

Saturday, 20th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gilbert Cook*.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return under section 4 of chapter 184, Revised Statutes, 1911, intituled the "Probates Recognition Act."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *Bowser*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *R. H. Pooley*, Esquire, Member for Esquimalt Electoral District, being unable through illness to attend the sittings of the Assembly during the present Session, be permitted to absent himself from attendance in the said Assembly this Session, and that upon making declaration, with medical certificate in proof thereof, to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the House, that the statutory indemnity be paid to the said Member by the Clerk of the House without deduction for absence.

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

1. What Civil Servants in Victoria are contributing a day's pay from their salaries to the Canadian Patriotic Fund?

2. Who has contributed in Victoria from the start of these payments until date?

The Hon. the Premier objected to the question as an improper one and dealt with the private and not the public affairs of Civil Servants.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* sustained the objection.

"Questions addressed to Ministers should relate to public affairs with which they are officially connected. (See May, 221.)"

"Questions should not be asked regarding character or conduct except of persons in their official or public capacity. (See May, 224.)"

"JOHN KEEN."

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to authorize the Payment of Two hundred thousand Dollars to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company in respect of their Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at Fort George" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War Relief Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. Ross asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Did the late Premier make a promise to the Comptroller-General for employment for any fixed period of time?
2. If so, for what period?

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

"No."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. What arrangements (if any) have been made between the C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association and the Workmen's Compensation Board?
2. How much per member does the C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association contribute to the Workmen's Compensation Fund?
3. If the 1 cent per day deduction as required by the Act is not sufficient to cover the doctor's bill and hospital account of members of the C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association, is the C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association liable to further assessment; if so, to what extent?
4. Is the C.P.R. Company as employers of labour liable for any assessment covering the doctor and hospital accounts of members of the C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association; if so, to what extent?
5. How much cash contributions are paid by the C.P.R. Company to the C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association for its maintenance?
6. On account of this agreement being made with the C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association, is the Canadian Pacific Railway Company relieved of any assessments that other companies and corporations in the Province are required to pay?
7. Has the Compensation Board power under the Act to compel one who is not a member of the C.P.R. Medical Association to join this association?
8. Has the Compensation Board power under the Act to authorize the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to deduct more than 1 cent per day from its employees?
9. What medical officers have been approved of under the Act?
10. Can a member of the C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association employ any of these?
11. Can any other workmen coming under the "Workmen's Compensation Act" employ any or all of these doctors?

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

"1. At the time of the coming into operation of the present 'Workmen's Compensation Act' the C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association had a plan for providing medical aid in force between the employer and themselves, which they asked the Board to approve in accordance with subsection (4) of section 21 of the Act. The Board accordingly investigated the facts surrounding this plan, and found that slightly over 95 per cent. of the present employees of the Canadian Pacific

Railway Company had formed the 'C.P.R. Employees' Medical Association.' This association is operated under a board of management of eight elected from their members, including president and vice-president. Six of this board are employees other than officials of the company, and two are officials of the company. The plan, after a number of amendments, covers the supplying of all the requirements by the association to an injured workman in the company's employ outlined in subsection (1) of section 21 of the Act. This plan as amended was approved by the Board. The plan carries with it the treatment of all employees of the company for accidents that happen outside the workman's employment as well as within the employment to the workman and the members of his family, as well as all sicknesses outlined in the plan.

"2. There is no authority in the Act permitting any collection by the Board from those who are members of the approved plan.

"3. The plan referred to in question 1 covers the supplying of all medical aid specified in subsection (1) of section 21 of the Act.

"4. Under subsection (2) of section 30 of the Act, the Board is prohibited from collecting anything from the company where there is an approved medical plan, as pertains in this case.

"5. Under the plan in question the Canadian Pacific Railway undertakes to pay the cost of specialists, hospital treatment, nursing, medicines, artificial limbs, transportation of injured employees and their attendants where necessary, as well as transportation of doctors where necessary, or such other things as the Board may direct.

"6. Answered by No. 4.

"7. The approval of the plan carries with it the treatment to be supplied to all employees of the company who by virtue of the approval become members of the association.

"8. Yes.

