

Friday, 24th March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Wm. Stevenson.

Mr. Pooley presented the Ninth and Tenth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 24th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time limit for presenting Bills to the House be extended to the 3rd day of April, 1916.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 24th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with. The Committee report that the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with in this case.

No. 7—For an Act incorporating the City of Port Mann.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

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

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Monday next, March 27th, to consider the Resolution.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Monday, March 27th, and on all following days to the close of the Session, there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 to 6 p.m., and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

Mr. M. A. Macdonald asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. To what amount have the bonds of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company been guaranteed by the Province—

(a.) Under chapter 34, 1912:

(b.) Under chapter 61, 1913:

(c.) Under subsection (a) of section 2, chapter 65, 1914:

(d.) Under subsection (b) of section 2, chapter 65, 1914:

(e.) Under subsection (c) of section 2, chapter 65, 1914?

2. What amount of money has been received from the sale of guaranteed bonds under the separate headings as in question 1?

3. What amount of guaranteed bonds (if any) have been hypothecated by the railway company under each heading as in question 1?

4. What amount of money (if any) has been received from the hypothecation of guaranteed bonds as per headings in question 1?

5. Have any unguaranteed bonds or capital stock of the company been sold or hypothecated or issued in payment as per section 31, chapter 36, Statutes of 1912? If the answer to question 5 is in the affirmative,—

6. What are the particulars in connection with such sale, hypothecation, or other disposal of such stocks or bonds?

7. Who are the directors or the provisional directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company?

7A. Who are the shareholders of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company?

8. Was the work of constructing the Pacific Great Eastern Railway done under contract?

9. If so, were public tenders invited?

10. Were contracts awarded to lowest tenderer?

11. If contracts were not let to lowest tenderer, what was the difference between lowest tenderer and price paid?

12. Who are or were the contractors?

12A. If contractors were companies or firms, what are the names of the shareholders of such company and the names of partners in such firms?

13. What was the contract price paid to each such contractor?

14. Were sub-contractors employed upon the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

15. If so, who were the sub-contractors?

16. What prices were paid to such sub-contractors?

17. If sub-contractors were employed, did such sub-contractors sublet to station-men?

18. If so, what prices were paid to such station-men?

19. If the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was not let by contract, how was such construction executed?

20. What precautions did the Government take to prevent over-expenditure?

21. Has any portion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway been damaged by wash-out, slides, or other causes?

22. If so, to what extent?

23. What is the mileage completely graded?

24. What mileage is partially graded?

25. What proportion of grading has been done on partially graded mileage?

26. What is the mileage of steel laid?

27. Upon what mileage is ballasting completed?

28. Has the Government Engineer reported as to what amount will be required to—

(a.) Complete the railway between Vancouver and Fort George?

(b.) Between Fort George and Peace River?

29. If so, will the Government immediately place copies of such report before the Members of the Legislature for their information?

30. If the Government Engineer has not reported as per question 28, how has the Government arrived at the amount of loan which it proposes to make to this railway company?

31. Were any persons appointed by the Government to check on behalf of the Government classifications as regards grading, quality of materials used, and the carrying-out of construction properly?

32. Were specifications as to the standard of construction prepared or approved of by the Government and furnished to contractors?

33. If so, will the Government immediately place copies of the same before the Members of the Legislature for their information?

34. Out of moneys derived (if any) from the sale of bonds, has any been paid by way of interest on such bonds?

35. If so, how much?

36. Has default taken place in payment of any interest due under said bonds?

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

"1. (a.) \$15,750,000, to be repayable July, 1942, and interest semi-annually at 4 per cent. per annum.

"(b.) Amended above guarantee, increasing rate of interest to 4½ per cent. per annum.

"(c.) \$1,050,000 as to principal, repayable July, 1942, and interest payable semi-annually at 4½ per cent. per annum.

"(d.) \$3,360,000 as to principal, repayable July, 1942, and interest payable semi-annually at 4½ per cent. per annum.

"(e.) Guarantee not yet given.

"2. From sale of securities (a) and (b), \$13,235,198.53; (c) no sale; (d) no sale.

"3. Hypothecated (a) and (b), \$1,515,195; hypothecated (c), \$1,050,000; hypothecated (d), \$3,360,000; total, \$5,925,195.

"4. Hypothecation of all securities mentioned made in respect of one loan, \$4,800,000, slightly more than 81 per cent. of par value of securities pledged.

