

Wednesday, March 19th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Brigadier *T. J. Milley*.

The Speaker announced that there was an error in the Votes and Proceedings of March 18th, 1958, on page 21 thereof, in that line 24, reading "by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted," was wrongly included and that this line will be deleted from the Journals.

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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting Public Schools," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 18th, 1958.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Sections 65, 139, 176, 197, and 249:—

To strike out section 65 and to substitute the following:—

"65. (1) The persons qualified to have their names entered on the list of electors in a municipality other than the City of Vancouver are the same as those persons qualified as electors under the 'Municipal Act,' and the provisions of Part II of the 'Municipal Act' apply mutatis mutandis.

"(2) The persons qualified to have their names entered on the list of electors in the City of Vancouver are the same as those persons qualified as electors under the 'Vancouver Charter,' and the provisions of Part I of the 'Vancouver Charter' apply mutatis mutandis."

To strike out subsection (7) of section 139.

To strike out the words "included within another school district, or where part of a school district becomes," in the first and second lines of section 176, and to substitute "or has become included within another school district, or where part of a school district becomes or has become."

To add the following to section 197 as subsections (12) and (13):—

"(12) Commencing with the calendar year 1959 the amount paid to the Board by the municipality under subsection (9) shall include an amount equivalent to all payments received by the municipality by way of grant in lieu of taxes for school purposes from the Government of Canada in the immediately preceding calendar year.

"(13) For the purpose of determining the amounts to be raised by taxation in each constituent part of a municipal school district, the value of land, and seventy-five per centum of the value of improvements situate in a municipality in the school district and owned by the Government of Canada and in respect of which grants in lieu of taxes for school purposes are paid by the Government of Canada to the municipality, shall be added to the assessed value of land and improvements in the municipality."

To add the following to section 249 as subsection (3):—

“(3) Sections 144, 145, 146, 147, and 148 come into force on a day to be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor by his Proclamation.”

*Ordered*, That the said Message, and amendments 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 that the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act respecting Public Schools,” a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to the Committee having in charge the said Bill (No. 66).

Resolution reported.

Report adopted.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Ordered* that the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘County Courts Act Amendment Act’” be discharged and the Bill dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*, it was *Ordered* that the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Stock-brands Act’” be discharged and the Bill dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Private Bills.”

Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act’” was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 74) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1954,’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Department of Public Works Act, 1955,’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Motor-vehicle Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Credit Unions Act’” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 87) intituled “An Act respecting Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen” was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Rules were suspended and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled “An Act for compensating the Families of Persons killed by Accidents” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for Prevention of Frauds" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Cemeteries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting Dental Technicians" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend and repeal certain Provisions and References in Statute Law" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting Public Schools."

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the debate was again adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (on behalf of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*), it was *Resolved*,—

That on Thursday, March 20th, and on all following days of the Session, there shall be three distinct sittings in each day—one from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

By leave of the House, the notice for introduction of a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Dental Technicians and Public Denture Society of British Columbia" was, on the motion of Mr. *Shelford*, withdrawn.

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* stated that, in his opinion, the reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Nimsick* should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House and thereupon presented such Return:—

1. Were the aeroplanes under the authority of the Department of Highways used for other than Government business during the year 1957?
2. If so, give details as to the personnel and purpose of each such trip?
3. Were all the passengers carried on these aeroplanes during 1957 travelling on Government business?
4. If not, what are the names of these passengers?
5. What is the flight log of the aeroplanes showing (a) destination and (b) names of passengers from January 1st, 1956, to December 31st, 1956, and from January 1st, 1957, to December 31st, 1957, respectively?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* (Minister of Labour) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

Mr. Speaker presented the Annual Report for 1956 of the Provincial Library, Provincial Archives, and Central Microfilm Bureau.

Mr. Shelford asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. (a) What mileage of new construction was completed to Department standards in the Fort George District east of Prince George in each of the years 1955, 1956, and 1957, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile?

2. (a) What was the total mileage constructed in the Fort George District west of Prince George in each of the years 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

3. (a) What mileage was constructed to standard requirements in the Omineca East District in each of the years 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

4. (a) What mileage was constructed to standard requirements in the Omineca West District in each of the years 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

5. (a) What mileage was constructed to standard requirements in the Skeena District in each of the years 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

6. (a) What mileage was constructed to standard requirements in the Prince Rupert District in each of the years 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

7. How many miles of reconstruction to standard requirements is contemplated for the year 1958 in the following districts: (a) Fort George District east of Prince George, (b) Fort George District west of Prince George, (c) Omineca East, (d) Omineca West, (e) Skeena, and (f) Prince Rupert?

8. How many miles of paving is contemplated for the year 1958 in the following districts: (a) Fort George District east of Prince George, (b) Fort George District west of Prince George, (c) Omineca East, (d) Omineca West, (e) Skeena, and (f) Prince Rupert?

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

“NOTES.—Costs are exclusive of paving and bridges; work on trunk highways only is considered standard.

“1. (a) and (b) Fort George District, east of Prince George: Cariboo Highway, 1955–56, 3.75 miles (day-labour), \$172,000, \$45,870 per mile; 1956–57 Contract No. 755, approximately 19 miles, Cale Creek to district boundary, is in progress, the expenditure to date has been approximately \$65,000 per mile.

“Northern Trans-Provincial Highway: Reconstruction, McBride area, 1955, 2 miles (day-labour), \$38,700, \$19,350 per mile; reconstruction, McBride area, 1956, 7.5 miles (day-labour), \$126,300, \$16,840 per mile; reconstruction, McBride area, 1957, 1.75 miles (day-labour) (and 5.1 miles cleared), \$97,842.83; construction, 1955, 1956, 1957, Lamming Mills west, Contracts Nos. 651 and 779, 11.85 miles, in progress; total expenditure to date, \$541,183.52. Construction, 1957, Contract No. 893, Tabor Lake east, 10.23 miles, has been started.

