Tuesday, March 19th, 1935.

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 House resumed the adjourned debate on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster."

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments for the Protection of certain Animals and Birds" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles."

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Plants, and to prevent the Spreading within the Province of Insects, Pests, and Diseases destructive to Vegetation."

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Sanatorium for the Care and Treatment of Persons suffering from Tuberculosis."

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Provincial Home for Aged Persons,"

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

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act.'"

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing."

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting the Inspection and Sale of Fruit."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Dairy Industry."

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

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act."

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Prince Rupert."

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

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

- 1. Did the Provincial Government since the 1934 Session of the Legislature purchase any lands in the District of Cawston?
 - 2. If yes, what acreage was purchased?
 - 3. From whom were such lands purchased, if any?
 - 4. What was the assessed value of said lands at time of purchase?
 - 5. What portion of said lands is capable of being irrigated?
 - 6. What is the acreage, if any, classed as wild or range land?
- 7. If any lands in said district have been purchased, what sum of money was involved in such purchase?
 - 8. On what terms were said lands purchased?
- 9. At the time of purchase, if any, was there any dispute between the original owners of the said lands and the settlers who purchased lands?
 - 10. If yes, what was the nature of such disputes?
- 11. Were said lands valuated prior to purchase, if any, on behalf of the Government; and, if so, by whom?

- 12. Have any negotiations been conducted by the Government between the original owners and the settlers by way of effecting a settlement whereby titles can be secured by the latter?
 - 13. If so, what has been the result of such negotiation?
- 14. Have any of the settlers whose titles were in dispute at time of purchase, if any, secured titles to their property; and, if so, how many?
 - 15. What sum of money was involved in each case?
 - 16. Has the Government commenced the installation of any irrigation on such lands?
- 17. Has the Government had estimates prepared as to the probable cost of placing all the lands suitable for irrigation under irrigation?
 - 18. If yes, what is the amount of such estimate?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows:-

- "1 to 3. The Provincial Government assumed the equity of Mrs. Ella Lowe in 4,484.34 acres, approximately, at Cawston, Similkameen Division of Yale District.
 - " 4. \$182,735.
- "5, 788.80 acres now in an organized irrigation district; 417.41 acres additional of bench land capable of irrigation.
 - "6. 2,648 acres, approximately.
 - " 7. \$88,000.
- "8, \$38,000 cash; \$50,000 to be paid on or before the 12th day of March, 1939. Interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum payable semi-annually.
 - "9. Difficulties existed regarding titles.
 - "10. Answered by No. 9.
 - "11. Information is that lands value much more than money to be advanced.
 - "12. Matter under consideration.
 - "13. Answered by No. 12.
 - " 14. No.
 - "15. Answered by No. 14.
 - "16, No.
 - "17. No.
 - "18. Answered by No. 17."

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 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19th, 1935.

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."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster."

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

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. Connell—Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropractic Act.'"

On the motion of Mrs. Steeves—Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Economic Council Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pattullo (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Pearson)—Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Truck Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Cemeteries Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Elections Act."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. Manson—Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. Savage—Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1922.'"

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon, the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

- 1. Was any money granted since November 15th, 1933, to any association or person for the purpose of making any investigation into, or report upon, the possibility of marketing any product of agriculture or dairy product in England or on the Continent of Europe?
 - 2. To whom was such grant made, if any?
 - 3. What was the amount so granted?
 - 4. Who was delegated to make such investigation or report? And what was the cost?
- 5. Has such association or person forwarded the conclusions of such investigation or report to the Government?

The Hon. Mr. MacDonald replied as follows:-

- "1, 2, 3, and 4. Information asked for is contained in Bill No. 6 introduced during the present Session of the Legislature and in the report of the Comptroller-General filed during the present Session.
 - "5, Understand in process of preparation."

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 10.38 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th, 1935.

HALF-PAST Two O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon H. W. G. Stocken.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 20th, 1935.

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. 78) intituled "An Act to amend and revive the 'Special Powers 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.

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

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Goat-breeders' Protection Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Unemployment Relief Act, 1933'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles" was committed, progress reported. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Plants, and to prevent the Spreading within the Province of Insects, Pests, and Diseases destructive to Vegetation" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Sanatorium for the Care and Treatment of Persons suffering from Tuberculosis" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Provincial Home for Aged Persons" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was committed. reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting the Inspection and Sale of Fruit" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 20th, 1935.

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. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies 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. Sloan presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 20th, 1935.

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. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities 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.

In reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Swailes, the Hon. Mr. MacPherson presented a Return:—

- 1. How many men were employed by the Public Works Department in Delta District during 1934?
 - 2. What were their names, and what remuneration did each receive?
 - 3. Through what agency or agencies were these men employed?
 - 4. Were any of these men registered recipients of relief?
 - 5. If yes, how many?
- 6. Were municipal authorities in districts concerned consulted in regard to such employment?

- Mr. Bakewell asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:-
- 1. What were the amounts in arrears on timber royalties and stumpage for the years 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, and 1934 at January 31st?
 - 2. What steps are being taken to collect the arrears due on January 31st, 1934?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows:-

"1. Royalty and stumpage arrears were as follows:-

The state of the s	Royalty.	Stumpage.
December 31st, 1924	\$462,069.91	\$139,806.70
December 31st, 1925		149,482.86
December 31st, 1926		152,575.16
December 31st, 1927		120,527.37
December 31st, 1928	556,217.06	143,189.24
December 31st, 1929	705,717.87	168,859.18
December 31st, 1930	720,465.77	233,568.48
December 31st, 1931	633,425.74	178,791.86
December 31st, 1932	634,909.26	189,674.85
December 31st, 1933	442,198.39	146,579.49
December 31st, 1934	532,311.51	151,021.21
January 31st, 1935	473,090.41	141,511.57

- "2. Departmental staff continually pressing collection under the authority of the 'Forest Act.'"
 - Mr. H. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-
- 1. Did the Provincial Government in 1934 construct a road from the Columbia River to Cranberry Creek, and put a bridge over the creek?
 - 2. If yes, what was the cost of this work?