"5. No.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. The directors are J. W. Stewart, D'Arcy Tate, Timothy Foley, E. F. White, and Frederick Wilson. For names of provisional directors *see* section 20, chapter 36, 1912.

"7A. Shareholders are Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, John W. Stewart, D'Arcy Tate, E. F. White, Frederick Wilson, and the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart.

"8. Yes.

"9. No.

"10. Answered by No. 9.

"11. Answered by No. 9.

"12. P. Welch is the contractor.

"12A. P. Welch individually.

"13. Contract was not let at a price per mile, but at unit prices for the various kinds of work performed and material moved.

"14. Yes.

"15. T. R. Nickson & Co.; Wilson & McCall; Wilson & Kennedy; G. Cunningham; McGillivray Bros.; McKenzie, Pearson & Co.; C. Mitchell; C. Jones; J. B. L. McDonald; Madden Bros.; J. Cronin; T. E. Cronin; P. Salvus; Burns, Jordan & Welch; Burns & Jordan; J. A. Welch; Welch & Kennedy; Welch & McPhee; Nicholson & Tamlick; Moran & Heckman; Moran; D. A. Rankin; Rankin & Kellett; R. A. Nicholson; McAlpine & Co.; R. E. Paget; A. J. McHugh; Freeburg & Stone; J. McLeod; N. McLeod; H. McLeod; Stewart Bros.; Shedy & Smith; Kullander & Smith; A. E. Griffin; H. E. Carleton.

"16. No information.

"17. Yes.

"18. No information.

"19. Answered by No. 8.

"20. Monthly inspection by the Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineer, and the checking of quantities.

"21. Yes.

"22. The last inspection, made last fall, placed the cost of repairing wash-out and removing slides at about \$25,000. Since then the bridge over the Kapilano River was washed out and has been repaired.

"23. 425 miles.

"24. None.

"25. Answered by No. 24.

"26. The mileage of steel laid is 177.1 miles.

"27. Partially ballasted and surfaced 156 miles.

"28. (a.) Yes. (b.) No.

"29. Yes.

"30. Answered by No. 28 (a).

"31. Yes, Chief Engineer of the Department and Assistant Engineer.

"32. The standard of construction is stated in subsection (b) of section 7 of the Schedule to chapter 34, 1912, which states that 'it shall be equal to the standard of the main line of the

Canadian Northern Railway as constructed between the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, and the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, as the condition of that line was when first completed and ready for operation.' The specifications furnished by the Chief Engineer of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company were adopted.

"33. A copy of the standard specification of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company will be furnished.

"34. No.

"35. Answered by No. 34.

"36. Yes; interest due January 15th, 1916, \$316,016.80, was paid by the Government."

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

Referring to the Balance Sheet of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1915, and to the item under the head of "Assets," namely: "Cash in banks and on special deposits, \$3,964,706.09,"—

1. How much of this amount is on special deposit?
2. For what purposes is such special deposit made?
3. Are the amounts so at special deposit available for payments authorized to be made out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province?

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

"1. \$2,388,030.96.

"2. In the purpose of securing a higher rate of interest than is procurable on ordinary current account.

"3. Yes."

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report to be considered at next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the City of Victoria and the British Columbia Telephone Company, Limited, and certain By-laws of the City of Victoria passed in connection therewith" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

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

Mr. Mackay presented the First Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 24th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Printing beg leave to report as follows:—

That your Committee recommend that the following Reports be printed:—

1. Report of the Provincial Board of Health.
2. Report of the Provincial Museum.
3. Report of the Chief Inspector of Machinery.
4. Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Home for Boys.
5. Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Home for Girls.
6. Report of the Provincial Game Warden.
7. Report of Mental Hospital.
8. Report of Botanical Office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NEIL F. MACKAY, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

And then the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Monday, 27th March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. T. Archbold.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution—"That a Supply be granted to His Majesty."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

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

That this House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

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

1. In what bank or banks were the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by "Canadian Northern Terminal Act, 1913," originally deposited?
2. Was there any transfer or transfers of the deposit or deposits or any part thereof to another bank or banks?
3. If so, to what banks and to what accounts in each case?
4. In what bank or banks are the proceeds now deposited?
5. Has any amount or amounts been paid out of said proceeds of said bonds since the 31st March, 1915?
6. What is the total amount now to the credit of the account or accounts with respect to said terminal bonds?
7. What amount in dollars of terminal bonds have been sold?

