Wednesday, November 23rd, 1938.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 23rd, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The undermentioned Bill was referred to your Committee.

Your Committee has considered the provisions of the said Bill favourably and recommends that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Sisters of Charity Act, 1892.'"

That your Committee further recommends that the fees paid by the promoters of the said Bill be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

Mr. *Perry* presented the Sixth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:---

REPORT NO. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 23rd, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs 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. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver Incorporation Act.'"

That your Committee recommends that the fee paid by the promoters of the abovementioned Bill be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

REPORT NO. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 23rd, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills begs 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. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'" All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was read and received.

H. G. PERRY, Chairman.

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

E. W. HAMBER, Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, November 23rd, 1938.

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. 23) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Horse-breeders' Registration and Lien Act," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 \$131,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1940.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940.

6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$8,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,704 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection, to 31st March, 1940.

9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$110,830 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,612 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1940.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, International, National, and Provincial Exhibits, to 31st March, 1940.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1940.

15. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs-Buildings, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

16. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$4,532.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Corporation of City of Victoria, to 31st March, 1940.

17. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Interior Provincial Fair Association, to 31st March, 1940.

18. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Chilliwack Agricultural Association, to 31st March, 1940.

19. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Kamloops Bull Sale, to 31st March, 1940.

20. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1940.

21. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1940.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rodent and Insect Pest Extermination, to 31st March, 1940.

23. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1940.

24. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Investigations and Extension—Expenses, to 31st March, 1940.

46. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,470 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1940.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

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

The Hon. Mr. Wismer presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

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

1. What number of game birds, if any, were purchased this year for the Game Department by Game Warden G. W. Williams (Abbotsford) from a farmer named J. Kazantzeff?

2. What number of such birds were raised and offered for sale to the Game Warden by the above named?

3. Were the numbers purchased proportionate to the number raised in comparison with purchases from other breeders? If not, why?

4. What was the minimum and maximum ages of birds taken from other breeders?

The Hon. Mr. Wismer replied as follows :---

"1. The Game Department has purchased to date during 1938, 177 pheasants from John Kazantzeff, of Abbotsford, B.C.

"2. As a result of a departmental investigation on September 8th, of this pheasant farmer's stock of some 700 birds, same were found to be not fit for purchase. The Department does not guarantee to buy pheasants, and retains the right to refuse any birds not considered suitable for liberation.

"3. In the circumstances, yes.

"4. The Department does not accept birds less than twelve weeks old. Breeding birds average one year old."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow. And then the House adjourned at 11.15 p.m.

Thursday, November 24th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Perry*, the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills were adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Sisters of Charity Act, 1892'" was *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Winch-Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Winch-Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. MacDonald-Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plant Protection Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Forester*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Two-platoon Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. H. E. Winch, the Order for the second reading of the following Bills was, in each case, discharged, and the Bills Ordered dropped from the Order Paper:—

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School for Boys Act.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School for Girls Act."

On the motion that Bill (No. 3) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *Cameron* that Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting Industrial Settlements" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:---

YEAS-8.

Guthrie			
	Shepherd	Uphill	Steeves, Mrs.
Cameron	Winch, E. E.	Telford	Winch, H. E.

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		NAYS-35.		
	Messieurs			
Henniger	Straith	Smith, Mrs.	Forester	
Bull	Paton	Perry	Connelly	
Braden	Bruhn	MacDonald	Murray	
Johnston	Maitland	Hart	Carson	
Finland	Anscomb	Pattullo	Asselstine	
Eyres	Kenney	Wismer	MacPherson	
Macintosh	Burns	Weir	Pearson	
King	Leary	Strachan	Gray	
LeBourdais	Gillis	Bryan		
		PAIRS:		

Messieurs

Putnam

Hunter

On the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act,' " the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-schools Regulation Act."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Withdrawal of certain Lands from Sale, Lease, Licence, Settlement, Occupancy, or Entry."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-breeders' Registration and Lien Act."

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,' and amending Acts."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to authorize the Transfer by the Province of the Old Fraser River Bridge" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Maitland, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

November 18th, 1938.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Mines Act,' " a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

> E. W. HAMBER, Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, November 18th, 1938.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Trade and Industry Act,' " a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,360 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Schools, to 31st March, 1940.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1940.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$119,660 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1940.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal Schools, to 31st March, 1940.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,011 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1940.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,310,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1940.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$165,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Erection of New Buildings, Maintenance and Repairs of School Buildings, Special Aid to School Districts, and Desks for Rural Schools, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

57. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March, 1940.

58. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Tests; High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1940.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1940.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1940.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1940.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Official Trustee, Community School Districts, to 31st March, 1940.

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

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

1. What action (if any) has been taken to prevent use of poison by trappers since Game Commission Report of 1936?

2. What action (if any) has been taken since 1936 to prevent the sale of tanned moosehides to and by fur-traders, as prohibited by the "Game Act"?

The Hon. Mr. Wismer replied as follows :----

"1. Every possible step has been taken to prevent the use of poison by trappers in every section of the Province. Investigations have been conducted in regard to a number of complaints of poison being purchased and allegedly used, but sufficient information has not been obtained that would warrant laying charges under the 'Game Act.'

"2. Under present 'Game Act' it is not illegal to sell tanned moose-hides, but all such sales are carefully checked by the Game Department to see that no irregularities occur with respect to same."

Mr. Paton asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions :--

1. What was the total Governmental expenditure for advertising in daily newspapers during the last fiscal year?

2. What was the total Governmental expenditure for advertising in weekly newspapers during the last fiscal year?

3. What was the total Governmental expenditure for advertising in monthly magazines and periodicals during the last fiscal year?