“In the past few years important work has also been done on the North Thompson Highway and present Northern Trans-Provincial in the vicinity of Giscome, Willow River, etc.

“2. (a) and (b) Fort George District, west of Prince George: Northern Trans-Provincial Highway: Reconstruction, Mile 3 to Mile 8, west of Prince George (5 miles). Day-labour, 1.8 miles, and cleared and grubbed, 3.2 miles; 1954 to 1957, \$208,000.

Contract No. 638, 3.2 miles, 1955-56, \$247,380.60. Totals, \$455,380.60; \$91,076 per mile for the 5 miles. Reconstruction, Contract No. 778 (Mile 7.8 to Mile 17.8, west of Prince George), 10.04 miles. Total expenditure to date in 1956 and 1957 is \$960,903.78, approximately \$96,000 per mile (not quite completed yet).

"Important work has also been done on the following highways in the past few years:—

"John Hart, new Nechako Bridge and approaches. Graveling for pavement north of Summit Lake, Mile 27 to Mile 43 (16 miles).

"Queen's Street, Cemetery, Prince George, 2 miles reconstruction.

"Pine Street, Prince George, reconstruction, 0.85 mile.

"Chief Lake Road, reconstruction and graveling.

"3. (a) and (b) Omineca East District, Northern Trans-Provincial Highway, day-labour reconstruction:—

"The section Endako to Vanderhoof, 45 miles, was reconstructed through the period 1952-57, inclusive. The average expenditure during this time was approximately \$32,000 per mile. (Nearly all the work was done from 1954 to 1957.)

"East of Vanderhoof, approximately 30 miles to Fort George boundary was mostly done before 1954, with some additional expenditures since that time. A 10-mile section is being constructed this year on another location, the cost to date being \$285,000 (not completed).

"Important work has also been done on the Vanderhoof-Stuart Lake Highway (Fort St. James).

"4. (a) and (b) Omineca West District, Northern Trans-Provincial Highway, day-labour reconstruction:—

"Burns Lake west (32 miles) and Houston west (20 miles) were done through the period 1952-57, inclusive. The average expenditure during this time was approximately \$31,000 per mile. (Nearly all the work was done from 1954 to 1957.)

"Contract No. 882, Burns Lake-Tintagel (7.66 miles), has been started.

"5. (a) and (b) Skeena East District, Northern Trans-Provincial Highway, day-labour reconstruction:—

"Smithers west to Beament (about 30 miles) and New Hazelton west to Skeena Crossing (about 24 miles) were done through the period 1952-57, inclusive. The average expenditure during this time was approximately \$21,000 per mile. Approximately 9 miles of clearing and widening work has been done on the Kitwanga-Pacific section.

"The New Hazelton-Old Hazelton Highway (5 miles) has been reconstructed and pulvimixed, and the Hazelton-Kitwanga Road has been reconstructed and gravelled (20 miles).

"5. (a) and (b) Skeena West District, Northern Trans-Provincial Highway, day-labour reconstruction:—

"1954, 1.7 miles, \$72,000; \$42,353 per mile.

"1955-56, 0.1 mile, rock bluffs, \$50,000; and riprap, 3.4 miles, Skeena-Kwinitza section, \$96,796.

"1956, 6.75 miles, \$42,572 (substandard, major improvement).

"1957 to December 31st, general improvements and surface graveling. Capital expenditure was \$116,457 (\$99,000 being west of Terrace). (Twenty-one miles were pulvimixed from the Prince Rupert boundary this year.) The Lakelse to Northern Trans-Provincial Highway section of the Kitimat-Terrace Highway was improved to carry the traffic until this section can be reconstructed.

"6. (a) and (b) Prince Rupert District, Northern Trans-Provincial Highway, day-labour reconstruction:—

" 1954, rock fill approach to Galloway Rapids Bridge and new turn-off road to Port Edwards, \$60,730.

" 1955, *nil*.

" 1956, gravelling, etc. (on substandard highway), for pulvimix paving, \$190,050.

" 1957, gravelling, etc. (on substandard highway), for pulvimix paving, \$30,000.

" Masset-Queen Charlotte City Road, day-labour construction and reconstruction. During period 1954-57 to date, construction between Masset and Port Clements is as follows: 17.6 miles completed, 4.1 miles almost completed, and 4.7 miles cleared. The expenditures have been: 1954, \$34,017; 1955, \$59,997; 1956, \$267,717; 1957, \$215,000 (approximately)."

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Did the building of the Nelson Bridge and approaches necessitate the moving or destruction of any houses?

2. If so, (a) how many and (b) who were the owners?

3. Were the owners compensated?

4. If so, what was the compensation in each case?

5. Were all settlements accepted those originally offered by the Government?

6. If not, on what basis were those settled that did not accept the original offer?

7. (a) What are the names of those not accepting the original offer, (b) what was the original offer in each case, and (c) what was the final agreement?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. (a) Twelve buildings; (b) Louis Coletti, Kenneth Douglas McRae, Ruby Blanche McRae, Margaret Bell, John Campbell, Carl R. Locatelli, Kate Clerihew, Mike and Dora Hadikin, Mildred Emilie Williamson, William Blackwell, Mildred Eva Jorgenson, and J. W. Ringrose.

" 3. Yes.

" 4. L. Coletti, \$9,550, \$11,250, and \$8,560; K. D. McRae *et al.*, \$12,275; M. Bell, \$12,000; J. Campbell, \$11,800; C. R. Locatelli, \$23,000; K. Clerihew, \$9,500; M. Hadikin *et al.*, \$5,500; M. E. Williamson, \$4,000; W. B. Jorgenson *et al.*, \$4,400; and J. W. Ringrose, \$15,500.

" 5. No.

" 6. By negotiation or arbitration.