The Hon, Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:-

- "1. Yes.
- " 2. \$3,255."
- Mr. Bakewell asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—
- 1. Has a petition been received from ratepayers of Westview asking for a road known as Woolgar Road?
 - 2. If yes, what action has been taken?
 - 3. If no action yet taken, what action is contemplated?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:-

- " 1. Yes.
- "2. Matter investigated.
- "3. Future action will depend on funds available."
- Mr. Connell asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:

What action has been taken, or is intended to be taken, in the matter of a petition received from the settlers adjacent to the site of Camp 422, Wilson's Landing, protesting against the damage caused to their property, which petition has been referred to your Department by the Hon, the Minister of Lands?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:-

- "Camp 422, Wilson Landing, is under the direction of Federal authority. Whole matter is under consideration."
 - Mr. H. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—
- 1. Were any Chevrolet trucks sold by the Department of Public Works in 1934 at Grand Forks?
 - 2. If yes, how many?
 - 3. If yes, were they advertised for sale; and, if so, in what papers?
 - 4. How much was received for each car sold?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:-

- "1 and 2. Yes: one.
- "3. Yes; two issues 'Grand Forks Sun.'
- "4. One 8-year-old Chevrolet truck and one 13-year-old Federal truck sold together for \$165."

Mr. H. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

- 1. Did the Provincial Government construct a road in 1934 to the Alco Silver Mines?
- 2. If yes, what was the cost of this work?
- 3. If not constructed, is it contemplated?
- 4. If yes, why?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:-

- "1. No; but Government contributed towards cost.
- "2. See answer to No. 1.
- "3. Road under construction by Allco Silver Mines, Limited.
- "4. See answer to No. 3,"

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 4.53 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th, 1935.

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. 24) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments for the Protection of certain Animals and Birds" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Plants, and to prevent the Spreading within the Province of Insects, Pests, and Diseases destructive to Vegetation" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Dairy Industry" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Juvenile Courts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Prince Rupert" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

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

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

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

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Truck Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Cemeteries Act.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act."

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

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Pharmacy and the Regulation of the Sale and Use of Poisons and Drugs."

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

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. Sloan—Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the District of Burnaby."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Port Moody."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sloan—Bill (No. 92) intituled "Au Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.48 p.m.

Thursday, March 21st, 1935.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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 second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster."

The debate continued.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON.

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 21st, 1935.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," 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. MacDonald presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to facilitate the Growing of Pure Seed of Vegetable and Field Crops," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 21st, 1935.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Growing of Pure Seed of Vegetable and Field Crops," 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.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

- 3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$16,160.04 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1936.
- 163. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$15,703.80 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, General Offices, to 31st March, 1936.
- 164. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$59,435.20 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1936.

81. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Bureau of Information and General Publicity (including Grants) to 31st March, 1936.

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

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

- 1. What was the total gallonage of gasoline sold in the Province in each of the years 1932, 1933, and 1934?
 - 2. What was the tax per gallon on gasoline in each of the said years?
 - 3. What was the total amount of gasoline tax collected in each of the said years?
- 4. What was the rate of commission or allowance paid to the oil companies or other companies or persons for collecting the said tax in each of the said years?
- 5. What was the total amount paid for the collecting of said taxes during each of the said years?
- 6. What is the estimated amount of the said commission or allowance that will be paid for the collecting during the year 1935?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:-

- "1. 1932, 39,458,156 gallons; 1933, 38,730,417 gallons; 1934, 42,480,146 gallons.
- "2. January 1st to April 13th, 1932, 5 cents per gallon; April 14th to December 31st, 1932, 7 cents per gallon; 1933, 7 cents per gallon; 1934, 7 cents per gallon.
 - "3, 1932, \$1,965,756.45 (net); 1933, \$2,023,403.81 (net); 1934, \$2,215,813.14 (net).
 - "4. 1932, 1933, and 1934, 2½ per cent. on tax collected.
 - "5. 1932, \$54,414.89; 1933, \$55,874.66; 1934, \$58,960.70.
 - "6. 1935, \$60,000."

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 12.50 p.m.

Thursday, March 21st, 1935.

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 House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster."

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time on the following division:

YEAS-29.

Messieurs

King McPherson, D.

Asselstine Leary
Kenney Hanna
Murray Smith, Mrs.

Planta Sutherland
Harris Manson
Burns Hart
Wismer

sieurs
Pattullo
Sloan
Weir
Tupper
Carson
Whittaker
Putnam

Johnson Wilkinson McKeen MacPherson, F. M.

Pearson Gray

MacDonald, K. C.

NAYS-16.

Messieurs

McDonald, A.	Bakewell	Bruhn	Winch, H. E.
MacKay	Swailes	Pooley	Steeves, Mrs.
Strachan	Winch, E. E.	Uphill	Gillis
Savage	Anscomb	Price	Barrow

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934."

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the District of Burnaby."

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Port Moody."