"9. The doctors in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway Employees' Medical Association are as follows: Dr. A. P. Proctor, Vancouver; Dr. F. Stainsby, Field; Dr. P. Ewert, Golden; Drs. Sutherland and Hamilton, Revelstoke; Dr. C. H. Arnott, Salmon Arm; Drs. Burris and Archibald, Kamloops; Dr. Arbuckle, Vernon; Dr. Knox, Kelowna; Dr. R. White, Penticton; Drs. MacLachlan and Patterson, Vancouver; Dr. G. H. Worthington, Vancouver; Dr. J. A. Macdonald, Vancouver; Dr. Geo. Sutherland, Coquitlam; Dr. Walker, New Westminster; Dr. A. J. Stuart, Mission; Dr. P. S. McCaffery, Agassiz; Dr. R. Wightman, Ashcroft; Drs. Rose and Hartin, Nelson; Drs. Borden and Vigneux, Nelson; Dr. C. M. Kingston, Grand Forks; Dr. W. H. Wood, Greenwood; Dr. C. S. Williams, Rossland; Drs. Thom, Coglein, and Nay, Trail; Dr. E. H. S. McLean, Nakusp; Dr. Gomm, Sandon; Dr. J. E. Brouse, New Denver; Drs. Green and McKinnon, Cranbrook; Drs. Bonnell and Corsan, Fernie; Drs. Garner and Asselstine, Fernie.

"10. Yes.

"11. Yes."

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

1. Was the work performed in 1917 on the Main Chilcotin Road at Hanceville, near Pyper's, requested by the settlers in that section?
2. If not, on whose advice was the work done?
3. What was the cost of said work?
4. Did the Department receive complaints from the section relative to said work?
5. Was repair-work on other parts of that road and on the Gang Ranch-Hanceville Road not more urgent?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Engineer's.

"3. \$174.65.

"4. Yes.

"5. Repair-work was done on other parts of the road, also on the Gang-Ranch Hanceville Road."

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

1. Was P. Lorensen, of Prince Rupert, appointed Superintendent of Bridge Construction at Bella Coola?

2. Is said Lorensen a German?
3. Why was a returned soldier not appointed?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- “1. Not to the knowledge of the Department here.
- “2. Informed that Lorensen is a British subject of Danish origin.
- “3. No information.”

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Weekly Half-holiday Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 20th, 1918.

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. 103) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Weekly Half-holiday Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Banff-Windermere Road Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 20th, 1918.

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. 101) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Banff-Windermere Road Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly for reconsideration Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Supreme Court Act,’” and suggests that the following words be inserted in clause 4 thereof after the word “proceeding” in the seventh line of the

said clause: "heretofore brought or commenced in which the jurisdiction of any Judge of a County Court acting as Local Judge of the Supreme Court has been questioned, and."

Government House,

April 20th, 1918.

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

Message, Bill, and amendment committed.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the amendment to Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" as recommended by Message and adopted in Committee.

Resolution, Bill, and amendment reported and adopted.

Bill as amended *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

April 20th, 1918.

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. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Giving of Security by Public Officers," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 20th, 1918.

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. 100) intituled "An Act respecting the Giving of Security by Public Officers," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House.

April 20th, 1918.

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. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, seconded by Dr. *Sutherland*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *J. W. McIntosh*, one of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of this Province for the Vancouver Electoral District, *G. S. Hanes*, a Member of said Assembly for the North Vancouver Electoral District, *W. H. Hayward*, a Member of said Assembly for the Cowichan Electoral District, being absent from the Province of British Columbia on military service, be permitted during the whole of this Session of said Assembly to absent themselves from attendance at the said Assembly.

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.15 p.m.

Saturday, 20th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. the Minister of Mines presented the Report of the Provincial Fisheries Department for the Year 1917.

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

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act.'"

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Twelfth and Thirteenth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 12.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 19th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommends that one-half of the total amount of fees, charges, and penalty paid in respect of the undermentioned Bill be refunded to the promoters thereof:—

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 19th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommends that one-half of the total amount of fees, charges, and penalty paid in respect of the undermentioned Bill be refunded to the promoters thereof:—

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to validate the Proceedings of the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm since the Year 1905 and certain By-laws and Assessment Rolls."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

Mr. *Manson* presented a report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 20th, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the following documents be not printed, namely:—

Return, Order in Council *re* "Probates Recognition Act," April 11th, 1918.

Return with respect to the Taxation on Canneries, April 19th, 1918.

Return as to Net Fishing in Cowichan Bay, April 19th, 1918.

Return *re* Travelling Expenses of Ministers, April 15th, 1918.

Return *re* Griffith Hughes's Farm, April 5th, 1918.

Return *re* R. J. Stewart, Inspector of Factories, April 8th, 1918.

Return, Correspondence *re* "British Columbia Shipping Aid Act."

That your Committee observes that in the reports of various departments and the various officials of departments a great many cuts are used that, though ornamental, are of little or no value from a scientific, departmental, or public standpoint, and, as these are expensive and also require special and expensive paper and printing, your Committee recommends that unnecessary cuts be not used in reports aforementioned.