"1. \$29,832.63.

" 2. \$12,852.65.

" 3. \$13.036.84."

Mr. Eyres asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions :--

1. Do the oil companies of British Columbia retain a percentage of the gas tax collected? 2. If so, what percentage?

3. How much did that percentage amount to during 1937?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:-

"1 and 2. The Government of the Province pays oil companies a 2-per-cent. commission for revenue collections effected by them on account of gasoline tax.

"3. \$70,622.50."

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

1. What action (if any) has been taken since the Game Commission Report of 1936 to prevent poaching on registered trap-lines?

2. What action (if any) has been taken since 1936 to restock potential beaver-grounds? The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* replied as follows:—

"1. The 'Game Act' was amended in 1935, making the penalty to be imposed upon any one found poaching on another's trap-line not less than \$100. This has been a great deterrent against such poaching.

"2. The following number of live beaver have been trapped during the years mentioned on the Bowron Lake Game Reserve and transplanted in the sections of the Province referred to, where assurance was given that they would be rigidly protected: September 14th, 1936, Queen Charlotte Islands, 6; September 14th, 1936, Merritt, 4; September 16th, 1936, Quesnel, 3; September 28th, 1936, Merritt, 4; October 16th, 1936, Lower Nicola, 3; September 4th, 1937, Lac la Hache, 2; September 4th, 1937, Bowron Lake, 2; September 10th, 1937, Pasulko (Dead) Lake, Lillooet, 4.

"NOTE.—Owing to changing levels of water successful trapping seriously curtailed.

"August 17th, 1938, Williams Lake, 7; August 26th, 1938, Clinton, 4; September 15th, 1938, Kamloops, 4; September 17th, 1938, Clinton, 4; November 6th, 1938, Courtenay, 1.

"Note.—The beaver trapped at Courtenay was found doing damage and was taken alive and liberated in another portion of the district.

"In 1934, 8 beaver, and in 1935, 25 beaver were trapped alive on the Bowron Lake Game Reserve and liberated in various suitable areas in the Province."

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

1. What steps (if any) have been taken since 1936 for better supervision and protection of trap-lines?

2. Have additional Game Wardens in the northern area of the Province been appointed, as recommended by the Game Commission Report for 1936-37?

3. If yes, how many?

The Hon. Mr. Wismer replied as follows:-

"1. Careful and continuous patrol-work has been undertaken in regard to supervision and protection of trap-lines. Since January 1st, 1936, a number of prosecutions have taken place in respect to various phases of trapping, as noted hereunder.

1936.	Total Cases		Gaol Sentences.
Interfering (poaching) on trap-line	17	\$150.00	3
Trapping without a licence		100.00	1
Trapping during close season		90.00	
Trapping on unregistered trap-line	1	10.00	
1937.			
Interfering (poaching) on trap-line	28	720.00	11
Trapping without a licence	27	165.00	2
Trapping during close season	15	105.00	3
Trapping on unregistered trap-line		10.00	2
1938.			
Interfering (poaching) on trap-line	14	110.00	3
Trapping without a licence	25	152.00	4
Trapping during close season	4	30.00	1
Baiting traps with game birds		Suspended	sentence.
Trapping on game reserve	1	Suspended	sentence.
Molesting beaver-houses	6	40.00	2
Note.—1938 returns incomplete.			

"2. No. Reason: Insufficient funds, but extra equipment such as a patrol-boat at Prince Rupert has been supplied.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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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 5.32 p.m.

Thursday, November 24th, 1938.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer-Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Commodities Retail Sales Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer-Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer—Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act.'"

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference—Remuneration, fees, and expenses, to 31st March, 1940.

64. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$78,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1940.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1940.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Curriculum Revision and Educational Research, to 31st March, 1940.

67. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1940.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$426,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1940.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1940.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,190 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1940.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Probate and Succession Duties Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$84,106 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$134,692 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1940.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$692,777 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,190 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

79. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Suitors' Funds Deposits, to 31st March, 1940.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent Extra-municipal School Taxes, to 31st March, 1940.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1940.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grant to City of Greenwood, to 31st March, 1940.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grant to City of Rossland, to 31st March, 1940.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1940.

27. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$24,061 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,785 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

29. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1940. 31. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$25,681 be granted to His Majesty to defray the

expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1940. 32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the

expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1940. 33. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the

expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1940.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$122,654 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1940.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,465 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1940.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$209,946 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1940.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$238,137 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

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

On the order being called for the notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. Steeves as follows:---

Whereas a brief was presented by the Government of British Columbia to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations:

And whereas the above-mentioned brief wholly failed to take into account the changing economic requirements of modern times and the necessity of reconstituting Canada on a firm national basis for the purpose of using the national wealth to satisfy human needs:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly regrets the unconstructive and parochial character of the brief presented by the Government to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations.

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And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that any future representations made by the Government to the above-mentioned Commission should be based on the principle of planned national reconstruction.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. Pattullo on the 23rd instant:—

Honourable Members,—A point of order was raised with reference to motion No. 4, standing in the name of the honourable member for North Vancouver.

The motion is, in part, to the effect "That this House is of the opinion that any future representations made by the Government to the above-mentioned Commission should be based on the principle of planned national reconstruction."

The motion therefore urges that the Government in its future representations to the Rowell Commission follow a certain policy.