" 7. (a) J. W. Ringrose and C. R. Locatelli; (b) \$13,000 with retention of building by owner and \$18,000 with retention of building by owner; and (c) \$15,500 includes building, \$23,000 includes building."

Mr. *Lundell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What has it cost each year to operate the ferry M.V. "Lardeau" in the period since the Department acquired the vessel?

2. What has been the revenue each year for the same period (a) between Arrowhead and Beaton and (b) between Arrowhead and Nakusp?

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

" 1. Cost: November 9th, 1955, to March 31st, 1956, \$54,133.67, and April 1st, 1956, to March 31st, 1957, \$85,274.58.

" 2. Breakdown of revenue, segregating (a) from (b) is not available. Over-all revenue: November 9th, 1955, to March 31st, 1956, \$6,642.06, and April 1st, 1956, to March 31st, 1957, \$34,704.98."

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

How much money was spent on construction or reconstruction on the Hudson Hope Road exclusive of bridges or snow-removal during the years 1955, 1956, and 1957?

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

“Fiscal year 1955–56: Reconstruction, \$5,000; maintenance, \$11,883.01. Fiscal year 1956–57: Reconstruction, \$4,400; maintenance, \$14,657.55. Fiscal year 1957–58: Reconstruction, \$3,500; maintenance, \$8,123.75.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 19th, 1958.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Rules were suspended and Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act respecting Dental Technicians” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Rules were suspended and Bill (No. 94) intituled “An Act to amend and repeal certain Provisions and References in the Statute Law” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act respecting Public Schools.”

The debate continued.

The Bill was read a second time unanimously.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, the Rules were suspended to permit the committing of the Bill forthwith.

The Bill was committed, reported complete with amendments, and, on the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, the Rules were suspended to permit consideration of the Bill as reported and reading the Bill forthwith.

On the motion for the third reading of the Bill, Mr. *Dowding* moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, that the Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act respecting Public Schools” be discharged and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House for reconsideration of subsection (3) of section 249.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

*Bryan*  
*Gregory*  
*Gibbs*  
*Cox*

*Squire*  
*Eddie*  
*Gargrave*  
*Dowding*

*Nimsick*  
*Haggen, Mrs.*  
*Harding*

*Strachan*  
*Turner*  
*Campbell*

## NAYS—31.

## Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Steacy</i>	<i>Massey</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	

## PAIR:

*Uphill, Mr.*                      *Brown, Mrs.*

On the motion that the Bill be read a third time, the House divided.

*Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

## YEAS—45.

## Messieurs

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

## PAIR:

*Brown, Mrs.*                      *Uphill, Mr.*

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the House reverted to the Orders of the Day, "Committee of Supply."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$360,852 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1959.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,658,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grants toward Cost of Education, to 31st March, 1959.

286. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$149,825 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1959.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,256,632.54 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1957, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on February 26th and 27th, and March 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th were taken as read and received.

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

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

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

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

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

- (1) \$5,256,632.54 to make good certain sums expended for the fiscal year ended the 31st day of March, 1957.
- (2) \$20,747,459 to supplement the moneys otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1958.
- (3) \$284,041,448 toward defraying the several charges and expenses for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1959.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 91) 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. 91) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

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

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Tisdalle* presented the report of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 19th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education begs leave to report that the following briefs and oral submissions have been received by your Committee according to the terms of reference: British Columbia Corrections Association; Juvenile Officer and Probation Officers, Vancouver; John Howard Society; Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Vancouver, T. V. Berry, president; Community Chest and Council of Vancouver; Haig-Brown; Elizabeth Fry Society of British Columbia; Borstal Association; Magistrate L. Beevor-Potts; Social Welfare Branch; Greater Victoria Community Welfare Council; Family and Children's Service, Victoria; Greater Victoria Detention Home; Professor W. G. Dickson, University of British Columbia; Victoria Police Department; New Westminster Police Department, P. M. Meehan, juvenile officer; Family Service Agency of Greater Vancouver; Parks and Public Recreation Board, Vancouver; Children's Aid Society of Vancouver; Boys' Clubs of Canada.

Whereas the aforementioned submissions have completely occupied the time of the Committee to date:

And whereas the submissions indicate the breadth and importance of the problems relating to juvenile delinquency:

And whereas it is essential that all aspects of the study be integrated and evaluated before final recommendations:

And whereas the Committee is in agreement that further consideration and investigation is warranted by the nature of the problem and social implications:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education recommends to the Legislative Assembly that a special committee, to include members of the present Committee, be established and authorized to conduct a continuing study and report its findings to the next Session of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. TISDALE, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

F. M. ROSS,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into Juvenile Delinquency," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*March 19th, 1958.*

*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. 97) intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into Juvenile Delinquency," 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 to permit the second reading of the Bill forthwith.

Bill read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended to permit the consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

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

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Price* presented the Report of the Special Committee to inquire into certain Demands of the Canadian Medical Association (British Columbia Division), as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 19th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed by resolution of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia dated March 3rd, 1958, to examine and inquire into all such matters and things pertaining to the demand by the Canadian Medical Association, British Columbia Division, for an increase in the *per capita* rate paid by the Government of the Province of British Columbia to the Canadian Medical Association, British Columbia Division, to provide medical care for welfare recipients, begs leave to report as follows:—

That the Special Committee is unable to make any recommendations or observations on this matter because of a lack of sufficient information. In order that further research may be undertaken into comparable plans, utilization, cost of providing the medical care per individual welfare recipient, and other related matters, your Special Committee recommends that a committee be appointed by the Legislature to continue this study and to report to the Executive Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BERT PRICE, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

F. M. ROSS,  
*Lieutenant-Governor*.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into Medical Care Rates for Welfare Recipients," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
March 19th, 1958.

*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 authorizing an Inquiry into Medical Care Rates for Welfare Recipients," 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 to permit the second reading of the Bill forthwith.