Your Committee further recommends that at as early a date as possible the printing plant be removed to other quarters and the wing now occupied by the printing plant put to the use of some department to which the public requires more frequent access.

Your Committee again recommends, as it did last year, that Orders in Council of general public interest be printed and bound with the annual Statutes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. M. MANSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Report on Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for defining certain Lands granted to the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to make Provision for Further Aid for the Purpose of developing a Process for the Treatment of Complex Ores" was committed.

Reported without amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Fisheries Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement dated the Twenty-second Day of February, 1918, between His Majesty the King, in Right of his Province of British Columbia, and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing Business under the Firm-name and Style of 'Foley, Welch & Stewart,' Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to aid the West Nicomen Dyking District in respect of certain Dyking Debentures" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to authorize the Payment of the Guaranteed Bonds of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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 5.05 p.m.

Saturday, 20th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide an Additional Mileage Allowance to Members of the Legislature in respect of the Session of 1917," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 20th, 1918.

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. 106) intituled "An Act to provide an Additional Mileage Allowance to Members of the Legislature in respect of the Session of 1917," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Appointment of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 20th, 1918.

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. 105) intituled "An Act to provide for the Appointment of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was committed.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll-tax Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

Monday, 22nd April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Railway Act.'"

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to make Provision for Further Aid for the Purpose of developing a Process for the Treatment of Complex Ores."

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to aid the West Nicomen Dyking District in respect of certain Dyking Debentures."

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

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.'"

The Report on Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for defining certain Lands granted to the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll-tax Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Who are the Examiners appointed by the Council of Public Instruction?
2. How long have each of these been Examiners?
3. What changes have been made in the personnel this year?
4. Does any system of rotation obtain by which all qualified teachers may in due course be appointed Examiners?
5. Has the report of the special Commissioners appointed to investigate the efficiency of the schools in Vancouver been brought to the attention of the Department of Education?
6. If so, does the Department intend to take any steps in view of the criticisms concerning the Department contained in the report?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. The Council of Public Instruction has not as yet appointed Examiners for 1918.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

- "3. Answered by No. 1.
 "4. No.
 "5. Yes.
 "6. The matter is receiving attention."

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

- Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting Bounties on Iron produced in the Province."
 Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Banff-Windermere Road Act.'"
 Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"
 Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"
 Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to provide for the Appointment of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada."
 Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act.'"
 Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.20 p.m.

Monday 22nd April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Manson* moved, "That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing be adopted."

Mr. Speaker *Keen*: This report is out of order. The report offends against Rule 119, as if the report is adopted it necessarily involves the incurring of a heavy outlay of Government moneys in carrying out the removal of the Printing Department to other quarters, and further involving considerable outlay providing and preparing such new quarters.

The report also seeks to interfere with or control Government policy as affecting the organization and placing of the different departments. (*See Speakers' Decisions*, S1, 143.)

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of certain Moneys to Lady McBride and to the Infant Children of the Late the Honourable Harlan Carey Brewster," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 22nd, 1918.

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. 110) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of certain Moneys to Lady McBride and to the Infant Children of the Late the Honourable Harlan Carey Brewster," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. Jones asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Has the Land Settlement Board made a loan on S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$, Tp. 26, Chilliwack Municipality?
2. Does this land belong to one John Russell Berry?
3. What is the amount of the loan?
4. What term of years is the loan for?
5. Is this quarter-section in the peat district?
6. How many acres under cultivation and what improvements?
7. Is not John Russell Berry an American citizen?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Answered by No. 1.

"7. Yes.

"NOTE.—This Board did make a loan on the South-east Quarter of Section 22, Township 26, Group 2, New Westminster District, to John Russell Berry of \$10,000 at 6½ per cent. for twenty years, repayable on the instalment plan semi-annually. The entire quarter-section is reported 'good land'; 120 acres under cultivation and balance ready for breaking. The value of the improvements is estimated at from \$7,000 to \$8,000. The appraised value of the quarter-section is \$24,000."

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the "Wills Act'" was again committed.
 Reported with amendments.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the "Municipal Act'" was again committed.
 Reported with amendment.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was again committed.
 Reported without amendment.
 Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement dated the Twenty-second Day of February, 1918, between His Majesty the King, in Right of his Province of British Columbia, and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing Business under the Firm-name and Style of 'Foley, Welch & Stewart,' Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White" was again committed.
 Reported with amendments.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting Bounties on Iron produced in the Province" was committed.
 Reported without amendment.
 Report adopted.
 Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was adopted.
 Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act'" was committed.
 Reported with amendments.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Banff-Windermere Road Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return of copies of all Orders in Council passed since the 27th day of March, 1917.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the Year ending 31st December, 1917.