The motion is therefore a mandatory motion dictating Government policy, and as such may not be moved by a private member. (*See* the authorities referred to in Mr. Speaker Perry's decision, Journals of the House, March 12th, 1936.)

As the motion is out of order on this ground, it is unnecessary to consider any other point of order raised, such as that it cites a document not before the House.

N. W. WHITTAKER, Speaker.

Mr. Paton asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

1. Has the new highway over the Bergstrom Road to the Peace Arch portal at Blaine an official name?

2. If yes, what is the name?

3. Has the Department restricted the indiscriminate placing of signs and billboards on the road allowance and on property abutting the highway?

4. What action is being taken to prevent deterioration of highway by the indiscriminate advent of commercial buildings alongside or "ribbon" development?

5. Is it the intention to make this artery a freeway for rapid communication between the boundary and New Westminster, prohibiting access to the road except at specially designated intersections?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. Peace Arch Highway.

"3. (a.) Yes, within the highway right-of-way. (b.) The Department has no jurisdiction over private property in this respect.

"4. See No. 3 (b).

"5. Future traffic conditions will determine the Department's policy."

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.38 p.m.

Friday, November 25th, 1938.

Prayers by the Rev. A. E. G. Hendy.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Sisters of Charity Act, 1892.'"

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act.'"

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plant Protection Act.'"

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Mines Act."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Trade and Industry Act.'"

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Commodities Retail Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934.'"

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Anscomb*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$94,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1940.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1940.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1940.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds (Bounties, Salaries, and Expenses), to 31st March, 1940.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1940.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, After-care of Youthful Offenders (Salaries and Expenses), to 31st March, 1940.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1940.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,612 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1940.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,118 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1940.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries to 31st March, 1940.

85. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$15,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1940.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

89. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

90. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Safety Branch, Lumber Industry, to 31st March, 1940.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

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

Mr. Paton asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:----

1. Was any work done on the Hedley-Nickel Plate Road this season?

2. If so, what, and at what cost?

3. Were tenders called for the work?

4. Was the work done from Government funds?

5. If no, what was their source?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:-

"1. Yes; by day labour.

"2. From Mile 17 on Hedley-Keremeos Road to junction of private road to Canty Mine; widening, ditching, additional culverts, and gravelling, \$2,295. From Mile 8.33 to Mile 10.33; widening, installing culverts, and slashing, \$1,000.

"3. No.

"4 and 5. Yes; Dominion-Provincial agreement (mining roads)."

Mr. Cameron asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:-

1. Is the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company exempted from the payment of timber royalties in respect of the tract of land granted under chapter 14, 47 Victoria, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia?

2. If yes, by what authority is it so exempted?

3. If no, then what amount in royalties has been paid since the passage of the "Forest Act" in 1912?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. No statutory provision for royalty reservation in force at time of alienation.

"3. Answered by Nos. 1 and 2."

Mr. Paton asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

1. Was any work done on the road from the Nickel Plate or Kelowna Exploration Mine to the Canty Mine?

2. If yes, what did it cost?

3. If yes, were tenders called for the work?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows :----

"1. No.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Monday, November 28th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Perry* rose to a question of privilege with regard to an editorial in a certain newspaper, and moved, seconded by Mrs. *Smith*,—

That this Legislature regrets the publication of the editorial in the newspaper mentioned.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

With reference to the same article, Mr. Speaker read the following statement:----

"No exception could be taken to an attack in the Press upon a political party or upon a Government dealing with the conduct of public affairs.

"But the editorial in question does not raise a question of party or of policy.

"It charges Speakers of this Legislature in recent years with partisanship and makes reference to what it is pleased to call 'the progressive decadence of the membership.'

"To quote from a recognized authority on parliamentary practice:---

"' The Speaker is the representative of the House itself, in its powers, its proceedings, and its dignity.'

"Any reflection, therefore, on the Speaker is a reflection on the House itself, and is, moreover, a reflection on our democratic system of Government under which the Speaker is elected by the representatives of the people themselves.

"The freedom of the Press is a precious thing, but newspapers have a responsibility not to exercise that freedom in such a manner as to bring into contempt our democratic institutions and system of government. Particularly is this so at the present time, when our democratic ideals have been attacked as never before, both within and without our own country. It is regrettable that the journal which published this editorial should have failed to take this responsibility seriously.

"In view of the fact that the House, although realizing the gravity of the offence, has not expressed a wish to take any drastic action such as calling the author of the article before the Bar of the House, I think the House is entitled to expect that the newspaper will publicly retract."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act '" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Bill read a second time on the following division:-

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Braden	Kenney	Pattullo	Tupper
Johnston	Burns	Wismer	Asselstine
King	Leary	Weir	MacPherson
Crone	Smith, Mrs.	Strachan	Pearson
LeBourdais	Perry	Forester	Gray
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To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to authorize the Transfer by the Province of the Old Fraser River Bridge."

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The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and Ordered to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and Ordered to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apprenticeship Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-schools Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Withdrawal of certain Lands from Sale, Lease, Licence, Settlement, Occupancy, or Entry " was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-breeders' Registration and Lien Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) initialed "An Act to amend 'The Sisters of Charity Act, 1892'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Food Products Minimum Loss Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Maitland, it was Resolved,-

That this House learns with deep regret of the death of the Hon. J. Fordham Johnson, former Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, and desires to extend to his widow and members of his family its most sincere sympathy.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the above Resolution by a silent standing vote.