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Growing of Pure Seed of Vegetable and Field Crops."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

- 9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$8,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1935.
- 22. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1935.
- 26. Resolved. That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1935.
- 27. Resolved. That a sum not exceeding \$1,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1935.
- 28 (a). Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$675 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Office, to 31st March, 1935.
- 28 (c). Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Act Office, to 31st March, 1935.
- 30. Resolved. That a sum not exceeding \$1,115 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1935.
- 35 (d). Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$336 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1935.
- 36. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1935.
- 37 (b). Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$19,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1935.
- 41. Resolved. That a sum not exceeding \$2.500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1935.
- 50 (b). Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Elementary Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1935.
- 55. Resolved. That a sum not exceeding \$52,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1935.

- 69. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1935.
- 73 (b). Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes—Income, Output, and Corporation Taxes. to 31st March, 1935.
- 75. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1935.
- 76. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1935.
- 88. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1.300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1935.
- 89. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minimum Wage Board, to 31st March, 1935.
- 93. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$23,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Salaries (Forest Branch), to 31st March, 1935.
- 95. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses, to 31st March, 1935.
- 110A. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,171 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, W. G. McElhanney, for Services on Survey of False Creek Foreshore, Vancouver, B.C., to 31st March, 1935.
- 121. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,179 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1935.
- 124 (a). Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1935.
- 125. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Library and Archives, to 31st March, 1935.
- 127. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1935.
- 130 (b). Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Tranquille Sanatorium Farm, to 31st March, 1935.
- 133. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Welfare Branch, to 31st March, 1935.
- 136. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$3.777.52 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, 1935.
- 139. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$66,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory Grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1935.
- 151A. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Inquiries Act"—Coal Commission, to 31st March, 1935.
- 156. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March. 1935.
- 160A. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission—Grant towards pumping charges, to 31st March, 1935.

Schedule A. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$148,218.27 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1934, and to indemnify several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

The Committee reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting. Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the Barbers Act" was again committed, progress reported. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Merritt," the Hon. Mr. Pattullo rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act'" was read a second time, and Ordered to be committed at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Attendance of the Honourable H. G. T. Perry at the coming Meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association as a Representative of the Province, and to indemnify him in connection therewith," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 21st, 1935.

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 provide for the Attendance of the Honourable H. G. T. Perry at the coming Meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association as a Representative of the Province, and to indemnify him in connection therewith," 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. Weir presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON.

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 21st, 1935.

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 to amend the 'Superannuation 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.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time 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 5.37 p.m.

Thursday, March 21st, 1935.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

- Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.
- Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Prince Rupert" was read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.
- Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.
- Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was again committed, progress reported. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.
- Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Truck Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Cemeteries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.
- Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 43) 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. 70) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the District of Burnaby" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

· Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Port Moody" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

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

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Growing of Pure Seed of Vegetable and Field Crops" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. E. E. Winch, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for Compensation to Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Diseases contracted in the Course of their Employment'" was discharged, and the Bill Ordered to be dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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 12.35 a.m.

Friday, March 22nd, 1935.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

King Kenncy Murray MacKay

Strachan Planta Harris Burns

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, to be read a third time at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend and revive the 'Special Powers Act'" a debate arose.

YEAS-30.

The House divided.

Bill read a second time on the following division:

	Messieurs	
Wismer	Pattullo	Johnson
McPherson, D.	Sloan	Wilkinson
Leary	Weir	McKeen
Smith, Mrs.	Tupper	MacPherson, F. M.
Barrow	Carson	Pearson
Sutherland	Whittaker	Gray
Manson	Putnam	MacDonald, K. C.
Hart		

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Messieurs
Savage Winch, E. E. Poole

SavageWinch, E. E.PooleyWinch, H. E.BakewellAnscombUphillSteeves, Mrs.SwallesBruhnPrice

By leave of the House, Bill committed forthwith, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Manson (in the absence of the Deputy Speaker) here took the chair as Speaker.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to provide for the Attendance of the Honourable H. G. T. Perry at the coming Meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association as a Representative of the Province, and to indemnify him in connection therewith" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was read a second time, and Ordered to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

That the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on the 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 21st March be received and read a first time.

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

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

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

\$148,218.27 for the financial year ended March 31st, 1934. 361,703.52 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1935. 22,384,303.28 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1936.

\$22,894,225.07

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution. Resolution considered forthwith and adopted. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. Weir presented a draft Bill on Health Insurance.

To lie upon the table.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision with reference to Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Merritt'":—

Honourable Members,—On the order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Merritt," points of order were raised by the Hon. the Prime Minister as to the competence of a private member to introduce such legislation affecting public policy and the legal rights of a citizen.

Section 2 of the Bill in question if enacted would strike out the following part of section 6 of chapter 40 of the Statutes of 1934, which reads as follows:—

"Provided, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the said Henry Clemons Meeker, his heirs, successors, and assigns, are hereby given the right at any time within twelve months from the commencement of this Act to acquire the said Timber Licence No. 1252, Timber Berth No. 590, Block 1, situate in the Province of British Columbia, at and for the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars."

As assent was given to the Acts of the Session of 1934 on March 29th, 1934, and the section referred to in chapter 40 of said Statutes is inoperative after the expiry of twelve months from the commencement of that Act, it appears there remain only a few days before the section automatically expires.

The section proposed to be struck out of the Act (chapter 40, 1934) gives certain rights to one Henry Clemons Meeker to acquire a certain timber licence and timber berth within a limited period of time, and on payment of seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Section 3 of Bill No. 79 would cancel and annul any rights which may have been acquired under the above-mentioned section 6 of chapter 40, 1934.