8. What is the net amount of money received as the proceeds of such sale?
 9. What amount of the money realized from the sale or by hypothecation of terminal bonds has been expended to date?
 10. For what purposes have such expenditures been made, with particulars in each case?
 11. Have any of the guaranteed terminal bonds been hypothecated; and, if so,—
 12. To what amount?
 13. Have any of the moneys realized from the sale or hypothecation of bonds been diverted to any purpose except those connected with terminals?

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

- "1. The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.
 "2. No.
 "3. Answered by No. 2.
 "4. The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.
 "5. \$176,145.13.
 "6. \$5,543,336.75.
 "7. \$8,614,000.00.
 "8. \$7,954,814.43.
 "9. \$2,411,477.68.
 "10. (*See Report below.*)
 "11. No.
 "12. Answered by No. 11.
 "13. No."

(Report.)

DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS, March 24th, 1916.

CANADIAN NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Terminals Expenditures to December 6th, 1915.

Port Mann—

Engineering construction	\$	14,737	48
Clearing		8,537	75
Grubbing		29,724	75
Grading		8,319	08
Culverts		1,486	32
Ties		2,866	90
Rails and fastenings, switches and frogs		17,787	16
Tracklaying		965	19
Ballasting		930	71
Piling to wharf		19,103	98
Superstructure to wharf		16,351	51
Roundhouses		88,631	28
Locomotive repair-shops		121,485	84
Bunk-houses		18,449	48
Warehouses		8,167	26
Sundry buildings		2,593	45
Real estate		193	46

Carried forward to Summary \$ 360,331 60

New Westminster—

Real estate sundry expenses	\$	2,872	60
Completed—			
(1.) Lots 11-15, parts 9 and 10, Blocks 7 and 51, 52 and 53		201,670	41
(2.) Lots 3, 4, and 5, Block M		55,084	50
(3.) Lot 2, Block M, and Lot 56		42,365	54

Carried forward \$ 301,993 05

<i>Brought forward</i>		\$ 301,993 05
New Westminster— <i>Concluded.</i>		
Completed— <i>Concluded.</i>		
(4.) E. ½ Lot 7, Block 7	22,433 53	
(5.) W. ½ Lot 7, Block 7	22,344 34	
(6.) Lot 5, Block 7	55,792 15	
(7.) Lot 2, Block 7	46,670 91	
(8.) Lot 3, Block 7	50,005 50	
(9.) N. part Lot 9, Block 7	29,050 11	
(10.) N.W. part Lot 4, Block 6	70,042 63	
(11.) Lot 10, Block M	21,534 29	
(12.) S. ½ Lot 1, Block 6	39,533 50	
(13.) Part Lot 2, Block 6	42,850 80	
(14.) Lot 1, Block M; Lot 16, Block 7	76,119 95	
(15.) Lot 8, Block 7	56,615 90	
(16.) Lot 6, Block 7	46,545 82	
(17.) S. ½ Lot 4, Block 6	76,687 25	
(18.) Royal City Mills	386,894 16	
(19.) Part Lot 1, Block 8	22,713 50	
(24.) Lots 1-8, part Lot 14, Block 9	73,856 26	
(25.) Royal City Mills, foreshore	112 00	
		<u>\$1,441,795 65</u>
Less rents collected	65,434 50	
		<u>\$1,376,361 15</u>
Vancouver—		
Engineering location	\$ 614 07	
Engineering construction	17,754 69	
Filling in False Creek	233,089 59	
Drainage and sewage	2,248 29	
Real estate	73,145 50	
Sea-wall	63 11	
Stations and freight-sheds	88 97	
Piling temporary tracks	2,159 18	
Ties	1,086 40	
		<u>\$ 330,249 80</u>
Steveston—		
Real estate—		
(6.) Parts Sections 7 and 8, Block 3 N.	\$ 138,248 12	
(8.) Part Section 8, Block 3 N., R. 5 W.	94,278 24	
(10.) Part Section 12, Block 3 N., R. 6 W.	70,019 62	
(11.) Part Section 12, Block 3 N., R. 6 W.	41,995 13	
		<u>\$ 344,541 11</u>
Patricia Bay—		
Engineering construction	\$ 1,752 96	
Wharf superstructure	35,677 80	
		<u>\$ 37,430 76</u>

Summary.

