947.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,865 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1947.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,985 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Office of Trade Commissioner, to 31st March, 1947.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Post-war Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, to 31st March, 1947.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Grants *re* British Columbia Industrial and Scientific Research Council, to 31st March, 1947.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Recoverable Expenditure, "Soldiers' Land Act, 1918"—Houses, South Vancouver, to 31st March, 1947.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$133,610 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1947.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1947.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March, 1947.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1947.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office, Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, International, National, and Provincial Exhibits—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

25A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Special Grants in Aid of Exhibitions, to 31st March, 1946.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1946.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds (bounties, salaries, and expenses), to 31st March, 1946.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1946.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education—Inspection of Schools—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Aid in Maintenance and Repairs of School Buildings, Special Aid to School Districts, and Desks for Rural Schools, etc., to 31st March, 1946.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1946.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Director of Educational and Vocational Guidance—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants, to 31st March, 1946.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,135 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education—Provincial Library—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Provincial Archives—Salaries, to 31st March, 1946.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia—Law Faculty, to 31st March, 1946.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,198 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1946.

92A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,074.03 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905"—Arrears on dyking assessments on lands reverted to the Crown, to 31st March, 1946.

92B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,100.84 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, City of Prince Rupert—Grant in lieu of Local Improvement Taxes, to 31st March, 1946.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Safety Branch—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, War Service, Temporary Assistance and Repatriation, to 31st March, 1946.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Publicity, to 31st March, 1946.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1946.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office, to 31st March, 1946.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1946.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in aid of Mining Roads and Trails, to 31st March, 1946.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1946.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,540 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act"—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1946.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Division of Vital Statistics—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Old-age Pensioners' War Cost-of-living Bonus, to 31st March, 1946.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$491,617.20 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1946.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1946.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House)—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,565 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, Victoria Office—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics—Expenses, to 31st March, 1946.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,172.54 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1945, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act respecting the Purchase of Goods within the Province under Charge Accounts and Contracts of Sale."

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to provide for the Colouring of Gasoline for Consumption by Farmers, Fishermen, and other Non-highway Users."

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline."

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Cauty Gold Mines (Hedley), Limited (N.P.L.)."

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Limited (N.P.L.)."

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act.'"

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Abbotsford School District Act' and Amending Acts."

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1936,' and Amendment Act."

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act.'"

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act respecting a Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly to consider the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees."

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

Has the Minister instituted an inquiry into the conditions of employment in the domestic service occupation pursuant to the Resolution passed by the House on March 15th, 1944?

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

“A personal inquiry by the Minister of Labour has been carried on since March 15th, 1944. A large number of persons whom the Minister considered to have competent opinions on this subject have been interviewed. Further inquiries will be made into this matter from time to time.”

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 6.14 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10th, 1946.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply reported on the 22nd, 25th, 26th, and 27th days of March and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th days of April be received and read a first time.

That the Resolutions be now read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolutions be now read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$72,172.54 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1945.

920,230.07 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1946.

42,089,508.15 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1947.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 97) intituled “An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act respecting Probation Officers" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to provide for giving Assistance to Municipalities in the Clearance of Slum Areas" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Medicine and Surgery" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation and Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Veterans' Land Settlement Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Irrigation Assistance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act.'"

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Health and Welfare."

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Physiotherapy and Massage."

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemeteries Act.'"

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to authorize a Grant to The Corporation of the City of Nanaimo of certain Lands in that City."

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act respecting the Purchase of Goods within the Province under Charge Accounts and Contracts of Sale."

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to provide for the Colouring of Gasoline for Consumption by Farmers, Fishermen, and other Non-highway Users."

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline."

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Cauty Gold Mines (Hedley), Limited (N.P.L.)."

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Limited (N.P.L.)."

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act.'"

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Abbotsford School District Act' and Amending Acts."

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1936,' and Amendment Act."

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH.

The following Bills were reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act.'"

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act respecting a Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly to consider the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

By leave of the House, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was withdrawn, and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-racing Regulation Act'" was withdrawn, and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* 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 'Petroleum and Natural-gas Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 10th, 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. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural-gas 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. *Kenney* 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 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 10th, 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. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration 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. *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 'Town Planning Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 10th, 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. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed 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 the Resolution attached hereto and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 10th, 1946.