I rule the Bill No. 79 out of order for the following reasons:—

- (1.) It is not within the rights of a private member to bring in legislation affecting the revenue of the Crown without the consent of Crown, and section 2 of said Bill clearly affects the revenue. S.O. 67: B.C. Dec., Vol. 2, pages 56, 62.
- (2.) No measure dealing with Crown lands and property can be introduced by a private member without consent of the Crown. B.C. Dec., Vol. 1, pages 20, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 64, 65, 77, 78, 132; B.C. Dec., Vol. 2, page 18.

The Bill violates other known principles of parliamentary law, but the above are ample grounds on which to rule the Bill out of order.

H. G. PERRY, Speaker.

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 p.m.

Friday, March 22nd, 1935.

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."

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend and revive the 'Special Powers Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the Order for the report on Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster" was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

The Hon, the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Pill introduced and read a first time.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 22nd, 1935.

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 'Probate Duty 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. Hart presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 22nd, 1935.

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 'Succession Duty 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. D. McPherson presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Mining, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 22nd, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Mining begs leave to report as follows:-

- (1.) We urge the continuance and, where possible, the extension of the assistance given to bona-fide prospectors in the way of reduced costs of powder, assay services, and relief allowances.
- (2.) We recommend that at the earliest practicable date silicosis be treated as an industrial disease under the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
- (3.) We suggest that the Mining Act be amended to permit the grouping of Crown-granted and un-Crown-granted claims up to a total of eight for the purposes of assessment-work.
- (4.) We note with satisfaction the increasing interest being shown, particularly by our youth, in the study of the science of mining, and urge that classes in mining be instituted in our technical and high schools, and that training in this subject be made generally available through correspondence schools.
- (5.) We urge more rigid and effective control of mining-stock promotions by brokers, whether connected with an established stock exchange or otherwise, and a general tightening-up of the administration of law intended to protect the investing public.

- (6.) We recommend that a more systematic policy be adopted to advertise the great possibilities of the natural resources of British Columbia, particularly in mining, with a view to attracting capital from Great Britain, United States, and Eastern Canada.
- (7.) We are convinced that the sum usually voted by the Legislature for construction of roads and trails to mining properties is inadequate and urge the voting of a much greater sum.
- (8.) We respectfully call to the attention of the Legislature the threatened cessation of operations by the Granby Company at Anyox, with the consequent addition of approximately 1,000 men to our unemployed. We believe that, with the co-operation of the Dominion authorities, the Government of this Province would be justified in helping prevent or postpone this industrial catastrophe.
- (9.) We urge the Government to take advantage to the fullest possible extent of the present opportunities to encourage the development of the mining industry, thus promoting the prosperity of the Province and opening the door of opportunity to our young men.
- (10.) Your Committee heard an unusually able and informative address by Mr. Sidney Norman in connection with the history and development of the mining industry. A typewritten copy of this address is available, and we recommend the printing of the same for distribution to all members of the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. McPherson, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

Mrs. Smith presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM.

March 22nd, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That recommendations brought in at the last Session of the Legislature have been duly considered by the Government.

Your Committee commends the Government on the progress being made in the revision of the Statutes of British Columbia. This revision will be ready by the fall of 1936.

The consolidation of Acts has been given attention where practical, such as the "Forest Act." "Mineral Act," and several others. The "Motor-vehicle Act" was not consolidated as a new Act was anticipated at this Session.

Your Committee commends the practice of some of the Government departments in making a small charge for the annual reports, and would recommend that this plan be extended to other departments.

Your Committee commends the Government on the efforts being made to have some of the school text-books printed in the Government Printing Plant, and would further recommend that other selected text-books be done in the Government Plant.

Your Committee recommends that the "Report on the Survey of Educational Finance" now under way, also the "Report of Revision Committee of the Educational, Finance, and Administration Commission," as tabled in the House, be printed for distribution.

Your Committee understands there has been considerable inquiry for a printed list of Government publications; we therefore suggest that a catalogue and price-list of annual reports and various publications issued by the departments of the Government be compiled and printed for the information of public bodies, libraries, and individuals interested in Government affairs.

In conclusion, your Committee commends the King's Printer on the efficient management of the Government Printing Bureau and the quality of workmanship and the splendid service rendered during the Session of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HELEN D. SMITH, Chairman.

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. Pattullo—Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam."

The Hon, the Provincial Secretary presented a Return of moneys received and paid by the Official Administrator as required by section 53 of the "Administration Act."

Mr. Price asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

- 1. Has a contract been entered into with any dairy or company to supply milk to the Home for Incurables at Marpole?
 - 2. If so, what dairy or company?
 - 3. Was the contract given to the lowest tender?
 - 4. If not, for what reason?

The Hon, Mr. Weir replied as follows:-

- "1, Yes.
- "2, James Johnston, Esq., Sea Island, Eburne P.O., B.C.
- " 3. Yes.
- "4, See answer to No. 3."

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 5.44 p.m.

Friday, March 22nd, 1935.

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."

On the consideration of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster," as reported with amendments from the Committee of the Whole,

Mr. Pooley moved, seconded by Mr. Anscomb, to amend as follows:-

Section 7, lines 10 and 11: To strike out all the words after the word "approaches" in the tenth and eleventh lines.

Question proposed—" Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS-27.

Messieurs

SloanKing Wismer Weir McPherson, D.Asselstine Tupper Leary Kenney Carson Hanna MurrayWhittaker MansonPlantaHart Putnam Harris Johnson PattulloRurns

Wilkinson McKeen MacPherson, F. M. Pearson Gray

MacDonald, K. C.

NAYS-13.

Messieurs

Bakewell McDonald, A. Sinailes MacKau Strachan Anscomb Savage

Bruhn Pooley Price

Winch, H. E. Steeves, Mrs.