Port Mann	\$ 360,331 60
New Westminster	1,376,361 15
Vancouver	330,249 80
Steveston	344,541 11
Patricia Bay	37,430 76
	\$2,448,914 42
Drawbacks—	
Port Mann	\$13,105 40
Vancouver	21,180 50
Patricia Bay	3,150 84
	37,436 74
Amount of Estimates to December 6th, 1915	\$2,411,477 68

Errors and omissions excepted.

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

In reference to the Public Accounts for 1914-15, Vote 160,—

1. What rate of wages was paid to the workmen, and for team-work as men, termed under heading of "Pay-list labour and team-work, \$55,581.12?"
2. Did such wages include board for men and teams?
3. If not, were any deductions made on account of such board; and, if so, how much?

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

"1. Superintendents, \$200 per month and board; engineers, \$200, \$175, and \$160 per month and board; foremen, \$125, \$105, \$67.50, \$65, and \$60 per month and board; transitman, \$85 per month and board; cook, \$80 per month and board; cookee, \$50 per month and board; teamsters, \$60 per month and board; hook-tenders, \$5 per day and board; blacksmith, \$90 per month and board; blacksmith, \$4 per day, less board; powdermen, fallers, and buckers, \$3.40 per day, less board; rock-drillers, \$3.25 per day, less board; axemen, 40 cents per hour, less board; labourers, 40 cents and 35 cents per hour, less board; teamsters with their own teams, \$7 per day, less board.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Deductions for board amounted to \$11,142.89."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Are District Lots 1431, 939, 1432, 1433, Fort George Land Recording District, reserved from sale or settlement for Government purposes?
2. If so, when was such reservation made?
3. Since such reservation has been made has any application been received for a pre-emption record covering any portion of such lots?
4. If so, has any such application for a pre-emption record been granted?
5. If so, to whom has such pre-emption record been granted?
6. When was such pre-emption record (if any) granted?
7. What are the Government's reasons for granting such pre-emption record (if any)?

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

"1. The unoccupied lands in said lots are reserved.

"2. December 17th, 1908.

"3. No.

"4, 5, 6, and 7. Answered by No. 3.

"The Government Agent at Barkerville, on March 14th, 1908, issued Pre-emption Record No. 599 to Peter Roy, Jr. Following the gazettement of the survey of Lot 1433, Cariboo, it was ascertained said survey included said pre-emption. The lot was therefore occupied at the date of the reserve notice, and a Crown grant of the same was issued to the pre-emptor under date of January 11th, 1912."

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1917;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March, 1916;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

27th March, 1916.

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

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was adopted. Third reading at next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Statutes of 1915" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

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

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to validate certain Agreements between the City of Victoria and the British Columbia Telephone Company, Limited, and certain By-laws of the City of Victoria passed in connection therewith" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert to issue Annuity Instalment or Serial Bonds, instead of Sinking Fund Debentures; and to provide for the Financing of the said City, both Permanent and Temporary, with regard to Present Actual Indebtedness, and to Permanently Finance with regard to Authorized but not Actual Indebtedness" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Monday, 27th March, 1916.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Thomson*, seconded by Mr. *Watson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Return be granted of all correspondence between the Rev. John Mackay, D.D., Principal of Westminster Hall, and any member of the present or late Cabinet, relative to his pleading his cause to be made President of the British Columbia University.

Mr. *Pooley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Thomson*,—

Whereas an election was held in the City of Vancouver on the 26th day of February, 1916, in which Mr. M. A. Macdonald was elected a Member of this House for the Electoral District of Vancouver City, and an election was held in the City of Victoria on the 4th day of March, 1916, in which Mr. H. C. Brewster was elected a Member for the Electoral District of the City of Victoria :

And whereas the Returning Officers for the said electoral districts have not complied with the provisions of the "Provincial Elections Act":

And whereas said M. A. Macdonald and H. C. Brewster have occupied seats on the floor of the House since the 2nd day of March and the 7th day of March, 1916, respectively :

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. *Mackay*, *Miller*, *Place*, and the mover, to take into consideration the circumstances in connection therewith and report to this House what steps (if any) should be taken.

After debate, the motion, with leave of the House, was withdrawn.