Pursuant to the following Order of the House, passed on the 23rd instant, the Hon. Mr. Pearson presented a Return:---

That an Order of the House be granted for Returns to be made by the Minister of Labour of all orders or circulars issued by the Provincial Relief Administration to municipal relief authorities and (or) Provincial Relief Administrators and Investigators from June, 1937, to date.

Mr. Hunter asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions :--

1. Has any new equipment been purchased for the King's Printer this year?

2. If so, does it include a new linotype machine purchased last spring?

3. If yes, what price was paid for the new linotype machine?

The Hon. Mr. Weir replied as follows :----

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Net price, \$6,222.87."

Mr. Paton asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:-

1. Was any agreement entered into between the Government and the Great Northern Railway Company in respect of the operations between Hedley and Princeton?

2. If yes, give particulars.

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:---

"1 and 2. No."

Mr. Guthrie asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:-

How many persons are in receipt of relief in the Province at the present time?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:----

"For the month of October, 1938, 54,793 individuals, including 8,272 individuals segregated as unemployable."

Mr. Paton asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:----

1. Was the Court-house at Richfield repaired by the Provincial Government during the last ten years?

2. If yes, when was the work done, what was the nature, and at what cost?

3. If yes, has provision been made for maintenance and care since repair?

4. When was it first constructed?

5. Has it a historic value?

6. If yes, give particulars.

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. 1929. Reshingling roof, renew window-glass, repair steps, foundations, and walls. \$783.

"3. Yes.

"4. 1869.

"5. Yes.

"6. Oldest Court-house in the Province, and was used by the first Chief Justice, Mr. Begbie."

Mr. Bruhn asked the Hon. the Commissioner of Fisheries the following questions:-

1. How many herring-salteries are there in British Columbia?

2. How many salteries are now licensed?

3. How many are situated on Crown foreshore?

4. How many owned the foreshore on which the salteries are erected?

5. How many have a lease on Crown lands?

6. What number, if any, are "squatting "?

7. How many of these salteries are owned by Japanese?

8. How many are owned by Canadian holding companies representing Japanese interests?

9. What taxes are paid by these salteries?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:---

"1 and 2. If these questions mean how many plants are equipped to operate only as herring-salteries, this question is difficult to answer. Herring-salteries do not always operate only as such, but may be operated in conjunction with other plants, such as canneries, salmonsalteries, etc. During the current season two herring dry-salteries have been licensed to operate by the Provincial Department of Fisheries. There are approximately twelve plants owned as herring-salteries in British Columbia which have operated as such in past years, in addition to which numerous canneries and plants of other categories have also been licensed as herring-salteries.

"3, 4, 5, and 6. Information not available in the Department of Fisheries.

"7. The herring-saltery licences issued in the current season are to Tanaka & Company, Limited, and the Pacific Sea Products Exporters, Limited, both registered British Columbia Companies, presumably owned by Japanese.

"8. Information not available in the Department of Fisheries.

"9. Information not available in the Department of Fisheries."

Mr. Hunter asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. Did Dr. Allon Peebles make a tour to investigate health insurance?

2. If so, upon what date did he leave and upon what date did he return?

3. What countries and places did he visit?

4. How long was he in each particular country visited?

5. What was the total expense of his tour to the Province?

The Hon. Mr. Weir replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

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"2. Left March 1st, 1938, and returned June 10th, 1938.

"3 and 4. Canada (Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal) and United States (Chicago, Ann Arbor, New York City, and Washington, D.C.), twenty-seven days; England (London), twenty-one days; Scotland (Edinburgh and Glasgow), three days; Switzerland (Geneva), five days; France (Paris), eleven days; Czechoslovakia (Prague), seven days; Denmark (Copenhagen), six days; Norway (Oslo), six days.

"5. \$1,500."

Mr. Eyres asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:----

1. In the recent milk producers' ballot taken, what constituted, or was, the definition of "producer"?

2. Does a man with one cow and an unsanitary barn have the same vote as a man with thirty cows and an up-to-date sanitary barn?

3. Who issued the regulations outlining and controlling the ballot?

The Hon. Mr. MacDonald replied as follows:-

"1. 'Producer' as defined in the scheme and registered with the Lower Mainland Dairy Products Board.

"2. Only producers conforming with the regulations under the 'British Columbia Milk Act' and registered under the 'Milk Marketing Scheme of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia' are entitled to vote.

"3. The Lower Mainland Dairy Products Board under the supervision of the Provincial Marketing Board."

Mr. Hunter asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:----

1. (a.) How many officers and other employees at Tranquille Sanatorium have been dismissed since December 1st, 1933? (b.) What position did they occupy?

2. (a.) How many officials or other employees at Tranquille Sanatorium Farm have been dismissed since December 1st, 1937? (b.) What position did they hold?

The Hon. Mr. Weir replied as follows:-

"1. (a) and (b). Fourteen employees, as follows: Two nurses, three orderlies and cleaners, seven diet-kitchen staff, one pharmacy assistant, one office staff.

"2. (a) and (b). None."

Mr. Guthrie asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question :---

What is the total number in receipt of assistance from the Welfare Fund at the present time?

The Hon. Mr. Weir replied as follows:-

"As at October 31st, 1938, there were 2,111 cases (Vote No. 139)."

Mr. Paton asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:-1. What steps are being taken by the Government to mark the various points of historic interest on the Cariboo Highway for the information of tourists and others?

2. What steps are being taken to make the public of this Province aware of its history in order that they may be in a position to pass the information along to visitors?

The Hon. Mr. Asselstine replied as follows:-

"1. Matter under consideration.

"2. Same as No. 1."