Gillis

On the consideration of the same Bill as amended, Mr. Bruhn moved, seconded by Mr. Anscomb, to amend as follows:-

Agreement, clause 7, line 5: To strike out the words "seven and one-half," and to substitute therefor the word "five,"

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:-

Yeas-29.

Messieurs

KingAsselstine Kenney MurrayPlanta Harris Burns Wismer

McPherson, D. Leary HannaSmith, Mrs. Sutherland Manson Hart

Pattullo Sloan Weir Tupper Carson Whittaker Putnam

Wilkinson McKeenMacPherson, F. M. Pearson GrayMacDonald, K. C.

Johnson

NAYS-14.

Messieurs

McDonald, A. MacKauStrachan Savage

Rakewell Signiles Anscomb Bruhn

Poolen PriceWinch, H. E.

Steeves, Mrs. Gillis Barrow

Bill read a third time on the following division:

YEAS-30.

Messieurs

King Asselstine Kenney Murray Planta Harris Burns Wismer

McPherson, D. Leary Hanna Smith, Mrs. Barrow Sutherland Manson Hart

Pattullo Sloan Weir Tupper Carson Whittaker Putnam

Johnson Wilkinson McKeenMacPherson, F. M.

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MacDonald, K. C.

NAYS-14.

Messieurs

McDonald, A. Bakewell MacKauSwailes Strachan Anscomb Bruhm Savage

Poolen Uphill Price

Winch, H. E. Steeves, Mrs.

Gillis

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Duty Act'" was read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam" was read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1922'" was read a second time and committed, reported complete with amendment, considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropractic Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Weir, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mrs. Steeves moved that Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Economic Council Act'" be now read a second time.

The motion was negatived.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act,' " as reported with amendments from Committee of the Whole, Mr. *Johnson* moved to amend as follows:—

Section 2, line 2: To strike out the word "sections," and to substitute therefor the word "section."

To strike out subsection 17, lines 10 to 16.

Amendments agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *Tupper*, Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Mr. Tupper moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Pharmacy and the Regulation of the Sale of Poisons and Drugs."

The House continued to sit after midnight.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time on the following division:-

YEAS-35.

Messieurs

King	Burns
Asselstine	Wismer
McDonald, A.	Anscomb
Kenney	Bruhn
MacKay	Uphill
Strachan	McPherson, D.
Planta	Leary
Savage	Gillis
Harris	Hanna

Smith, Mrs.
Sutherland
Manson
Hart
Pattullo
Sloan
Weir
Tupper

Whittaker Putnam Johnson Wilkinson McKeen MacPherson, F. M.

Gray

MacDonald, K. C.

Carson

Nays—7. Messieurs

Murray Swailes

Bakewell

Price Winch, H. E.

Steeves, Mrs.

By leave of the House, the Bill was committed forthwith, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sloan, it was Resolved,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Railways be permitted to sit during the next sitting of this House.

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 3.35 a.m.

Winch, E. E.

Saturday, March 23rd, 1935.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. Barrow presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 21st, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:—
That thirty-three resolutions dealing with agricultural matters and forwarded by the several District Farmers' Institutes for consideration were reviewed by your Committee.

A report bearing on the representations of the District Farmers' Institutes, submitted on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, was also considered, and in view of satisfactory measures already adopted by that Department in relation to the subject-matters of the resolutions, your Committee deems it unnecessary to present a detailed report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. D. BARROW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropractic Act'" be now read a second time.

The motion was negatived on the following division:

Yeas—13. Messieurs

McDonald, A.	Winch, E. E.	Price	Harris
Planta	Anscomb	Winch, H. E.	Whittaker
Bakewell	Uphill	Steeves, Mrs.	Johnson
Swailes			

NAYS-22.

Messieurs

King	Gillis	Sloan	McKeen
Murray	Smith, Mrs.	Weir	MacPherson, F. M.
Strachan	Sutherland	Carson	Pearson
Savage	Manson	Putnam	Gray
Harris	Hart	Wilkinson	MacDonald, K. C.
Wismer	Pattullo		

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Planta* on the 14th instant, as follows:—

Whereas the McNary Bill requesting the President of the United States to negotiate an agreement with Canada for the construction of an International Highway through the Dominion of Canada to Alaska has passed the United States Senate:

And whereas the said Bill provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 for survey and \$2,000,000 for construction of the Alaska section of the proposed International Highway:

And whereas the passing of the said Bill will likely result in negotiations between the United States and the Dominion of Canada during the current year with a view to implement the findings of the United States Commission appointed by Act of Congress, May 15th, 1930 (Public No. 228—71st Congress), with whom were associated the following Canadian representatives: J. M. Wardle, Chief Engineer of Federal Parks Branch, Canadian Department of Public Works; Hon. George Black, Representative of the Yukon Territory and Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons: and G. P. Napier, Assistant Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works of British Columbia, of which joint meeting Mr. Black was Chairman:

And whereas the said Monary Bill implements the proposal as recommended in the report of the Commission as herein above referred to, page 3, "Report of the Commission to Study the Proposed Highway to Alaska," as follows:—

"That consideration be given by the road-building agencies of Alaska and Yukon Territory to the construction of the Fairbanks-Dawson Road without waiting for the adoption of the entire project, in order to develop the intermediate territory and provide an early connection between these two communities, as well as complete a vital link in the proposed through highway."