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Is the Mr. J. P. Shaw (who is a member of the Indian Land Commission, and who according to the report of the Auditor-General of Canada, and the report of the Auditor-General of British Columbia, received payment for 365 days' services at \$20 per day from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915 (inclusive), and also received \$10 per day living allowance for the same period), the same Mr. J. P. Shaw who sits as a Member of this Legislature for Kamloops Electoral District?

2. Did the said Mr. J. P. Shaw sit as a Member of this House during the Session of 1915?

3. How much money did the said Mr. J. P. Shaw receive from the Treasury of this Province on account of his attendance at the Session of 1915?

4. During what period was this House in Session in 1915, and what number of days did it sit?

5. If it appears that the said Mr. J. P. Shaw has received payment for services and living allowances from the Dominion Treasury (one-half of which is paid from the Treasury of the Province of British Columbia) at the rate of \$30 per day, and also for a portion of the same time received indemnity and mileage on account of his attendance at a Session of this House, will this Government take any action to recover all or any portion of such moneys?

6. Are the members of the Indian Land Commission paid at the rate of \$20 per day for every day only on which they actually work, and are the said members paid a living allowance of \$10 per day for each day only on which they actually work?

7. Did the Indian Land Commission work every Sunday from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915; if not, why has the said J. P. Shaw been paid for 365 days during the said period from April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915?

8. If it appears that the said J. P. Shaw has received moneys for days on which he did not work, will this Government take any action to recover all or any portion of such moneys?

9. When will the Indian Land Commission complete its work?

10. Has this Government received any final or interim report, or copy of either thereof, issued by the Indian Land Commission; and, if so, will the Government place copies of such report before the Members of the House?

11. How much does the Province of British Columbia contribute to the cost of the Commission appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate Indian reservations in British Columbia?

12. What year was the Commission formed?

13. What has been the total cost to the British Columbia Government up to date?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Yes.

“3. \$1,600.

“4. Between 21st January, 1915, and 6th March, 1915. Total, forty days.

“5. This is a Federal Commission and payments are made by Federal authorities who pay the expenses of the Commission and afterwards ask the Provincial Government to recoup them as to its share. The matter of these payments will be brought to the attention of the Federal Department for them to take such action as they may think proper.

“6. Cannot answer this question as the matter is determined by the Federal Department.

“7. This information is in the hands of the Federal Department.

“8. Answered by No. 5.

“9. I am informed the Indian Land Commission will complete its work in about six weeks.

“10. This Government has received progress and interim reports from time to time. It might not be in the public interest to submit these to the House at the present time.

“11. One-half of the cost.

“12. May 19th, 1913.

“13. \$114,705.95.”

Mr. *Brewster* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Who are the shareholders of Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company?

2. Who are the directors of said company?

3. What company, firm, or individual is principal contractor for said Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company on the branch of said Canadian Northern Pacific Railway between Victoria and Port Alberni?

4. If a company or firm is principal contractor, what are the names of the shareholders in said company or partners in said firm?

5. Were any persons appointed by the Government to check, on behalf of the Government, classifications as regards grading, quality of materials used, and the carrying-out of construction properly?

6. Were specifications as to the standard of construction prepared or approved by the Government and supplied the railway company for the construction of said Victoria-Alberni branch?

7. If so, will the Government immediately place copies of same before the Members of the Legislature for their information?

8. On how many miles of line have construction operations been started on the said branch line between Victoria and Port Alberni?

9. How many miles of grading have been completed on this line?

10. How many miles of track (if any) have been laid on this line?

11. What amount of money (if any) will be required to complete the grading and bridging on the line on which construction of any kind has been started?

12. What amount of money will be required to lay track and put the line in condition to operate so far as now graded?

13. What amount of money has the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company paid to contractors for construction purposes on the whole line between Victoria and Port Alberni up to February 1st, 1916?

14. What amount of money has been released by the Government to the said railway company with respect to said Victoria-Alberni branch out of moneys the proceeds from sale of guaranteed bonds up to February 1st, 1916?

15. Has any estimate been made of the amount of depreciation caused by the stoppage of work on said branch line?

16. What is the amount of such depreciation?

17. With respect to this branch line, is it a fact that only approximately 55 per cent. of the work has been done and approximately 83 per cent. of the moneys guaranteed have been released to the railway company?

18. If so, has the Government taken any steps to secure the return of moneys so overpaid contrary to the provisions of the Act?

19. When does the said railway company intend to complete the construction of said Victoria-Alberni branch?

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

“1. No information.

“2. No information.