The Order to consider the Report on Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 22nd April, 1918.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement dated the Twenty-second Day of February, 1918, between His Majesty the King, in Right of his Province of British Columbia, and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing Business under the Firm-name and Style of 'Foley, Welch & Stewart,' Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White."

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 22nd, 1918.

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

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 22nd, 1918.

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. 109) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 22nd, 1918.

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

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

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act'" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to provide for the Appointment of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada" was committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act respecting the Giving of Security by Public Officers" was read a second time and committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was read a second time and committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to provide for an Additional Mileage Allowance to Members of the Legislature in respect of the Session of 1917" was read a second time and committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 110) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of certain Moneys to Lady McBride and to the Infant Children of the Late the Honourable Harlan Carey Brewster" was read a second time and committed.
Reported without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to incorporate the New Westminster District Co-operative Agricultural Association" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Order to resume the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was discharged.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1918.

The Order to resume the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was discharged.

The Report on Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act.'"

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting Bounties on Iron produced in the Province."

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

And then the House adjourned at 2.35 a.m.

Tuesday, 23rd April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement dated the Twenty-second Day of February, 1918, between His Majesty the King, in Right of his Province of British Columbia, and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing Business under the Firm-name and Style of 'Foley, Welch & Stewart,' Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White."

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 111) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of One million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

April 23rd, 1918.

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. 113) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Benevolent Societies Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill read a second time and committed forthwith.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Thornton Fell, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Life-insurance Policies Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Industrial Home for Girls Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Industrial School Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Sheep Protection Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Soldiers' Homestead Act Repeal Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Coroners Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Hospital Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Statute of Limitations."
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Trespass Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 19) An Act respecting the Appointment of Curators of the Estates of Missing Persons.
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Sheriffs Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Lunacy Act."
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 23) An Act respecting Juvenile Courts.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Infants Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Labour Regulation Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Metalliferous Mines Inspection Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Water Act, 1914."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Statutes and Journals Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Fire Insurance Act."
- (No. 36) An Act for the Protection of Seed.
- (No. 37) An Act to provide for the Proportionate Allotment of Lands held from the Crown under Agreements to Purchase.
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Pool-rooms Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Administration Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Provincial Home Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Ditches and Watercourses Act."
- (No. 42) An Act further to amend the "Burnaby-New Westminster Sewer Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to fix a Minimum Wage for Women.
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Audit Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Settled Estates Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Drainage and Dyking Act."
- (No. 51) An Act for the Relief of the Corporation of the City of Victoria (No. 2).
- (No. 52) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."
- (No. 55) An Act to amend the "Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act."
- (No. 56) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Site Act, 1911."
- (No. 57) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1917."
- (No. 58) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1916."
- (No. 59) An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for Provincial Purposes.
- (No. 60) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
- (No. 63) An Act respecting the City of New Westminster, British Columbia.
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."
- (No. 65) An Act conferring upon Municipal Councils the Power to make available for Food-production Purposes any Unused Arable Lands lying within Municipal Boundaries.

- (No. 66) An Act to provide Lands for the Use and Benefit of Returned Soldiers.
- (No. 68) An Act respecting the Profession of Nursing.
- (No. 69) An Act respecting Bounties on Iron produced in the Province.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Agricultural Act, 1915."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Factories Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Pound District Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to authorize the Payment of Two hundred thousand Dollars to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company in respect of their Traffic Bridge across the Fraser River at Fort George.
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Prohibition Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "War Relief Act."
- (No. 79) An Act respecting the Capacity of Provincial Corporations.
- (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Wills Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."
- (No. 83) An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement dated the Twenty-second Day of February, 1918, between His Majesty the King, in Right of his Province of British Columbia, and Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing Business under the Firm-name and Style of "Foley, Welch & Stewart," Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White.
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
- (No. 85) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Railway Act."
- (No. 86) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
- (No. 88) An Act to make Provision for Further Aid for the Purpose of developing a Process for the Treatment of Complex Ores.
- (No. 89) An Act for defining certain Lands granted to the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company.
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Poll-tax Act."
- (No. 92) An Act to incorporate the New Westminster District Co-operative Agricultural Association.
- (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Provincial Fisheries Act."
- (No. 94) An Act to aid the West Nicomen Dyking District in respect of certain Dyking Debentures.
- (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Land Settlement and Development Act."
- (No. 96) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 97) An Act to amend the "Assignment of Book Accounts Act."
- (No. 98) An Act to authorize the Payment of the Guaranteed Bonds of the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company.
- (No. 99) An Act to amend the "Mineral Survey and Development Act."
- (No. 100) An Act respecting the Giving of Security by Public Officers.
- (No. 101) An Act to amend the "Banff-Windermere Road Act."
- (No. 102) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."
- (No. 103) An Act to amend the "Weekly Half-holiday Act."
- (No. 104) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act."
- (No. 105) An Act to provide for the Appointment of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada.
- (No. 106) An Act to provide an Additional Mileage Allowance to Members of the Legislature in respect of the Session of 1917.
- (No. 107) An Act to amend the "Trust Companies Act."
- (No. 108) An Act to amend the "Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act."
- (No. 109) An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver.
- (No. 110) An Act to provide for the Payment of certain Moneys to Lady McBride and to the Infant Children of the Late the Honourable Harlan Carey Brewster.
- (No. 111) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."