And whereas the following excerpts appear on page 2 of the report of the said Commission published at Washington, D.C., by the Department of State, "Conference Series No. 14," intituled "Report of the Commission to Study the Proposed Highway to Alaska." page 2, as follows:—

- "5. The benefits to be gained from the project from the American point of view are:-
 - "(a.) Development of Alaska through making the territory by highway, resulting in an increase of population and consequent increase in revenue from taxes, tending to decrease the present necessity for Federal appropriations for the support of the territory.
 - "(b.) The road would be a great contribution to the welfare of American citizens now living in Alaska under adverse conditions, by providing a physical connection with the vast continental road system.
 - "(c.) Opening of a new country that is now practically inaccessible, giving opportunity for settlement, investment of capital, and employment.

- "(d.) The new road would make accessible to the continental highway system the existing road net in Central Alaska comprising about 900 miles, providing a new and valuable area for exploration, for recreation, or for business purposes.
- "(e.) The highway would foster air commerce with Alaska by furnishing a guiding landmark and provide service to aviators along the most practicable flying route to the interior of the territory and to Asia.
- "(f.) Promotion of friendly relations between citizens of United States and Canada."

 And whereas the excerpts above quoted would appear to indicate that in the opinion of the Commission the proposed highway would be of material advantage in the development of Alaska:

And whereas the following excerpt appears on page 2 of the "Report of the Commission to Study the Proposed Highway to Alaska": "No attempt is made to evaluate the benefits Canada would derive from the project, but it may be mentioned that in addition to such direct development of new Canadian territory as might be brought about by the road, Canada would gain the business and commerce incident to providing service and supplies to motorists using the road for access to Alaska."

And whereas the above quoted excerpt indicates that in the opinion of the Commission the route of the proposed highway has not been fully canvassed to ascertain the economic and strategic benefits which would accrue to Canada from the construction of the said highway:

And whereas the route of the proposed highway from Hazelton and northward does not appear the most practical route to best serve the interests of the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia in particular:

And whereas from a study of the report of the said Commission, and the report of Ernest Walker Sawyer, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., which was submitted to the United States Department of Interior in conjunction with official United States map known as "Alaska Map No. 8"; and from a review of current developments, as appearing in the press of the United States and the Dominion of Canada from time to time since the appointment of the Commission hereinbefore referred, there appears evidence that aid to air-plane travel is not least of the advantages sought through the construction of the proposed highway to Alaska, which contention is borne out in the excerpts as follows, taken from the "Report of the Commission to Study the Proposed Highway to Alaska":—

"For example, the shortest line between New York and Tokio passes through mid-western and western Canada and through Alaska, just a few miles north of Fairbanks. From all Pacific Coast American ports the shortest air-line routes to Asia, as far west as India or Persia, lie close to Alaska. Alaska, therefore, owing to its favourable strategic location, is the most suitable jump-off point for air travel to Asia.

"The Pacific-Yukon Highway is properly located to serve aviation, and the completion of the project will probably greatly stimulate aviation in the area affected and thereby further develop the country. Indeed, it would not be surprising if the increase in aviation activities were to force the construction of the project from that view-point alone, irrespective of other advantages."

And whereas the construction of the said highway would appear to be of material advantage in the development of the Alaska "Panhandle" to a degree which may eventually preclude the fulfilment of Motion No. 2 submitted to this Legislative Assembly by Mr. Kergin on February 8th. 1928. as follows:—

"Whereas the northern half of the Province of British Columbia and the whole of the Yukon Territory are bounded on the west of Alaska from 54° 40' north latitude to the Arctic Ocean, a distance of approximately 1,300 miles:

"And whereas the Province of British Columbia is bounded on the west by that part of Alaska known as the 'Panhandle' from the 54° 40' north latitude in a north-westerly direction to the 60th parallel of north latitude, a distance of approximately 600 miles:

"And whereas said Panhandle of Alaska is in width approximately 30 miles and acts as a barrier and is detrimental to the development of the northern balf of this Province:

"And whereas as a result of friendly diplomatic overtures between the Dominion of Canada and the United States previous differences of opinion in respect to the Alaskan-Canadian boundary were formally adjusted by the Alaska Boundary Tribunal on October 20th, 1903;

"And whereas we believe it would be in the interests of both the United States of America and Canada that a readjustment of the Alaskan-Canadian boundary be made:

"And be it further Resolved, That a humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Hon, the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa."

And whereas the Legislative Assembly did approve the above motion, February 9th, 1928: And whereas a joint Commission was chosen in 1903 to settle the dispute between Great Britain and the United States as to the boundary of Alaska, and which Commission consisted of Elihu Root, Senator Lodge, and Senator Turner for the United States, and Lord Alverstone, Sir Louis Jette, and Mr. (now Sir Allen) Aylesworth, K.C., for Canada:

And whereas it is reported in "Chronicles of Canada," Vol. 30, Part VIII., page 215, that: "A majority consisting of Lord Alverstone and the three American members had decided substantially in favour of the United States. Sir Louis Jette and Mr. Aylesworth declined to sign the award and declared it in part a "grotesque travesty of justice":

And whereas "When the terms of the treaty were first announced Mr. Borden (now Sir Robert) declared that it should have been made subject to ratification by the Canadian Parliament." (See "Chronicles of Canada," Vol. 30, Part VIII., page 217.)