Mr. Eyres asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :---

1. Were any farmers assisted in the Chilliwack Riding through the "Assistance to Settlers' Plan "?

2. If any, how many?

3. What was the total amount of help given?

The Hon. Mr. MacDonald replied as follows :---

"1. Yes. This policy is under administration of Relief Branch of the Department of Labour.

"2. Fifteen at September 30th, 1938.

"3. Agricultural assistance, \$1,559.56; subsistence allowance, \$729.56."

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 5.40 p.m.

Monday, November 28th, 1938.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,553 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Employment Service, to 31st March, 1940.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,645 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940.

95. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$509,650.68 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Salaries, to 31st March, 1940.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1940.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$154,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including Administration, Maintenance of Buildings, Launches, Autos, and other Equipment, etc.), to 31st March, 1940.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1940.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March, 1940.

100. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance and Cruising, to 31st March, 1940.

101. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1940.

102. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$43,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1940.

103. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1940.

104. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, B.C. Hydrometric Service, to 31st March, 1940.

105. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$37,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act" (Chap. 80, 1918), to 31st March, 1940.

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106. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1940.

107. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refund of Stumpage deposited with Dominion Government by Homesteaders in Former Railway Belt and Peace River Block prior to Transfer, to 31st March, 1940.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Land Act" and "Revenue Act," to 31st March, 1940.

109. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Publicity, to 31st March, 1940.

110. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1940.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1940.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.08 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Whereas the treatment of delinquency in British Columbia fails to take into account the physical condition and economic backgrounds of those who are technically termed as delinquents; and

Whereas there is a lack of psychiatric service, sound educational programmes, and training facilities in our gaols:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government be requested to formulate and to put into effect a scientific policy for the treatment of delinquency, having as its purpose the prevention and cure of crime rather than the present policy of punishment and isolation of delinquents.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 23rd instant:---

Honourable Members,—A point of order has been raised with reference to motion No. 11, standing in the name of the honourable member for Burnaby.

The motion requests the Government "to formulate and to put into effect a scientific policy for the treatment of delinquency, having as its purpose the prevention and cure of crime rather than the present policy of punishment and isolation of delinquents." This motion is out of order for the reason given in my reserved decision with respect to motion No. 4—that is, that it is a mandatory motion dictating Government policy. In addition to the authorities referred to in my decision yesterday, I would refer honourable members to the decision of Mr. Speaker Davie, appearing in the Journals of the House, March 28th, 1931, at page 129, where he said of a bill under consideration that it "strikes at the foundation of the parliamentary law principle that policies of the Crown cannot be directed or even suggested by a private member." I again point out, as I did last year, that this principle of parliamentary law does not apply to the general debates such as debates on the Address or on the Budget or to the discussion of Estimates in Committee.

N. W. WHITTAKER, Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, November 29th, 1938.

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. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions :---

1. Were the employees or union affected by Regulation No. 18A, applicable to the catering industry, consulted prior to the issuance of such order?

2. Have instructions been issued assuring that employees or unions whose membership may be adversely affected by changes in working conditions due to regulations issued by the Board of Arbitration will be consulted before such changes are made?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. It is the policy of the Board of Industrial Relations to consult employees by every means available when dealing with matters that affect their interests, and in every case where employees concerned are organized in a union this medium of contact is made use of by the Board."

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 4.55 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29th, 1938.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the Order being called for the notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Paton*, as follows:—

Whereas it has been realized that large financial commitments have been made by Governmental bodies—Federal, Provincial, and municipal—and that it is advisable to make provision whereby the natural growth of the country may be planned in a systematic and orderly manner, so that adequate and efficient means of communication for an increasing population may be provided, and that economies may be effected in the industrial, business, and Governmental activities throughout the country:

And whereas it is deemed expedient that Provincial planning would comprise the following elements:---

- Land Planning: The study of land use to determine the most logical utilization of land-agriculture, grazing, forest, and watersheds—and the control of the selection of future townsites and land settlement areas in general:
- Public Works Planning: The formulation of a sound, long-range public works programme, with particular reference to highways:
- Natural Resources: The investigation, conservation, and statistical recording of the natural resources of the nation—fish, game, minerals, building materials, water (power and domestic supply, flood-control), and human welfare:
- Trade and Industry: A study of the supply of raw materials for industrial purposes, and the domestic and foreign distribution of manufactured goods:

And whereas the Dominion Government has now provided funds for low-rental housing projects, and as it is expedient that these projects should be protected by adequate zoning laws, provided by Provincial enabling legislation, the Provincial Governments should be impressed with the advisability and necessity of establishing Provincial Planning Bureaus for more economical and efficient planning and zoning throughout their domain:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the advisability of appointing a committee to consider the question of the Government adopting a long-term planning programme, with a view to the orderly and efficient development of the natural resources of the Province; and that to this end a Central Planning Bureau be established to carry on all phases of Province-wide planning, and to act in an advisory capacity to the municipalities and unorganized districts of the Province.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 23rd instant:---

Honourable Members,—The Hon. the Premier has raised a point of order with reference to motion No. 13 standing on the Order Paper in the name of the honourable second member for Vancouver-Point Grey.

This motion is for the appointment of a committee to consider the question of the Government adopting a long-term planning programme and of establishing a Central Planning Bureau to carry on all phases of Province-wide planning and to act in an advisory capacity to municipalities and unorganized districts.