(No. 112) An Act to borrow the Sum of One million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.

(No. 113) An Act to amend the "Benevolent Societies Act."

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:—

Almost immediately after summoning you together for the business of the Session, the Legislature decided to adjourn to permit the late Premier to journey to Ottawa to attend a conference of the Provincial Premiers called by the Prime Minister of Canada. With profound sorrow my Government has had to record that on his return journey the Premier contracted an attack of pneumonia, from which he succumbed on the first day of March. The estimable personal character and high political ideals of the late Premier merited and received the esteem and confidence of the people to an unusual degree, and his untimely death called forth universal expressions of sorrow. A by-election to fill the seat in the Legislature made vacant by his death will be held in due course.

The death of the Leader of the Government made necessary the choice of a successor in the office of Premier. I called upon one of the members of the late Government to accept the responsibility of choosing a Ministry, and am pleased to advise you that all the Ministers holding portfolios in the previous Administration accepted office in the present Government.

It affords me much pleasure to approve the energy you have devoted to the work of the Session and the care bestowed upon the matters submitted for your deliberation. New and timely measures, well calculated to meet present Provincial exigencies, as well as numerous amendments to existing legislation, have received your approval.

An Act providing for the fullest measure of co-operation with the Dominion Government in the serious task of settling upon the lands of the Province and assisting in establishing in productive industry those returned soldiers who may choose such vocation will simplify one of the grave problems with which my Government is confronted. The amendments to the "Civil Service Act," with its early proclamation, also will assist materially in re-establishing the returned soldiers in civil life.

Amendments to the "Land Act" permitting settlement only in surveyed areas will conduce to closer settlement, with a corresponding beneficial result.

Amendments to the "Water Act" will render the irrigation of larger areas practicable, affording further expansion of productive settlement in the Dry Belt.

The Act vesting the ownership of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in my Government places my Government in a position to consider the completion of this line of railway as a public enterprise or otherwise negotiate its completion and operation so as to provide transportation facilities for which the railway was designed at the earliest date and on the most favourable terms practicable.

A measure providing for a bounty on iron and steel ores produced in the Province affords means to facilitate the establishment of this important industry.

A measure respecting the cutting of spruce timber for aeroplane-construction provides means for placing at the disposal of the Allies the vast timber resources of the Province.

A "Proportional Allotment Act" will aid in the solution of difficult situations in relation to land held under agreement of sale.

The "Seed-grain Act" will result in greater agricultural production.

Amendments to the "Taxation Act" are designed to adjust the burden of the public debt and public service so as to bear more equitably upon the taxpayers.

A measure providing for an eight-hour day in certain occupations will improve materially the conditions of labour, while the amendments to the "Coal-mines Regulation Act" and the "Labour Regulation Act" are calculated to further advance these interests.

Amendments to the "Workmen's Compensation Act" will prove beneficial to Government employees engaged in hazardous occupations.

An Act providing a minimum wage for women should inaugurate improved conditions for those whom it is designed to assist.

Provision for the relief of South Vancouver Municipality and the Acts securing the bonds of certain dyking districts will afford appreciable relief to these burdened districts.

The amendments to the "Schools Act" and the regulations framed thereunder will have a beneficial effect.

I thank you for the provision you have made for necessary expenditures in carrying on the public works and providing for the general needs of the Province, and trust that the result of your deliberations may lead to the social and material welfare of the Province.

Since the Legislature assembled the Allied Nations have been subjected to a further sustained attack by the Central Empires upon their Western Front. I am pleased to note your appreciation of the valour and heroism of our own soldiers and your expression of confidence that the honour and traditions of our Empire will be maintained.

In now taking leave of you, let me assure you of my best wishes for your welfare, earnestly trusting that the result of your labours may prove conducive to the best interests of the people of British Columbia.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—

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

JOHN KEEN, *Speaker*.

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