And whereas "After the award Sir Wilfrid Laurier went further, contending that the lesson was that Canada should have independent treaty-making power. It is important," he said, "that we should ask the British Parliament for more extensive powers, so that if ever we have to deal with matters of a similar nature again, we shall deal with them in our own way, in our own fashion, according to the best light we have":

And whereas the Dominion of Canada now possesses independent treaty-making powers (see Statute of Westminster):

And whereas the consummation of a treaty between the Dominion of Canada and the United States for the readjustment of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary will solidify the position of British Columbia within Confederation; strengthen the position of the Dominion of Canada as an integral part of the British Empire; and increase the friendly relations between the Dominion of Canada and the United States through the removal of this contentious problem:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that concurrent with negotiations between the Dominion of Canada and the United States for construction of the said highway negotiations should be undertaken for readjustment of the Alaska-Canadian boundary as set forth in the motion approved by this Legislature as hereinbefore stated (see Journals of Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, February 9th, 1928), and that the Province of British Columbia shall be represented in such negotiations.

Be it further Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or such other proper official at Ottawa.

Mr. Kenney moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Murray,-

To strike out all the words after the word "Alaska" in the forty-ninth line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly will be glad to facilitate the project of the Alaska Highway through British Columbia if and when the various other Governments interested and concerned submit proposals for same."

Amendment agreed to.

Main motion as amended agreed to.

The following notices of motion were, by leave of the House, withdrawn, it being stated by the Hon. Mr. Pattullo that a Return would be presented in each case:—

By Mr. Connell-

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return by the Hon, the Provincial Secretary of all documents and correspondence in connection with the "Chiropractors Act" between the Provincial Secretary and the Chiropractors' Board or Chiropractors' Association.

By Mr. Swailes-

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return by the Hon, the Minister of Public Works of all correspondence and reports since 1933 between the Provincial Government and the Ladner Bridge Co. relating to the proposed toll-bridge at Ladner.

On the Order being called for the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Planta, Mr. H. E. Winch rose to a point of order:—

Whereas there has been considerable current public discussion advocating the enfranchisement of citizens of Oriental origin resident in the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas the previous reasons which caused the Government of this Province to refuse persons of Oriental origin without service in His Majesty's Forces the privilege of franchise have not altered:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislature is opposed to any extension of the franchise to British Columbia citizens of Oriental origin.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision with reference to the notice of motion therein referred to:—

Honourable Members,—Re notice of motion No. 4, under the name of Mr. Connell (Leader of the Opposition), which reads as follows:—

"Mr. Connell to move the following Resolution:-

"'That, in the opinion of this House, the present relief scale which now operates as a maximum scale should be fixed as a minimum and all payments made on that basis; and, furthermore, that this minimum scale should be uniformly obligatory in both organized and unorganized districts."

The above notice of motion is ruled out of order on the following grounds: That it is a mandatory motion affecting and dictating Government policy, which under numerous decisions of this House is clearly out of order.

It is also out of order under Standing Order No. 66, which clearly states the House will not receive any resolution stating an express or abstract opinion of the House on recommending the expenditure of public money, unless recommended by the Crown.

H. G. PERRY, Speaker.

On the motion of Mr. Manson, seconded by Mr. H. E. Winch, it was Resolved,-

That this Legislature is of the opinion that the continued maintenance of unemployed in National Defence Camps is destructive of the faith, vision, and morale of those encamped, and that this is especially true in the case of the many young men in the said camps.

And further, That this Legislature is of the opinion that the Federal and Provincial Governments should forthwith unite in a policy that would result in the gainful occupation of our employable unemployed.

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

- 1. How many men were employed by the Public Works Department in Fernie District during the year 1934?
 - 2. What were their names, and what remuneration did each receive?
 - 3. What amount was paid for hire of public trucks, and to whom paid?
 - 4. What amount was appropriated to the Fernie District to public works for relief purposes?
 - 5. What amount was expended for material?
 - 6. What amount for administration?
 - 7. What amount in wages to unemployed in connection with this special allowance?

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

Saturday, March 23rd, 1935.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. MacKay presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Railways, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, March 23rd, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Railways, consisting of Messrs. MacKay, Johnson, Tupper, Murray, Planta, and Price, instructed by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, dated March 8th, 1935, to make a full investigation into the charges of incompetency, inefficiency, and lack of judgment preferred by the honourable the first member for Vancouver East on March 6th, 1935, at the evening session of this Legislature, against the operating officers of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, duly proceeded to investigate the charges in question and received all evidence tendered.

It required eight sittings of your Committee to examine fifteen witnesses, some of whom came from as far distant as Williams Lake, and to receive all other relevant evidence.

Although a full investigation was made into the general charge of inefficiency and incompetency, the hearing centred around the specific charge of lack of judgment, as ordered by this Assembly; the specific charge being that the railway was allowed to be tied up for a period of ten days or more by storm conditions, due to a lack of judgment on the part of operating officials of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

The honourable the first member for Vancouver East, in the charges made, stated that he could produce witnesses who were on the job at the time, to testify as to the accuracy of these charges. This the honourable the first member for Vancouver East completely failed to do.