Whereas the late Royal Lethington Maitland, K.C., member for Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral District, departed this life on the 28th day of March, 1946:

And whereas the said Royal Lethington Maitland, K.C., had attended the sittings of this Legislature up to the time of his last illness:

And whereas in the circumstances it would seem just and reasonable that the sessional indemnity to which the said Royal Lethington Maitland, K.C., would have been entitled had he lived should be paid to his widow, Ruth Maitland, of Vancouver, B.C.:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay the full sessional indemnity to the widow of the said Royal Lethington Maitland, K.C., according to the tenor of the above recitals.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the said Resolution be received and adopted.

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.

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 the Resolution attached hereto and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 10th, 1946.

Whereas the late James Alexander Paton was for many years a member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province:

And whereas during his term as a member he rendered great public service:

And whereas it is just and reasonable that a grant should be made in consideration of these services:

Therefore be it Resolved, That there be paid to a trustee to be selected by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the maintenance and education of the daughter of the said James Alexander Paton the sum of \$3,000.

And be it further Resolved, That the said sum be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the said Resolution be received and adopted.

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.

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 the Resolution attached hereto and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 10th, 1946.

Whereas the late Kenneth Cattanach MacDonald was for many years a member of the Legislative Assembly:

And whereas he rendered great public service both as a member of the Legislative Assembly and as Minister of Agriculture of this Province:

And whereas in the circumstances it is just and reasonable to make a grant to the widow of the said Kenneth Cattanach MacDonald:

Therefore be it Resolved, That there be paid to the widow of the said Kenneth Cattanach MacDonald the sum of \$3,000.

And be it further Resolved, That the said sum be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the said Resolution be received and adopted.

Resolution reported.
Report adopted.

Mr. *Welch* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Forests and Fisheries, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 10th, 1946.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Forests and Fisheries begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee held four meetings and all requests for information were complied with and several departmental officials were interviewed with regard to the same.

Mr. Richmond, Forest Entomologist, in charge of the Victoria Laboratory, Dominion Government Science Service, attended the second meeting on Wednesday, March 27th, and furnished the Committee with explanatory material on forests, pests, and controls, including primary damage in Eastern Canada, European larch sawfly on the Coast, and British Columbia hemlock looper damaging great areas. Control of pests by spray and chemical dust was discussed and full explanation thereof was given by Mr. Richmond.

Mr. Orchard, Chief Forester of the Province, attended the third meeting on April 2nd and the fourth meeting on April 5th. He dealt principally with certain sections of the Sloan Report during the third meeting and at the fourth meeting followed the Sloan Report with an instruction on forests and their protection.

We wish to commend the co-operation of these Government officials.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. WELCH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* presented a corrected answer to a question asked by Mr. *Love* on April 1st. The reply to question No. 3 should read as follows:—

“3. 267,948 tons of ore were mined in Grand Forks Mining Division from January 1st, 1900, to January 1st, 1920; 168,144 tons were mined from January 1st, 1920, to January 1st, 1940.”

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

1. How many persons took out automobile drivers' licences in British Columbia during the year 1945?
2. How many of these persons reported or became involved in motor accidents during the year 1945?
3. How many of these persons were convicted of manslaughter in connection with motor accidents in 1945?
4. How many of these persons were convicted or found liable for negligence in connection with motor accidents in 1945 (other than convictions of manslaughter)?
5. How many of these persons had their licences suspended or cancelled in connection with motor accidents during 1945?
6. How many of these persons whose licences had been suspended or cancelled had their licences restored in 1945?

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

“1. At December 31st, 1945, 188,115.

“2. 10,967; These were involved in accidents which resulted in 101 fatalities; 2,955 persons being injured and 7,911 having property damage only. In addition to this number there were 344 drivers who were unlicensed and were involved in motor-vehicle accidents which resulted in ten fatalities, 138 persons receiving personal injuries and 196 having property damage only. Two hundred and sixty-nine drivers involved in motor-vehicle accidents were non-residents and the accidents they were involved in resulted in one fatality, ninety-six persons being injured and 172 having property damage only. There were also eighteen drivers involved in accidents which resulted in seven fatalities, four persons receiving personal injury and seven having property damage only, concerning whom we have no particulars as to whether they were licensed or not.