If the committee decided against adopting such a programme, the inquiry would be fruitless. If it decided in favour of it, then the report of the committee, taking into account the wide range of activities covered by the preamble and the necessity of appointing a Central Planning Bureau, could not do otherwise than bring in a report interfering with Government policy and entailing public expenditure. (See Journals, 1937, p. 89, S.O. 66; May, 13th ed., p. 505.)

The motion is out of order.

N. W. WHITTAKER, Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

127. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$11,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940. 128. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$16,632 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1940.

129. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$47,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Libraries, to 31st March, 1940.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1940.

131. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$6,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1940.

132. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$32,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1940.

133. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1940.

134. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$8,870 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1940.

135. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$85,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1940.

136. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1940.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to Canteen Fund Trustees, to 31st March, 1940.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

140. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$395,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act" --Government contributions to Superannuation Fund, to 31st March, 1940.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$97,950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Administration, to 31st March, 1940.

142. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$27,957.04 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Welfare Branch (including Administration of "Mothers' Allowances Act"), to 31st March, 1940.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, In Aid of Destitute Poor and Sick, to 31st March, 1940.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Burial of Indigents, to 31st March, 1940.

145. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$107,860 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Child Welfare Branch (including Administration of "Infants Act"), to 31st March, 1940.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$910,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Hospitals, to 31st March, 1940.

147. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$870,547.60 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1940.

148. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,121,833 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1940.

149. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$34,885 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1940.

150. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$76,525 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Industrial Schools, to 31st March, 1940.

151. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$48,603.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, The Provincial Infirmary, Marpole (formerly Provincial Home for Incurables), to 31st March, 1940.

152. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$49,394 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Home for the Aged, to 31st March, 1940.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Special Health and Welfare Services, to 31st March, 1940.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, In Aid of Resident Physicians, to 31st March, 1940.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Grants to Charitable Associations, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

156. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Grant from the Crown in Aid of Organization under the "Health Insurance Act," to 31st March, 1940.

112. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940.

113. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$22,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office—General Administration, to 31st March, 1940.

114. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$72,530 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mineralogical Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

115. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$9,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

116. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$40,610 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mine-rescue and Training Stations, to 31st March, 1940.

118. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants, to 31st March, 1940.

119. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Oil Exploration in the Peace River Area, to 31st March, 1940.

120. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$55,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

121. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Lectures on Practical Geology and Mineralogy, to 31st March, 1940.

122. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* Explosives to assist *Bona-fide* Mineral Prospectors, to 31st March, 1940.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1940.

124. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Silicosis Investigation, to 31st March, 1940.

125. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Sampling Plants, to 31st March, 1940.

169. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940.

170. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$7,364 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Office, to 31st March, 1940.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Industrial and Tourist Development, to 31st March, 1940.

172. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$41,305 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1940.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Trade Extension, to 31st March, 1940.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1940.

126. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$23,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs to 31st March, 1940.

168. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$21,330 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department to 31st March, 1940.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House, November 29th, 1938.

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. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Eyres*:—

1. How many trucks, automobiles, and what road machinery have been purchased by the Government in the Rossland-Trail Riding since 1933?

2. What is the present value of the trucks, automobiles, and road machinery purchased?

3. From whom were the purchases made?

And also a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Paton:-

1. How many (if any) automobiles and trucks were purchased by the Department of Public Works during the fiscal year March 31st, 1937, to March 31st, 1938?

2. What were the makes of such cars?

3. From whom were such cars purchased, with number of each kind or make of car and the agent's name?

4. Under what legislative vote was each car purchased?

5. What was the date upon which each car was purchased?

6. How many automobiles have been purchased since March 31st, 1938, to October 31st, 1938?

7. What is the total number of cars owned by the Department of Public Works?

8. How many (if any) cars are owned by other departments and operated full or part time by the Department of Public Works?

Mr. Telford asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:----

1. How many pounds of butter-fat were produced in this Province during the last fiscal year?

2. How many pounds of this butter-fat were sold on the fluid-milk market?

3. What was the average price per pound butter-fat received by the producer where such was sold on the fluid market?

4. What was the average price paid by the consumer per pound butter-fat for all purchased on: (a) The fluid market, and (b) the manufactured market?

The Hon. Mr. MacDonald replied as follows:---

"1. Statistics are compiled by calendar and not by fiscal years. For 1937, approximately 22,500,000 lb.

"2. Approximately 5,000,000 lb.

"3. Average producer's returns vary according to the methods of marketing adopted by the producer and depending upon the area within which the product is sold.

"4. (a.) For Greater Vancouver the average butter-fat price paid by the consumer for fluid milk includes the producer's returns of between 40 and 50 cents a pound plus the distributer's spread and the wholesale and agent's office profits. (b.) The price of butter-fat for the manufactured product depends upon the commodity produced. The average price for butter-fat in cheese or butter is considerably less than the average price paid by the consumer for butter-fat in ice-cream, which is also a manufactured product."

Mr. Telford asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :--

1. Is such wheat as is designated No. 4 or No. 5 Grades in the Market Bulletin, issued by the Government, Dominion Government inspected?

2. Are ground feed-screenings inspected?

3. If yes, by what Department?

4. What is the difference in the price of No. 4 wheat for domestic consumption and for export?

The Hon. Mr. MacDonald replied as follows:-

"1. The 'Canada Grain Act,' under section 24, established statutory grades and commercial grades of grain which are referred to in schedules 1 and 2 of the Act. Under section 57 of the same Act is set forth the provision by which the grain is understood to be Dominion Government inspected.

"2. Yes. See sections 3, 8, 9, and 10 of the 'Canada Feeding Stuffs Act.'