Bill read a second time.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended to permit the consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

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

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Price* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Labour, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 19th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Pursuant to Order, your Committee requested submissions from the Britannia Mining and Smelting Company Limited and the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers representing the employees.

Your Committee was told by the company:—

The mine was closed due to uneconomic operation caused by the low price for copper, a condition of world-wide significance, which had curtailed mining exploration all over the world.

Your Committee was told by the employees:—

- (1) The mining company closed the mine without notice.
- (2) Several hundred families live on the company property at the Britannia mine site.
- (3) Some families are without heat.
- (4) All families are without transportation.
- (5) Employees have offered full co-operation to your Committee and to negotiations with the mining company toward agreement that would reopen the mine.

Efforts by your Committee to bring about discussion between mine management and employee representatives toward agreement that would reopen the mine have not been successful to date because of the difficulty of getting replies from the parent company, the Howe Sound Company, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Your Committee must now wind up owing to imminent prorogation.

It recommends: (1) The Government continue the effort of the Committee to reopen the mine through negotiation between the company and its former employees; (2) some department of Government note conditions of employees remaining at the mine-site so as to avoid hardship and suffering.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BERT PRICE, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Asselstine* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

#### REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 19th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing begs to report as follows:—

Moved by Mr. *Gibbs*, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*, that we request the Comptroller-General to give detailed payments under each vote as in former years. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. *Gibbs*, seconded by Mr. *Harding*, that the Comptroller-General prepare same analysis of sinking funds and investments as formerly. Motion carried.

Your Committee held several meetings to peruse the accounts and is pleased to advise that all accounts examined were found in order.

Your Committee summoned Mr. Willard E. Ireland, Chairman of the Public Documents Committee, established by the "Public Documents Disposal Act," as amended by chapter 27 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1953, and, having heard the submission on behalf of the Public Documents Committee, recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the "Public Documents Disposal Act," approval be given for the destruction of the various public documents as listed in the submission of the Public Documents Committee in so far as the following departments of Government are concerned:—

Agriculture: Milk Board.

Attorney-General: Motor-vehicle Branch, Sheriff's Office (Vancouver), and Government Agent (Princeton).

Education: Chief Inspector of Schools and Educational Reference and School Service, Text-book Branch, Elementary Correspondence School.

Health and Welfare: Social Welfare Branch—Central Office and Child Welfare Division; Health Branch—Division of Venereal Disease Control, Division of Laboratories, Division of Vital Statistics, Central Office; and British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. ASSELSTINE, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Strachan* on the 5th instant, as follows:—

Resolved, That this House protests the actions of the Milk Board in eliminating the differential on the producer price of milk on Vancouver Island thereby reducing the financial return to the dairy-farmers of that area and that the Minister of Agriculture take this matter under immediate review to determine what action is required to assist the dairy-farmers of Vancouver Island.

The debate continued.

Mr. *Turner* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Haggen*,—

“That all words after the word ‘area,’ in the third line, be deleted.”

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived.

The motion was negatived.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Dowding* on the 5th instant, as follows:—

That the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education be authorized to examine briefs and submissions by the British Columbia Medical Association, the Canadian Mental Health Association (British Columbia Division), and other organizations and persons interested in the subject of mental health services and staffing of Provincial mental institutions and to report its finding to the House.

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Dowding* withdrew the motion.

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

That this House urge the Government of Canada to enter into consultation with the Governments of Japan, U.S.S.R., and the United States with a view to undertaking joint biological studies in the North Pacific Ocean in order to determine the origin of salmon frequenting these waters and to follow these studies by joint undertakings to implement sound conservation practices.

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

That the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, February 24th, 1958, be amended by deleting the following words on page 4:—

“Mr. *Gregory* asked leave of the House to make a statement of apology to the Minister of Highways.

“Leave was granted and a statement made.”

And substituting the following:—

“Mr. *Gregory* asked leave of the House to withdraw and correct an erroneous statement which he said he had inadvertently made when he spoke in the debate on February 10th.

“Leave was granted and Mr. *Gregory* made the following statement:—

“Near the conclusion of my address in the Budget debate, when I was speaking of the Government’s failure to act promptly on the Eversfield charges, I accused the Hon. the Minister of Highways of taking the honourable first member for North Vancouver aside in the corridor and trying to persuade him to act against the dictates of his conscience.

“I am satisfied that my accusation was based on a misapprehension of the true facts and I would like to apologize to the House and to the Minister for having fallen into error. The Minister did not try to persuade the honourable member to act against the dictates of his conscience in the corridor—he did it in one of the committee rooms.”

Mr. *Bruch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bate*,—

Whereas Fort Rodd Hill is now surplus National Defence Department property:

And whereas the Federal Government has the following established National historic parks: Prince of Wales Fort at Churchill, Man.; Fort Malden at Amherstburg, Ont.;

Fort Wellington at Prescott, Ont.; Fort Chambly at Chambly, Que.; Fort Lennox at St. Johns, Que.; Fort Beausejour at Sackville, N.B.; Fort Royal at Port Royal, N.S.; Fort Anne at Annapolis Royal, N.S.; and Fortress of Louisbourg at Louisbourg, N.S.:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House respectfully request the National Government to establish Fort Rodd Hill as a National historic park.

The motion was agreed to.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* moved, seconded by the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*,—

That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay to *Thomas Audley Bate* the sum of \$750 toward defraying expenses incurred by him on his attending the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference, held in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon, as a delegate from the British Columbia branch of the Association.

The motion was agreed to.

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

Be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Federal Government should accept increasing responsibility for, and subsidize where necessary, steamship and air transportation and communication along British Columbia's coast and British Columbia's north, with particular reference to the preservation of basic steamer services and the establishment of airstrips in otherwise isolated areas:

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

A debate arose.