“3. Five.

“4, 5, and 6. Lack of sufficient staff prevents the obtaining of this information at this time. Question No. 4 would require the searching of 7,067 records and questions No. 5 and No. 6 the searching of approximately 13,000 records.”

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

1. What action, if any, has been taken to grant members of the British Columbia Police and gaol wardens three weeks' holidays after ten years' service in conformity with holiday-leave as provided for Civil Servants under the provisions of the “Civil Service Act, 1945”?
2. If no such action has been taken, is any contemplated and, if not, why not?
3. What action, if any, has been taken to extend to members of the British Columbia Police and gaol wardens the same sick-leave and retiring-leave consideration as provided for Civil Servants under the provisions of the “Civil Service Act, 1945,” and regulations adopted pursuant thereto?
4. If no such action has been taken, is any contemplated and, if not, why not?

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

“1, 2, 3, and 4. So far as the Provincial Police are concerned section 77 of the Police Regulations (1945) provides for a month and a half sick-leave on pay for every five years' service; section 78 provides for three weeks' annual leave for those with

ten or more years' service; and section 122 provides for retiring-leave on the recommendation of the Attorney-General. These benefits start as of the first of this year. Since the approval of Order in Council No. 2512 (December 11th, 1945) providing for retiring-leave for Civil Servants, the same rule has applied in the Police; namely, one month's leave on pay for more than twenty but less than twenty-five years' service; two months for those with over twenty-five but less than thirty years' service; and three months for those with over thirty years' service. Pending revision of the gaol regulations to include these provisions, Warden Millman of Oakalla Gaol was advised on December 17th, 1945, that, starting at the first of this year, the gaol service would be governed by the same regulations as the Police in these matters."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12.46 a.m.

Thursday, April 11th, 1946.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural-gas Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act'" was again committed, reported complete as amended in the terms of the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor recommending an amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Medicine and Surgery" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Department of Health and Welfare" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Physiotherapy and Massage" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemeteries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to authorize a Grant to The Corporation of the City of Nanaimo of certain Lands in that City" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Optometry" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

On the motion that Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion that Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Harding</i>	<i>Corsbie</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Welch</i>
<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Rouland</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Brett</i>
			<i>Turner</i>

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Weir</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cates</i>	<i>Wismer</i>
<i>McDonnell</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>	<i>Beard</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Kenney</i>		

On the motion that Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

By leave of the House, the Bill was withdrawn and *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

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

Whereas *May* states that "the House of Commons has a right to advise the Crown even as to the exercise of the prerogative itself":

And whereas *May* states that "the House can interfere with great advantage in prescribing the principles on which executive government shall be carried on":

And whereas *Alpheus Todd* points out that "it is equally necessary to remember that Parliament is designed for counsel and not for rule—for advice, and not for administration":

And whereas it is imperative that the rights of minorities shall be protected:

And whereas it is essential that Legislative Standing Orders should guarantee freedom of speech and opportunity to counsel:

And whereas Standing Orders have not been revised since 1930:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of and, if found necessary, ways and means for the revision of the Rules, Orders, and Forms of Procedure of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gargrave*,—

Whereas the collection of tolls on certain bridges, ferries, and roads in British Columbia acts as a deterrent to travel and places an added financial burden on those transporting produce and goods:

And whereas the greater utilization, development, and enjoyment of Provincial resources would be accelerated by removal of tolls:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the entire situation relative to tolls as it affects tourist business and the general economy of the Province.

A debate arose, and the House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Brett</i>	<i>Rowland</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>
<i>Corsbie</i>			

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

<i>Morrow</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Beard</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hope</i>
<i>Webster</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Johnson, B. I.</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Weir</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Wismer</i>
<i>Johnson, W. J.</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Laird</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Cates</i>	<i>Putnam</i>
<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
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By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch* was withdrawn:—

Resolved, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reviewing the Acts of the Province generally referred to as “professional Acts” and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or any professional society for the purpose of: (1) Ascertaining the powers and duties contained therein; (2) determining whether the exercise of such powers and the discharge of such duties by professional societies is in the public interest; (3) determining whether the affairs of such societies are carried on in the public interest; (4) considering the possibility of securing uniformity in the provisions and administration of professional Acts; and (5) making such recommendations as the Committee of the Whole may deem to be expedient and advisable.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.28 p.m.