“3. A. J. McDonald; A. J. McDonald & Nettleton; Bruce & Bachbach Company; Grant, Smith & Company; Moore & Pethwick; and the Northern Construction Company.

“4. No information.

“5. The Chief Engineer of the Provincial Government. Messrs. E. T. Johnson and Alexander Ferguson were appointed by the Dominion Government.

“6. The standard of construction was that set forth in subsection (b) of section 7 of the Schedule to chapter 3, 1910, which states ‘that the road when completed and equipped shall in every respect be equal to the standard of the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway as constructed between the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, and the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, as the condition of that line was when first completed and ready for operation.’ The standard specification of the Canadian Northern Railway has been adopted throughout as a basis of construction.

“7. A copy of Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company’s specification will be laid on the table forthwith.

“8. 136½ miles.

“9. 130 miles.

“10. None.

“11. \$861,294.

“12. \$1,380,662 in addition to the sum mentioned in reply to question No. 11.

“13. \$4,100,105.66.

“14. \$2,879,259.34.

“15. Not necessary. An improvement has occurred in the condition of the embankments, as they have had time to solidify, and no shrinkage should occur after track is laid. Small slides and wash-outs have occurred in cuttings and embankments, but only what would have taken place if track had been laid. Generally, improvement by settlement of embankments far outbalances the slides and small wash-outs.

“16. Answered by No. 15.

“17. No. The work performed is 64½ per cent. of the total estimated cost of the work. The amount released is 58 per cent. of the total amount of the guaranteed bonds.

“18. No overpayment.

“19. As soon as financial conditions will permit.”

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

1. What salary did J. Wilmhurst (Road Superintendent for Comox District) receive during the year 1914?

2. What salary did J. Wilmhurst receive during the year 1915?

3. What salary did J. McLeod receive as Road Superintendent for Comox District for the year 1915?

4. How much money has been expended in Strathcona Park to date?

5. How much money was expended on Strathcona Park in the year 1914 and in the year 1915?

6. How much of the money expended on Strathcona Park for the years 1914 and 1915 was paid to the following:—

(a.) Campbell River Trading Company:

(b.) Willows Hotel:

(c.) Thulin Bros.:

(d.) Charles Thulin?

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

“ 1. 1914-15, \$1,859.

“ 2. 1915-16, \$1,760.

“ 3. 1915-16, \$1,350.

“ 4. \$349,039.05.

“ 5. 1914-15, \$96,937.49; 1915-16, \$7,881.60.

“ 6. (a.) Campbell River Trading Co., 1914-15, \$1,105.05; 1915-16, \$194.54. (b.) Willows Hotel, 1914-15, \$305.80; 1915-16, *nil*. (c.) Thulin Bros., 1914-15, *nil*; 1915-16, *nil*. (d.) Charles Thulin, 1914-15, *nil*; 1915-16, *nil*.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Hon. Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Bowser*, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.”

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Brewster*, adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

Tuesday, 28th March, 1916.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. A. de B. *Owen*.

Mr. *Pooley* presented the Eleventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 28th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments:—

Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to validate a By-law of the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, being ‘By-law for Temporarily Diverting Special By-law Moneys, 1916.’”

R. H. POOLEY, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the First Report from the Mining Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 24th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Mining beg leave to report as follows:—

That in order to facilitate and open up the Crown-granted mineral claims that have reverted to the Crown, your Committee respectfully suggest that the Government take into consideration this matter with a view to legislation to meet the difficulties which have arisen. Suggested as follows:—

An amendment to the "Taxation Act" in respect of Crown-granted mineral claims that are forfeited to the Crown:

Making such forfeited claim open to lease by any person for a period of one year on payment by the applicant of the lease of the sum of \$25, with the privilege of renewal for another year only upon payment of like sum:

Leases to be non-transferable and contain the right to purchase the ground leased at any time during the currency of the lease upon payment of all arrears of taxes, interest, and costs standing against such mineral claim:

The lessees to be required to observe the provisions of the "Taxation Act" with regard to current taxes during the existence of his lease.

WM. HUNTER, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented the Report of the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands for the year ending December 31st, 1915.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Ross*, Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" was adopted. Third reading at next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert to issue Annuity Instalment or Serial Bonds, instead of Sinking Fund Debentures; and to provide for the Financing of the said City, both Permanent and Temporary, with regard to Present Actual Indebtedness, and to Permanently Finance with regard to Authorized but not Actual Indebtedness" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

Tuesday, 28th March, 1916.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$798,612.53 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Interest, to 31st March, 1917.