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* moved in amendment,—

“ That the following be inserted between paragraphs 1 and 2 of the motion: ‘And be it further Resolved, That where highways can and should be constructed to eliminate such isolation resulting from loss of previous existing service, the Federal Government be asked to contribute full 50 per cent of such construction cost.’ ”

A debate arose.

The amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members.”

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Labour Relations Act’ ” a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act’ ” a debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—2.

Messieurs

*Gregory*

*Gibbs*

## NAYS—38.

## Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Steady</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Price</i>		

## PAIR:

*Uphill, Mr.**Brown, Mrs.*

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" a debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

## YEAS—12.

## Messieurs

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

## NAYS—27.

## Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Steady</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Massey</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Robinson</i>	

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) presented the Annual Report of the Director of Provincial Mental Health Services for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1957.

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

Regarding construction of Nine Mile Canyon Bridge, Mile 215.4, Trans-Canada Highway, Yale District, contract awarded to Manning Construction Limited for amount of \$175,250 as reported on page J 93 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57:—

1. Was any change made in the specifications between first call for tenders and second call for tenders?

2. If so, was the amount of work involved in this contract reduced?

3. What was the total sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?

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

" 1. No.

" 2. No change.

" 3. Contract not yet completed; paid to date, \$179,363.06."

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

1. Was the letter reading as follows from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, addressed to municipal and Provincial collectors and dated July 17th, 1957, sent with the knowledge of the Minister:—

Office of the Deputy Minister,  
Victoria, B.C., July 17th, 1957.

*To Municipal and Provincial Collectors:*

*Re "Provincial Home-owner Grant Act."*

Collectors generally have done a commendable job in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act. However, there does appear to be insufficient uniformity, when affording the tax credit, in the number of single sleeping or boarding-house rooms, permitted within a building primarily devoted by the resident owner to his ordinary domicile.

The question at issue here is, what is a logical, equitable, and readily administrable dividing line between a primarily residential dwelling (or dwelling-store fully occupied by the owner) and such residential buildings which have acquired a commercial income nature to be without the intent of the Act? Obviously the amount of money received by the owner from such operations in the form of rental and (or) ability to treat his property taxes as an expense of operation are relevant criteria.

For the first approximation, it was suggested at the Municipal Officers' Association May meeting that municipal boarding and rooming house licensing by-laws may provide the logical "measuring stick" or dividing line between a primarily residential or commercial rental operation. It has since been observed that there is a substantial variation in municipal rooming or boarding house licensing by-laws, insofar as the number of rented single rooms permitted without licensing required.

It has been decided that the Province will reimburse any municipality which affords the tax credit of up to \$28 on the current year property taxes where a resident owner, that is otherwise eligible under the Statute, is not renting more than three single sleeping or boarding house rooms. An owner occupying as "his household" an otherwise eligible residence, who rents part of his single housekeeping unit (or suite) will be deemed to be a non-commercial operation where not more than three rooms are so devoted (with or without plumbing and cooking facilities within the single room). Such eligible residences should be afforded the tax credit of up to \$28 on the current year property taxes thereon where the necessary application is completed.

Residences that have more than three single rooms rented should be deemed as having a sufficient commercial nature as to be without the intent of the Act.

The Comptroller-General will reimburse any municipality where the collector affords the tax credit under the circumstances outlined in this letter and such tax credits are included in the certificates to the Comptroller-General under section 14.

W. F. VEITCH,  
*Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance  
and Director of Tax Research.*

2. Under what authority was the direction contained in the letter given to collectors?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has the Government purchased any property for right-of-way for the Castlegar-Paulson Road?
2. If yes, (a) from whom was said property purchased and (b) what sums were paid for said property?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. All in Kootenay District: Part of Lot 11918, purchased from R. C. Gilker, \$224; part of West Half of North Half of District Lot 11917, purchased from E. P. Kazakoff, \$28; part of District Lot 12371, purchased from John Sherbiko, \$632.50; part of District Lot 11914, purchased from H. K. Andersen, \$300.75; part of District Lot 11913, purchased from P. J. Ostrom, \$49.50; part of District Lot 11912, purchased from Nora P. Plotnikoff, \$38.25; part of District Lot 12362, purchased from Percy T. Owles, \$94.50; part of District Lot 10431, purchased from Joseph F. Killough, \$2,460; part of District Lot 11351, purchased from Charles J. Sahlstrom, \$107.75; part of District Lot 8305, purchased from Theodore W. Sahlstrom, \$59; part of District Lot 7198, purchased from Frank J. Creegan, \$950; part of District Lot 7173, purchased from Nello Cristofoli and Alfeo Cristofoli, \$1,127; part of District Lot 7173, purchased from John Zucco, \$455; part of District Lot 7173, purchased from John J. Soberlak and Stephania Soberlak, \$650; part of District Lot 7173, purchased from Peggy Kuryluk, \$3,083; part of District Lot 7174, purchased from Molly Babaeff and Frederick Babaeff, \$200; part of District Lot 7174, purchased from Jake K. Friesen, \$50; part of District Lot 7174, purchased from Nick G. Hadekin and Marie Hadekin, \$90; part of District Lot 7174, purchased from Victor B. Goresky, \$4,452; and part of District Lot 12362, purchased from Village of Kinnaird, \$250.”

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

Regarding construction of pre-cast concrete-stringer units, Dewdney and Delta Districts, contract awarded to Superior Concrete Products Limited for amount of \$205,534.80 as reported on page J 93 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57:—

1. Was any change made in the specifications between first call for tenders and second call for tenders?
2. What was the final sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. \$205,534.80.”

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

Regarding construction of Condensery Bridge, Condensery Road, Comox District, contract awarded to Pacific Pile Driving Company Limited for amount of \$28,792 as reported on page J 94 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57:—

1. What was the total sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?
2. For what reason was tender submitted by Larsen & Grieve for amount of \$27,456.60 rejected?