Thursday, April 11th, 1946.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act respecting the Practice of Medicine and Surgery” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act respecting the Practice of Optometry” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Health Act’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 98) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Petroleum and Natural-gas Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘University Endowment Lands Administration Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Town Planning Act’” was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

FIVE MINUTES TO FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

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

R. S. Stuart Yates, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 1) An Act to amend the “Court of Appeal Act.”

(No. 2) An Act to amend the “Credit Unions Act.”

- (No. 3) An Act to amend the "Notaries Act."
(No. 4) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
(No. 5) An Act to amend the "Wills Act."
(No. 6) An Act to amend the "Attachment of Debts Act."
(No. 7) 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.
(No. 8) An Act respecting Probation Officers.
(No. 10) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
(No. 11) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
(No. 12) An Act to repeal the "Pacific Great Eastern Railway Aid Act, 1925."
(No. 13) An Act to amend the "Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928."
(No. 14) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
(No. 15) An Act to borrow the Sum of Fifteen million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
(No. 16) An Act to amend the "Milk Act."
(No. 17) An Act to repeal the "Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1939," and to make other Provisions.
(No. 18) An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures.
(No. 19) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
(No. 20) An Act to amend the "Electric Power Act."
(No. 21) An Act to provide for giving Assistance to Municipalities in the Clearance of Slum Areas.
(No. 22) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
(No. 23) An Act to amend the "Delta Drainage Act, 1936."
(No. 24) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
(No. 25) An Act to amend the "Audit Act."
(No. 27) An Act to amend the "Fisheries Act."
(No. 28) An Act to amend the "Railway Act."
(No. 29) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
(No. 30) An Act respecting the Practice of Optometry.
(No. 31) An Act respecting the Practice of Medicine and Surgery.
(No. 32) An Act to amend the "Change of Name Act."
(No. 34) An Act regarding Provisions for the Granting of Assistance to the Beef Cattle Producers in the Province.
(No. 35) An Act to amend the "Dentistry Act."
(No. 36) An Act to validate a certain By-law of The Corporation of the District of Coquitlam.
(No. 37) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the District of Burnaby.
(No. 38) An Act to amend the "Public Utilities Act."
(No. 40) An Act to amend the "Stock-brands Act."
(No. 41) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
(No. 42) An Act to amend the "Municipal Superannuation Act."
(No. 43) An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."
(No. 44) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."
(No. 45) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act, 1945."
(No. 46) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
(No. 47) An Act to amend the "Male Minimum Wage Act."
(No. 48) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation and Weekly Half-holiday Act."

- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Factories Act."
 (No. 51) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
 (No. 52) An Act to amend "The British Columbia Insurance Company Act, 1904."
 (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Hours of Work Act."
 (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Female Minimum Wage Act."
 (No. 63) An Act to provide for Annual Holidays with Pay for Employees.
 (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Pharmacy Act."
 (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Poll Tax Act."
 (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
 (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Veterans' Land Settlement Act."
 (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Irrigation Assistance Loan Act."
 (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Health Act."
 (No. 73) An Act respecting the Department of Health and Welfare.
 (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Public Libraries Act."
 (No. 75) An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Cauty Gold Mines (Hedley), Limited (N.P.L.).
 (No. 76) An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of certain Mineral Claims of the Hedley Amalgamated Gold Mines, Limited (N.P.L.).
 (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act."
 (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
 (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
 (No. 80) An Act respecting the Purchase of Goods within the Province under Charge Accounts and Contracts of Sale.
 (No. 81) An Act to repeal the "Abbotsford School District Act" and Amending Acts.
 (No. 82) An Act to repeal the "Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1936," and Amendment Act.
 (No. 83) An Act to provide for the Colouring of Gasoline for Consumption by Farmers, Fishermen, and other Non-highway Users.
 (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
 (No. 85) An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline.
 (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation Act."
 (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
 (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Special Assistance in the Cost of Education Act."
 (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
 (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
 (No. 92) An Act respecting a Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly to consider the "Provincial Elections Act."
 (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Cemeteries Act."
 (No. 94) An Act to authorize a Grant to The Corporation of the City of Nanaimo of certain Lands in that City.
 (No. 95) An Act respecting the Practice of Physiotherapy and Massage.
 (No. 96) An Act to amend the "University Endowment Lands Administration Act."
 (No. 98) An Act to amend the "Petroleum and Natural-gas Act."
 (No. 99) An Act to amend the "Town Planning Act."