"3. By the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

"4. These questions should be referred to the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, for information on export prices."

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.12 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30th, 1938.

Prayers by the Rev. F. W. MacKinnon.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Wismer, it was Resolved,---

That the Public Accounts Committee be, and the same is, hereby authorized to hold sittings during the time that this House is in session this afternoon.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. E. E. Winch-Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. E. E. Winch-Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act.'"

On the motion of Mrs. Steeves-Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer-Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer-Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer-Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act.'"

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer-Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Statute of Limitations Act."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer-Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer—Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wismer—Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Weir—Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act.'"

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,' and amending Acts" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act'" was again committed, reported with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plant Protection Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Mines Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Trade and Industry Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act."

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Food Products Minimum Loss Act."

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. E. E. Winch, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was discharged, and the Bill Ordered dropped from the Order Paper.

Mr. Leary presented the report of the Special Committee appointed on October 31st on Redefinition of Boundaries of Provincial Electoral Districts and Consideration of the "Provincial Elections Act," as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 29th, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee on Redefining of Provincial Constituencies begs leave to present their recommendations.

The boundaries of the electoral districts as recommended by the Committee are outlined in red on the map attached hereto, detail metes and bounds description of boundaries are in course of preparation by the Survey Branch of the Department of Lands; also, by unanimous vote of your Committee, it was decided not to further consider the proposed amendments to the "Provincial Elections Act" at this time and that the matter be laid on the table until the 1939 Session of this Legislature.

S. LEARY,

Chairman of the Special Redefining Committee.

The report was read and received.

REPORT NO. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 30th, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

By Order of the House, Public Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" was referred to your Committee.

Representations were heard in favour of the Bill on behalf of the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia.

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia was represented and its opinions on the Bill carefully noted.

The British Columbia Loggers' Association was represented and objections made to those parts of the Bill which expanded the rights of registered professional engineers and consequently restricted the employment of competent and experienced employees in the logging industry.

The major amendments made in the Bill by your Committee are in striking out the main part of section 3 and the Schedule on the grounds that further time and publicity should be given to consideration of these proposed sections which, in the opinion of your Committee, may unduly expand the rights of the engineering profession and restrict the rights of employment of competent people now in employment.

Your Committee returns the said Bill with amendments thereto as reported herewith, and recommends that same be allowed to proceed and be reprinted forthwith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:-

1. Are records available showing the trade or occupation of employable persons on relief at a given time, and the number or percentage of each such trade or occupation?

2. If yes, (a) what was the date of such record, (b) the total number of employables,

(c) heads of families, (d) single, (e) number or percentage of each trade or occupation, (f) number of unemployables, (g) heads of families, (h) single at the same period?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows :----

"1. Yes.

"2. (a.) August, 1938. (b.) 13,643, including dependents 16 years and over. (c.) 7,746. (d.) 4,267 over 21; 1,630 over 16. (e.) Farming, 1,335; fishing, 140; hunting, 13; logging, 1,038; mining, 1,001; communication, 64; construction, 2,340; finance, 74; general labour, 645; manufacturing, 1,961; service, 1,113; trade, 1,013; transportation and storage, 1,220. Note: Figures for each industry include labourer, semi-skilled, and skilled. (f.) 7,822. (g.) 1,686. (h.) 2,787."

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 3.47 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30th, 1938.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Commodities Retail Sales Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Statute of Limitations Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Food Products Minimum Loss Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act.'"

Bill read a second time, and Ordered to be committed at the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act,' " the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Weir, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion that Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the Order being called for the notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. Steeves, as follows:--

Whereas the Prime Minister has stated that the "Health Insurance Act" is not being put into operation because the Government is waiting for the report of the Rowell Commission:

And whereas in the brief presented by the Government to the Rowell Commission no request is made that health insurance become a matter of Federal jurisdiction, and no specific request is made for a Federal conditional grant for health insurance:

And whereas there is complete unanimity amongst all representative groups of the people of British Columbia on the matter of the urgent necessity of health insurance for this Province:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House be set up to inquire into all possible ways and means of making health insurance, on a sound actuarial basis, operative in British Columbia, and to report the result of its findings to this House.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. Pattullo on the 23rd instant:---

Honourable Members,—I have carefully considered the point of order raised by the Hon. the Premier with respect to motion No. 16, standing on the Order Paper in the name of the honourable member for North Vancouver. The preamble to the motion recites that the "Prime Minister has stated" certain things, and that "there is complete unanimity amongst all representative groups of the people." Mr. Speaker Perry held similar expressions to be equivalent to citing matters and documents not before the House in two decisions which will be found in the Journals of March 23rd, 1935, and March 31st, 1936. The preamble also refers to the brief presented by the Government to the Rowell Commission, which is a document not before the House.

The rule against citing matters and documents not before the House is similar to the rule in Courts of Law against hearsay evidence. It would be as dangerous for one tribunal as for the other to attempt to arrive at a sound judgment on such evidence. The practice of citing such material in written motions ought to be discouraged on the ground also that it is apt to create wrong impressions in the public mind. It is a simple matter for honourable members to draw their motions without resorting to this practice.

The motion asks that a Select Committee be set up to inquire into ways and means of making health insurance on a sound actuarial basis operative in British Columbia. It is a well-known parliamentary principle, as Mr. Speaker Davie said in a decision appearing in the Journals of February 19th, 1931, that "the House will not entertain reflections which impute discredit to itself." *May*, 13th ed., p. 323, says: "Disrespectful or abusive mention of a Statute would seem to be partly open to the same objections as improper language applied to Parliament itself, for it imputes discredit to the Legislature which passed it and has a tendency to bring the law into contempt."