The Committee reported the Resolution.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting of the House.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 29th March, 1916.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Wm. Kidd*.

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works presented a Return of all correspondence between the Rev. John Mackay, D.D., Principal of Westminster Hall, and any member of the present or late Cabinet.

Mr. Williams asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has the Government, under section 68 of the "Land Act," made any demand on the owners of the townsites of Anyox, Powell River, and Britannia to have the sites of said towns subdivided so that the Crown may secure possession of its reversionary quarter interest?

2. If not, for what reason has such demand not been made?

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

"1. No.

"2. The place known as 'Powell River' is located on Lot 450, Group 1, New Westminster District, acquired by Crown grant October 24th, 1878, which grant does not provide for a reconveyance of lots in event of subdivision. The right of the Crown to a reconveyance of a one-fourth interest in the lands on which the settlements of Britannia and Anyox are located is receiving the attention of the Government."

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

1. What was the total cost of the highway traffic bridge over the Pitt River (Dewdney District), including right-of-way and approaches?

2. Were tenders for the construction of this bridge advertised for?

3. If so, was the contract let to the lowest tenderer?

4. What was the contract price for the erection of this bridge?

5. What amount (if any) was paid for extras in connection with the erection of this bridge?

6. Who were the persons receiving the different amounts making up the total cost of the bridge?

7. And what was the consideration received in each case for such payments?

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

"1. \$453,823.49.

"2. Yes.

"3. Yes.

"4. Unit prices; cost to erect, \$418,909.99.

"5. \$9,968 for riprapping around piers.

"6. Canadian Pacific Railway, purchase of spans, \$66,578.72; Armstrong, Morrison & Co., moving spans and building bridge, supplying material for and grading approaches, \$362,803.20; C. W. Gamble, engineering, \$3,226.04; C. J. Jeffrey, engineering, \$1,490.51; M. Carmichael,

engineering, \$613.80; T. P. O'Farrell, engineering, \$71.85; Canadian General Electric Co., wiring, etc., \$689; Western Canada Power Co., cable, \$1,200; M. Bouchier, lumber, \$23.04; Electric Blue Print Co., blue-prints, \$1.20; Wilson, Son & Co., teams, \$16.76; Coquitlam Hardware Co., hardware, \$18.47; M. J. Knight & Co., hardware, \$5.50; M. Sharpe, hardware, \$9.60; Harrison & Co., transit repairs, \$35; J. Smith, gravel, \$9.58; Pitt River Lumber, purchase right-of-way, \$10,000; J. Cowdry, purchase right-of-way, \$2,000; R. Kennedy, purchase right-of-way, \$3,300; W. D. T. Godwin, services *re* right-of-way, \$765; McDougall, Long & McIntyre, professional services, \$105; C. W. Murray, survey, \$183.30. Graveling approaches: John Blaney, foreman, \$42.40; Gould & Routley, team, \$72.70; R. Gooding, team, \$37.80; Wilson & Son, team, \$37.80; Jones Tulley, team, \$34.90; T. Munt, team, \$32; D. Manning, team, \$10.87; R. H. Sharpe, team, \$26.10; John McMyn, team, \$69.60; W. R. McMyn, team, \$25.35; P. Sprout, team, \$13.05; John Hampton, grader, \$14.40; D. Blaney, team, \$46.50; J. Sharpe, team, \$40.50; E. Sharpe, team, \$42; Jas. McMyn, team, \$28.50; H. Sprout, team, \$19.50; H. Abercrombie, team, \$30; E. Callighan, team, \$4.50; E. Homfeld, grader, \$23.35; M. Sharpe, grader, \$11; L. Hutchison, grader, \$15.10.

"7. Answered by No. 6."

Mr. Brewster asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

What steps have been taken by the Provincial Government, during the last four years, in furtherance of the claim of the Province upon the Dominion Government for better terms?