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

“ 1. \$31,843.50.

“ 2. No list of equipment available submitted with tender.”

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

1. What is the cost to December 31st, 1957, of the southern extension—Squamish to North Vancouver—of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. What is the cost to December 31st, 1957, of the northern extension—Prince George to Fort St. John—Dawson Creek?
3. What is the current estimate of total cost of the completed northern extension?
4. Was an order given to engineers or contractors to stop work on the northern extension during the month of December, 1957, and, if so, what was the reason for halting the work?

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

“ 1. Road, including interest, \$14,810,928, and excluding interest, \$13,867,638; terminal facilities, including interest, \$2,615,193, and excluding interest, \$2,448,730.

“ 2. Including interest, \$55,941,986; excluding interest, \$50,816,356.

“ 3. Including interest to June 30th, 1959, \$67,775,000; excluding interest, \$58,489,000.

“ 4. It has always been the policy of the Construction Department to cease work a few days before Christmas for the annual holidays; this year the holidays commenced December 20th, 1957.”

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

With respect to the operation of subsections (2) and (3) of section 9 of the “Amusements Tax Act”:—

1. Does the authorized officer, when processing remission and refund applications, record the amount of tax moneys involved?
2. If so, for the year 1957, what was the gross tax returnable if no remissions or refunds were allowed?
3. What was the amount of money refunded and (or) remitted as a result of application allowed?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. See answer to No. 1.

“ 3. See answer to No. 1.”

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

Regarding Project No. 211, south approach, Nechako River Bridge (construction, 0.30 mile, and gravel-crushing), contract awarded to Ben Ginter Construction Company Limited for amount of \$226,965 as reported on page J 87 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956–57, what was the final sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?

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

“ Progress payments, \$236,549.16, and force account, \$11,241.17.”

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

What have been the total expenditures and operating costs of the Britannia–Wood-fibre Ferry, including ferry-slips and living accommodation for the ferry crew, between March 31st, 1957, and December 31st, 1957?

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

“ \$75,406.29 (includes \$10,500 paid to Harbour Navigation for charter services from Britannia to Vancouver).”

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

Regarding Project No. 687, Trans-Canada Highway, Malahat Chalet-Mill Bay section (reconstruction, 8.76 miles), contract awarded to Campbell-Bennett Limited for amount of \$834,713.10 as reported on page J 87 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57, what was the final sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?

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

“Progress payments, \$1,242,571.84, and force account, \$7,159.04.”

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

Regarding construction of Gabriola Island ferry-landing, Nanaimo-Islands District, contract awarded to Harbour Pile Driving Company Limited for amount of \$69,930.28 as reported on page J 95 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57, what was the total sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?

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

“Progress payments, \$81,208.48, and force account, \$2,031.”

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

Regarding Okanagan flood-control, Sections C 1 and B 3, clearing and grubbing, contract awarded to Interior Contracting Company Limited for amount of \$28,149 as reported on page J 91 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57, what was the final sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?

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

“\$36,433.65.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What was the cost of the official functions attending the opening of (a) the Oak Street Bridge, (b) the Nelson Bridge, (c) the Agassiz-Rosedale Bridge, (d) the Harrison River Bridge, and (e) the Pitt River Bridge?

2. Were the Richmond Board of Trade and the Marpole Chamber of Commerce paid for the decoration of floats, and, if so, how much was paid in each case and where was the money obtained?

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

“1. (a), (b), and (c) Nil; (d) \$450 grant-in-aid to Village Commission; and (e) nil.

“2. Nil.”

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

What is the amount of (a) principal and (b) interest pertaining to all school construction loans, included in the Provincial Estimates under the caption “Education—Grants, Operating Schools,” for each of the years 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56, 1956-57, and 1957-58?

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

“1953-54, \$154,864 principal and \$133,580 interest; 1954-55, \$919,000 principal and \$767,251 interest; 1955-56, \$1,953,005 principal and \$1,539,101 interest; 1956-57, \$2,181,339 principal and \$1,591,085 interest; 1957-58 (estimate), \$2,400,000 principal and \$1,650,000 interest.”

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

Regarding construction of Pass Creek Bridge, Southern Trans-Provincial Highway, Nelson-Creston District, contract awarded to Interior Contracting Company Limited for amount of \$95,258.70 as reported on page J 92 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57:—

1. What was the final sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?
2. Why was the tender submitted by Oglow Brothers Building & Supply Company Limited for amount of \$50,732 rejected?

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

“ 1. \$107,156.96.

“ 2. Application received to withdraw tender.”

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

1. What was the total cost, including land acquisition and access roads, of (a) the Oak Street-Middle Arm Bridge, (b) the Agassiz-Rosedale Bridge, and (c) the Nelson Bridge?

2. What sum has to this date been spent on (a) the Deas Tunnel, (b) the Second Narrows Bridge, and (c) the Kelowna-Westside Bridge and what is the estimated final cost in each case?

3. Since they were opened, what has been the monthly toll receipts at (a) the Agassiz-Rosedale Bridge, (b) the Oak Street Bridge, and (c) the Nelson Bridge?

4. During 1957, what were the monthly toll receipts on the Lions Gate Bridge?

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

“ Total cost (highway records only):—

“ 1. (a) Oak Street-Middle Arm Bridge, \$7,145,636.71; (b) Agassiz-Rosedale Bridge, \$4,331,453.54; and (c) Nelson Bridge, \$4,205,523.77.

“ 2. (a) Deas Tunnel: Expenditure to date, \$18,521,041.78; estimated cost, \$21,000,000. (b) Second Narrows Bridge: Expenditure to date, \$10,484,653.85; estimated cost, \$23,135,200. (c) Kelowna-Westside Bridge: Expenditure to date, \$6,480,185.37; estimated cost, \$8,450,000.