A Statute can only be condemned in debate on a motion for the repeal of the Statute.

Whether or not the honourable member in whose name the motion stands intended to suggest that the "Health Insurance Act" is not actuarially sound, that inference would unfortunately be drawn from the words "on a sound actuarial basis." The words reflect on a Statute passed by this House, which under the authorities referred to is the same as reflecting on the House itself.

For the reasons stated above the motion is out of order.

N. W. WHITTAKER, Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. E. E. Winch on the 23rd instant, as follows:---

Whereas the Twenty-sixth Report of the Medical Inspection of Schools states there are 675 retarded and underprivileged children now attending school (exclusive of 450 attending special classes in Vancouver); and

Whereas it is not feasible to economically provide adequate facilities for the supervision and training of such children in schools and districts where only a few reside; and

Whereas it is essential to the best interests of the children and society in general that such children shall, so far as possible, be equipped during their formative years to adapt themselves to school and, later, adult life, and thereby enable them to become social assets instead of liabilities:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the desirability of recommending that the Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education obtain special statistical reports from School Medical Officers, School Boards, Public Health Officers, and Social Service Officials relative to the nature and prevalence of mental and physical handicap among children of school and pre-school age for the purpose of devising ways and means to provide suitable and adequate facilities for special treatment, training, and education of such children, in order to assist them toward a selfsupporting status in adult life.

The Hon. Mr. Weir moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Wismer, as follows:----

To strike out all the words after the word "Vancouver" in the third line and to insert in lieu thereof the following:—

"Whereas the Government is already doing its best to provide for the supervision and training of such retarded and underprivileged children:

"And whereas yearly reports thereon are furnished through the School Medical Officers, School Boards, Public Health and Social Service Officials, and the Public Health Nurses:

"And whereas the Government, being cognizant of the difficulties to be overcome owing to the great extent of territory, the sparseness of population, and the lack of facilities in districts where only a few persons reside, is already taking into consideration the adoption of a policy that will permit of a thorough personal examination of isolated schools and resident pupils:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House endorses the efforts of the Government in this regard and approves of the extension of the service from time to time as funds become available for the purpose."

On the motion of Mr. H. E. Winch, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return to be made by the Hon. the Attorney-General of the log-book of the police-boat "Morci," and said log-book be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. Kenney presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 30th, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

"Whereas the first member for Vancouver East stated in this House that an overpayment approximating \$300,000 had been made in connection with the price of steel used in fabricating the structure known as the Pattullo Bridge."

A large number of witnesses were examined and documents presented by witnesses and departmental officials and all members of the Committee, including Mr. *Telford*, were given every opportunity to examine such witnesses and documents, and no evidence of any overpayment having been produced, Mr. *Telford* requested permission to withdraw his charges, and, on resolution, this was unanimously agreed to by the Committee.

E. T. KENNEY, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Eyres on the 23rd instant, as follows:----

Whereas the Governments of Canada are endeavouring to find efficient ways and means to combat the great enemy, forest fires, which are depleting our timber resources:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge upon this Government the advisability of making early arrangements with the Federal authorities for the use of our aerial defence machines for spotting and for dropping fire-extinguishing chemical bombs upon forest fires at their very beginning.

The Hon. Mr. Gray moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Pearson, as follows:-

To strike out all the words after the word "Resolved," and to substitute therefor the following:--

"That this House commend this Government for its active and progressive policy in developing an efficient and effective forest-protection service; for its progressive attitude in adopting in this service the most modern equipment of proved value, such as tractors, fireploughs, pumps, and aeroplanes; for its active interest in experimental measures, such as the use of chemicals, fog-sprays, and weed-exterminators; and for the recent progressive legislation designed to promote more effective protection and forest conservation."

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

Mr. Bruhn moved, seconded by Mr. Macintosh,-

Whereas it is becoming more and more difficult, particularly for old persons, to be absorbed into useful, productive life of the Dominion, making it difficult for them to maintain themselves in comfort and decency:

And whereas Canada is a country richly endowed with natural resources capable of maintaining our population in a reasonably high standard of living:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House would welcome a declaration of policy by this Government recommending to the Dominion Government that the Dominion Government adopt a policy which will lower the present pensionable age-limit for old-age pensioners from 70 years to 65 years, to the end that the older generation may be retired earlier from industrial employment and thereby create opportunity for the younger generation to be usefully and gainfully employed; and that such a policy be assisted by compulsory contribution by all employed persons between the ages of 20 years and 65 years.

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Federal Government.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for Returns by the Hon. the Minister of Labour of the names of all those engaged in the administration of relief in the Province, with their respective salaries.

Mr. Maitland moved, seconded by Mr. Bruhn,-

Whereas it is essential that the Trans-Canada Highway be a National Canadian Highway uniformly maintained throughout Canada:

And whereas a large section of the said highway has been built in British Columbia by the Federal Government as part of the said National Highway:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the whole of the construction and future maintenance of the Trans-Canada Highway be paid for by the Federal Government.

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Federal Government.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mrs. Steeves moved, seconded by Mr. Telford,-

Whereas the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia raised the attendance fees for students from \$150 to \$175, thereby making university education prohibitive for a large section of our youth:

And whereas the estimates and accounts of the University are not open to the senate of that body, nor to the public of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly regrets that the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia took the action of raising the attendance fees.

And be it further Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the question of how the University can be made to serve the cause of democratic education more adequately in the future.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Weir, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.58 p.m.