The Hon. Mr. Bowser replied as follows:—

"As soon as possible after the session of the House of Commons at Ottawa, following upon the general election of 1911, as it was possible, the Commission, which came about as the result of years of agitation and the definite promise of the Right Honourable Sir Robert L. Borden while in opposition, was arranged for. Sir Richard McBride, then Premier, carried on the negotiations with the Premier of Canada, and terms of agreement were arrived at for the submission of the case for the Province. The preliminary arrangements necessarily occupied considerable time. A representative of the Government spent several months during the summer of 1912 gathering data, not available in the departments at Victoria, in the archives of several departments and in the Library at Ottawa. The entire case for the Province was prepared with as little delay as possible after the Commission had been appointed. According to the terms of the agreement already referred to, one Commissioner was to be appointed by the Dominion and one by the Province, and in case of these two failing to agree upon a third, the latter was to be appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Mr. Z. A. Lash, K.C., of Toronto, was named by the Dominion Government, and Mr. E. V. Bodwell, K.C., by the Provincial Government. These two Commissioners did not agree upon a third, and the Secretary of State for the Colonies was asked to name him.

"The Counsel retained for the Province were Mr. E. P. Davis, K.C., and Mr. Charles Wilson, K.C., Vancouver, and myself, *ex officio*, as Attorney-General. The Chief Counsel for the Dominion was Mr. J. E. Martin, K.C., Montreal. The Government submitted a stated case to Ottawa, which, following the usual legal practice, was referred to the Counsel for the Dominion in order that he might prepare a counter-statement.

"Naturally, a case covering so wide an historical field and involving so many statements of fact and constitutional considerations required some considerable time for reply. In the meantime negotiations were conducted between the Secretary of State at Ottawa and the Colonial Secretary in London, England, for the appointment of a suitable third Commissioner. It will be obvious that to obtain the services of an alert-minded, active man in judicial, diplomatic, or other official circles for the position was not an easy matter, as all such men were in service in some capacity. I was informed by my predecessor at the time that the names of several eminent men had been suggested from which to make a selection, when the war suddenly broke out. There were two obstacles in the way of proceeding after that. First, it would have appeared unseemly to have pressed claims against the Dominion during a period of war, when every nerve was strained in defending the Empire; and, second, the services of a suitable third Commissioner could not have been obtained for the reason that those eligible and desirable immediately devoted their services to war objects. In no way has the case of the Province been prejudiced by the delay, but rather strengthened by the fact, demonstrated since the outbreak of the war, that British Columbia, by reason of its geographical position and physical

conditions, has been unable to reap those incidental material advantages that have accrued to the part of Canada east of the Rocky Mountains. It will be remembered that one of the results of the efforts of the Government in connection with Better Terms was that the Province received \$1,000,000 as the outcome of the Interprovincial Conference at Ottawa in the fall of 1906 as a recognition of the special conditions which, on account of the physical configuration of the Province, unduly increase the cost of administration as compared with that of other Provinces."

Bill (No. 57) intitled "An Act to validate a By-law of the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver, being 'By-law for Temporarily Diverting Special By-law Moneys, 1916'" was read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$612,141.58 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Sinking Fund, to 31st March, 1917.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Premium and Exchange, to 31st March, 1917.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, Discount and Commission, to 31st March, 1917.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Lieutenant-Governor's Office, to 31st March, 1917.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Premier's Office, to 31st March, 1917.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$259,576 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Provincial Secretary's Department, to 31st March, 1917.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,856 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Mines, to 31st March, 1917.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$127,376 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Public Works, to 31st March, 1917.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,372 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Department of Railways, to 31st March, 1917.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$249,212 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government (Salaries), Government Agencies, to 31st March, 1917.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), Stipendiary Magistrates, to 31st March, 1917.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,128 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice (Salaries), County Gaols, to 31st March, 1917.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Sessional Salaries, to 31st March, 1917.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Indemnity to Members, to 31st March, 1917.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Mileage, to 31st March, 1917.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Registration of Voters, to 31st March, 1917.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Expenses of Elections, to 31st March, 1917.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Fees and expenses of Witnesses attending and giving evidence before Select Standing Committees, to 31st March, 1917.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation, Contingent Fund, to 31st March, 1917.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions (Maintenance), Bureau of Mines, to 31st March, 1917.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting of the House.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors in Active Service," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

29th March, 1916.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors in Active Service," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

29th March, 1916.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to provide Homesteads and Homestead Loans for Returned Soldiers," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at next sitting.

Mr. *Caven* presented the First Report from the Railway Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 29th, 1916.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways beg leave to report as follows:—

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the Nass and Skeena Rivers Railway Act, 1911."'

THOS. CAVEN, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.