	Agassiz-Rosedale.	Oak Street.	Nelson.
“ 3. November, 1956 .....	\$12,400	-----	-----
December .....	7,139	-----	-----
January, 1957 .....	5,157	-----	-----
February .....	5,277	-----	-----
March .....	8,952	-----	-----
April .....	11,967	-----	-----
May .....	13,993	-----	-----
June .....	14,525	-----	-----
July .....	20,421	\$129,497	-----
August .....	18,528	91,499	-----
September .....	15,292	81,212	-----
October .....	10,498	74,298	-----
November .....	8,694	68,326	\$9,774
December .....	7,356	73,784	8,735

“ 4. January, 1957, \$121,516; February, 1957, \$111,078; March, 1957, \$136,813; April, 1957, \$136,861; May, 1957, \$142,750; June, 1957, \$150,453; July, 1957, \$155,797; August, 1957, \$159,898; September, 1957, \$154,829; October, 1957, \$134,907; November, 1957, \$135,620; and December, 1957, \$140,263.”

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

Regarding cleaning and painting Pattullo Bridge, Trans-Canada Highway, Mile 80.25, New Westminster, contract awarded to J. T. Devlin & Company Limited for amount of \$29,355 as reported on page J 92 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956–57, what was the final sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?

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

“\$29,355.”

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. How many (a) cars, (b) trucks, and (c) passengers were carried by the Nelson Ferry during the months, respectively, of November and December, 1956, and January, 1957?

2. How many (a) cars, (b) trucks, and (c) passengers made use of the Nelson Bridge during the following months, respectively, of November and December, 1957, and January, 1958?

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

“1. November, 1956, 27,098 cars, 7,752 trucks, and 44,323 passengers; December, 1956, 24,682 cars, 6,222 trucks, and 41,196 passengers; January, 1957, 22,255 cars, 6,631 trucks, and 37,662 passengers.

“2. November, 1957, 24,658 cars and 1,574 trucks; December, 1957, 31,585 cars and 1,969 trucks; January, 1958, 29,140 cars and 1,969 trucks; passengers, no count. All trucks under 4,000 pounds gross weight are included in (a). No passenger record kept since passengers are not required to pay tolls. November count is from date of bridge opening, November 7th.”

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

1. Has any department of the Provincial Government purchased any property in the vicinity of Trail to permit the construction of a new bridge across the Columbia River?

2. If yes, (a) from whom has such property been purchased and (b) what sums were paid for said property?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Lots 11, 12, and 13, Block 2, Trail City, Plan 465, purchased from Kootenay Investments Limited for \$35,000, and Lot 6, Block 2, Trail City, Plan 465, purchased from F. Nichols and J. Mauriello for \$7,500.”

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 2.07 a.m.

**Thursday, March 20th, 1958.**

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HALF PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, it was *Ordered* that the order for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" be discharged and the Bill dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Labour Relations Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-unions Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" a debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—34.

Messieurs

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act, 1956,'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Premier) presented the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

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

Did the Prime Minister announce some commitment on behalf of the Government in respect of the University of British Columbia when at the University on February 24th and, if so, what commitment did he announce?

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

"Yes; with respect to capital construction, the Government increased the matching grant, dollar for dollar, subscribed by citizens and industry of British Columbia to the University drive from \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000; this is over and above the \$10,000,000 unconditional grant."

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

Regarding construction of Marine Drive Overpass, Lions Gate Bridge, north approach, North Vancouver District, contract awarded to Moncrieff Construction Company Limited for amount of \$54,712.55 as reported on page J 92 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57:—

1. Was any change made in the specifications between first call for tenders and second call for tenders?

2. What was the final sum paid to this company for work done under this contract?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Progress payments, \$61,572.93, and force account, \$1,182.94."

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

1. In the year 1957, what was the approved salary grant scale and what teachers' salaries were actually paid in School District No. 61?

2. Were there any school districts paying teachers' salaries (a) equal to or (b) less than those set out in the approved salary grant scale?

3. If so, what were the districts?

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

"1. Salaries as per grant scale, \$2,638,028; teachers' salaries budgeted, \$3,120,677.

"2. (a) and (b) No.

"3. Not applicable."

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

1. How many Government liquor stores are there in British Columbia, where is each located, and what hours are they open for business?

2. Have any petitions been received by the Minister and (or) the Chairman of the Liquor Control Board concerning the opening of a Government liquor store in Oak Bay and, if so, how many signatories approved the opening of such a store and how many opposed it?

3. Have any such petitions been forwarded by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Oak Bay and, if so, how many favoured the opening of such a store and how many opposed it?

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

“ 1. 107; locations of which are published in price list. The hours they are open for business vary according to local conditions.

“ 2. Yes, with 1,923 signatories approving the opening of a Government liquor store, and 2,947 opposing such opening.

“ 3. Yes, 240 approved.”

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

Regarding Project No. 779, Northern Trans-Provincial Highway, Lamming Mills west (construction, 11.85 miles), contract awarded to Ben Ginter Construction Company Limited for amount of \$1,039,673 as reported on page J 89 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57:—

1. Was any change made in the specifications between first call for tenders and second call for tenders?

2. What was the final sum paid to Ben Ginter Construction Company Limited for work done under this contract?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Work still in progress.”

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

What was the estimated population of British Columbia at December 31st, 1953, and at December 31st, 1956?

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

“ These figures are available from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.”

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

1. What price per dozen is paid by the Liquor Control Board to breweries for bottled beer?

2. What price per barrel is paid by the Liquor Control Board to breweries for beer in barrels?

3. What price is charged per dozen by the Liquor Control Board to hotels and restaurants for bottled beer?

4. What price is charged per barrel by the Liquor Control Board when barrel beer is sold to hotels for resale in public houses?