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

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you of your legislative duties and in closing the first session of the Twenty-first Parliament of British Columbia, I do so confident in the knowledge that the forward-looking measures that have been enacted will assist further to establish firmly that new era of prosperity and security for which my Government has so wisely planned. I wish also to express my sincere appreciation of the attentive manner with which you have addressed yourselves to the business of this House and the sincerity that has marked your deliberations.

The proceedings of this House have been marred by the unexpected death of the Honourable R. L. Maitland, K.C., who administered the portfolio of Attorney-General in so able a manner and whose wise counsel was so highly valued by my Government. The Legislature and the people alike have lost a great public servant, who devoted the greater part of his life to the interests of his fellow-men. I take this opportunity of extending my sincere sympathy and that of the people to the members of his family.

In order that public business might be carried on without undue delay or interruption, the immediate appointment of a successor became necessary. The choice of the Honourable Gordon S. Wismer, K.C., for the post of Attorney-General will be accepted, I feel sure, with general approval since he has administered this department so ably in the past and has an intimate knowledge of Dominion-Provincial affairs.

Amendment of the "Constitution Act" to provide for the appointment of two more Ministers will bring the personnel of the Executive Council to ten. It has long been recognized that the responsibilities now assumed by our public men are becoming ever more arduous. Increasing the membership of the Cabinet therefore should have the salutary effect of lightening the burden that has fallen all too heavily on a few.

I am gratified to observe that the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Cost of Education have been implemented, which will result in the raising of the standard of education and the lightening of the costs on real property.

It is also gratifying to note that facilities at the University of British Columbia have been expanded to include a Faculty of Law; that provision has been made for a pre-medical course, new buildings, and generous assistance in establishing temporary accommodation for ex-service personnel.

The appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into Provincial-Municipal spheres of responsibility I feel sure will be welcomed by the various cities, municipalities, and villages throughout the Province.

Likewise the decision to appoint a Royal Commission to examine the problems confronting the irrigation, drainage, and dyking districts will commend itself to those engaged in agriculture.

Increase in borrowing-power to \$20,000,000 for the British Columbia Power Commission will enable the carrying-out of an ambitious programme of rural electrification and power expansion which will stimulate development of the Province.

Expenditure of \$35,000,000 on important public works also will open up new country and resources, thereby creating a wider field of opportunities.

I am pleased to learn that it is my Government's intention to make a thorough and scientific survey of the potential resources contiguous to the proposed extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in order to ascertain if the necessary tonnage is available to justify the expenditure of \$20,000,000. In this respect, I am gratified to note it is proposed to make an immediate survey with a view to locating a satisfactory railway grade between Hudson Hope and Dawson Creek.

Adoption of many of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Forestry and assurance that other findings will be given careful study will be most acceptable to the people, particularly those interested in establishing this industry on a sustained-yield basis.

Amendments to labour legislation and the "Workmen's Compensation Act," thereby bringing about a shorter work-week, holidays with pay, and reduction in compensation payments by employees are measures which will prove beneficial to the great majority.

The careful attention given to the preparation of British Columbia's briefs presented to the Dominion-Provincial Conference has enabled the public to obtain a clear conception of the position occupied by the Province within Confederation and the fairness of the arguments submitted. I am hopeful that when the representatives of my Government attend the meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee to be held in Ottawa on April 25th, further progress toward a settlement of these important problems will result.

Further improvements have been made in British Columbia's financial position, particularly in connection with its credit rating, and the wisdom of reserving operating surpluses to finance long-deferred public works is now evident.

I thank you for the adequate provision you have made for the public services and believe that many benefits will result therefrom.

In relieving you of your labours, I trust the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your homes.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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