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

“ See answer of the then Attorney-General in Journals of the Legislative Assembly, 1930, page 203.”

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

1. In the six months ended December 31st, 1957, how many bottles of vodka were specially ordered by customers of the Liquor Control Board?
2. In the six months immediately preceding the decision of the Liquor Control Board to carry Pym's No. 1 Cup, how many bottles were specially ordered by customers of the Liquor Control Board?
3. In the six months immediately preceding the decision of the Liquor Control Board to carry Pym's No. 5 Cup, how many bottles were specially ordered by customers of the Liquor Control Board?

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

- " 1. 17,544.
- " 2. 1,128.
- " 3. 384."

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

1. What election expenses were declared by the respective candidates of the political parties, pursuant to the " Elections Act," who ran in the three by-elections held in September of last year?
2. Did the central committees of the said parties declare election expenses incurred by them pursuant to the " Elections Act " for the said by-elections?
3. If so, what were they?

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

- " 1. Burnaby Electoral District: Social Credit, \$1,063.13; C.C.F., \$2,573.11; Liberal, \$5,569.44; Progressive Conservative, not filed. Cariboo Electoral District: Social Credit, \$509.72; C.C.F., \$940.40; Liberal, not filed; Progressive Conservative, \$418.25. Delta Electoral District: Social Credit, \$985.19; C.C.F., \$868.90; Liberal, \$2,165.37; Progressive Conservative, \$889.82; L.P.P., \$109.50; Independent, \$83.63.
- " 2 and 3. Yes. Social Credit, \$33,750.16; C.C.F., *nil*; Liberal, not filed; Progressive Conservative, \$13,920.87."

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

Regarding Project No. 780, West Coast Road (construction, 3.42 miles), as reported on page J 89 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57, what was total cost to the Provincial Government for completion of construction by day-labour which would have been covered by tender submitted by Tidewater Contracting Company Limited for amount of \$479,070?

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

" \$332,568.42 (now known as Project 808).

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

Regarding Project No. 750, Trans-Canada Highway, Cheam Creek-Twin Bridges section (reconstruction, 1.75 miles), contract awarded to G. & M. Construction Limited for amount of \$171,576 as reported on page J 88 of the Report of the Minister of Highways for the fiscal year 1956-57:—

1. Was any change made in the specifications between first call for tenders and second call for tenders?
2. What was the final sum paid to G. & M. Construction for work done under this contract?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. \$175,177.04."

At 11.50 o'clock a.m. the House recessed until 12 noon.

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

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

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Dogwood and Rhododendron Protection Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 4) An Act respecting Regulations.
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Evidence Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Magistrates Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Summary Convictions Act, 1955."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 10) An Act respecting Survivorship and Presumption of Death.
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to facilitate the Enforcement of Maintenance Orders.
- (No. 16) An Act respecting Law Stamps.
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Bulk Sales Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Foundation Act."
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Department of Recreation and Conservation Act."
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Power Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Mental Hospitals Act."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Schools for Mental Defectives Act."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Public Services Medical Plan Act."
- (No. 32) An Act respecting the Superannuation of Persons employed by Municipalities and certain other Public Bodies.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Hospital Construction Aid Tax Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Assistance Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to authorize the Province to guarantee certain Borrowings of Municipalities.
- (No. 37) An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline.
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Probate Fees Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Assessment Equalization Act, 1953."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Protection of Children Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 45) An Act respecting Dental Technicians.
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Police and Prisons Regulation Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Hairdressers Act."
- (No. 51) An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 52) An Act to incorporate British Columbia Life & Casualty Company.

- (No. 53) An Act to amend the "British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913."  
 (No. 54) An Act to amend the "Canadian Western Insurance Company Act, 1955."  
 (No. 55) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Charter."  
 (No. 62) An Act to provide Validation of Actions relating to Municipalities.  
 (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Adoption Act."  
 (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Cemeteries Act."  
 (No. 66) An Act respecting Public Schools.  
 (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Railway Act."  
 (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."  
 (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Naturopathic Physicians Act."  
 (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."  
 (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."  
 (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1954."  
 (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Greater Nanaimo Water District Act."  
 (No. 76) An Act to enable the Greater Nanaimo Water District to plan Sewerage and Drainage Systems.

*E. K. DeBeck*, Esq., Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."  
 (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Public Utilities Act."  
 (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Assignment of Book Accounts Act."  
 (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."  
 (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Department of Public Works Act, 1955."  
 (No. 82) An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia.  
 (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."  
 (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Credit Unions Act."  
 (No. 85) An Act to incorporate Parishes of The Ukrainian Catholic Church in British Columbia.  
 (No. 87) An Act respecting Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen.  
 (No. 88) An Act for compensating the Families of Persons killed by Accidents.  
 (No. 89) An Act for Prevention of Frauds.  
 (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Municipal Cemeteries Act."  
 (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Hospital Insurance Act."  
 (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Hospital Act."  
 (No. 94) An Act to amend and repeal certain Provisions and References in the Statute Law.  
 (No. 96) An Act authorizing an Inquiry into Medical Care Rates for Welfare Recipients.  
 (No. 97) An Act authorizing an Inquiry into Juvenile Delinquency.

His Honour was pleased, in Her 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 Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close

of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In closing the Second Session of the Twenty-fifth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to express my appreciation of the careful attention devoted to the business that has been presented for your consideration and of the sincerity that has marked your deliberations.

Of notable and major importance have been the following enactments:—

An Act to amend the "Forest Act."

An Act to authorize the Province to guarantee certain Borrowings to Municipalities.

The "Public Schools Act."

An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."

An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."

An Act respecting Superannuation of Persons employed by Municipalities and certain other Public Bodies.

An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."

An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."

These and many others will add to the well-being of our people.

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the Public Service, which will enable the continuation of my Government's programme throughout the coming year.

In closing this Session, I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

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

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

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

**L. H. SHANTZ, Speaker.**