The evidence before your Committee established the following facts:-

- (1.) That the maintenance of the right-of-way over the lines of the said railway and the handling of snow conditions along the said lines comes directly under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Maintenance-of-way Engineer, Charles L. Bates, stationed at Squamish, and that he reports direct to the Executive Assistant of the railway at Vancouver, Robert Wilson, and that these two officials are the only operating officers of the said railway who could possibly be involved in the charge made by the honourable the first member for Vancouver East.
- (2.) That the snow-fighting equipment of the said railway at the time of the said storm consisted of a Russell snow-plough and a flanger.
- (3.) That over a period of nineteen years the said snow-fighting equipment had proven quite sufficient to handle snow and storm conditions along the said railway.
- (4.) That on the late afternoon of the 20th day of January, while the said snow-plough was at the very north end of the company's line, where it had been sent to clear the tracks of snow, an unprecedented and extraordinary snow-storm started at the south end of the line which lasted for some two days.
- (5.) That during the said snow-storm between 4 and 5 feet of fresh snow fell at the south end of the line.
- (6.) That on the morning of the 21st day of January the crew of the said snow-plough were endeavouring to break through a heavy snow-slide which had come down on the lines of the said railway some 54 miles north of Squamish; a terrific slide came down on top and behind the said snow-plough, and the locomotive and caboose, which formed part of the plough extra, completely hemmed in the plough, locomotive, and caboose, and rendered further progress impossible until the line was clear.
- (7.) That, as a result of the exceptionally heavy fall of snow, many slides occurred along the said railway-lines on the said 21st day of January and the days immediately following, resulting in a tie-up of the said line for a period of approximately ten days.
- (8.) That after endeavouring to get another plough or ploughs from other railway companies the Executive Assistant and the Maintenance-of-way Engineer of the said railway took immediate steps to construct another snow-plough in the company's shops at Squamish. With that plough the company's line was cleared.

- (9.) That having in mind the extraordinary conditions which existed along the railway-line as a result of the said storm, the company's line was opened up in an exceptionally short time.
- (10.) That due to the efficient work of the operating officials and the unceasing and loyal support of the other employees of the said railway company, the company's lines were opened up in a remarkably short period of time, having regard to the extraordinary condition which resulted from the said storm.
- (11.) That no single one of the fifteen witnesses examined before us, thirteen of whom were employees of the said company, actually present on the ground at the time of the said tie-up, and engaged in the work of clearing and opening up the right-of-way, suggested any step or steps taken by any of the operating officials of the company which would indicate a lack of judgment, inefficiency, or incompetency on the part of any of the said officials.

That your Committee is of the opinion that the tie-up of the said railway for the said period of approximately ten days during the said month of January, through storm conditions, did not result from any lack of judgment on the part of the operating officers of the said company, and after a full investigation into the charge made by the honourable the first member for Vancouver East, this Committee finds that the said charge is entirely without foundation.

That as a result of our investigation we are of the opinion that the operating officials and employees of the company are to be commended for the way they overcame the terrible condition which resulted in the tie-up of the company's lines, and upon the fact that they were able to open up the lines in such an incredibly short time without loss of life or damage to any of the company's equipment.

The findings of your Committee here are unanimous.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. MACKAY, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling regarding the notice of motion therein referred to:—

Honourable Members,—On the Order being called for Notice of Motion No. 11 on Order Paper No. 42 by the honourable member for Peace River, as follows:—

- "Whereas there has been considerable current public discussion advocating the enfranchisement of citizens of Oriental origin resident in the Province of British Columbia:
- "And whereas the previous reasons which caused the Government of this Province to refuse persons of Oriental origin without service in His Majesty's Forces the privilege of franchise have not altered:
- "Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislature is opposed to any extension of the franchise to British Columbia citizens of Oriental origin,"—
- the honourable the first member for Vancouver East arose to a point of order on certain grounds, and I was requested to give my decision on the regularity or otherwise of the proposed motion.

The motion is out of order, in my opinion, for the following reasons:-

- (1.) It is an abstract resolution affirming an opposite opinion to a hypothetical proposition which has not been made, and which, if made, could be only by an amendment to a Statute (the "Provincial Elections Act"). No such proposal is before the House.
- (2.) The resolution, if passed, would be inoperative and lack direction, while if it were negatived it would override a Statute.
- (3.) It would be an indirect direction to the Government to amend a Statute—namely, the "Provincial Elections Act."
- (4.) A debate on the resolution would necessarily introduce discussion of a Statute without any amendments to the Statute being before the House.
- (5.) The resolution also refers to "current public discussion" and also to "the previous reasons" which caused certain legislation. This is the same as citing matters and documents not before the House, which is not allowed. *May*, 291, 323, 328; 1 B.C. Dec., 52, 56; 2 B.C. 9.

I rule the motion out of order.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Pharmacy and the Regulation of the Sale and Use of Poisons and Drugs" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker declared a suspension of the sitting until 3.30 p.m., and left the chair,

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

William H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:-

- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Police and Prisons Regulation Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to indemnify and relieve Edward Dodsley Barrow respecting the Receipt of certain Moneys from the Associated Growers of British Columbia, Limited, while a Member of the Legislative Assembly.
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Interpretation Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the City of Port Alberni.
- (No. 10) An Act respecting the City of Vancouver.
- (No. 11) An Act to validate a certain By-law of the City of Prince George.
- (No. 12) An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles.
- (No. 13) An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam.
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Female Minimum Wage Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Male Minimum Wage Act."
- (No. 16) An Act respecting the Right-of-way of the Dolly Varden Mines Railway.
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Summary Convictions Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Weekly Half-holiday Act."
- (No. 19) An Act respecting the Practice of Pharmacy and the Regulation of the Sale and Use of Poisons and Drugs.
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act."
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act, 1929."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments for the Protection of certain Animals and Birds.
- (No. 25) An Act to provide for the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster.
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Savings and Loan Associations Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments regulating the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works.
- (No. 28) An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Δdoption of Children.
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Public Inquiries Act."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Hours of Work Act, 1934."
- (No. 32) An Act respecting the Training of Apprentices.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company Act, 1934."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Stock-brands Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Goat-breeders' Protection Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Noxious Weeds Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "City of Armstrong Incorporation Act, 1913,"

- (No. 40) An Act respecting Civil Service Superannuation.
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the "Barbers Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Unemployment Relief Act, 1933."
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline.
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Fuel-oil Tax Act."
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 51) An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 55) An Act respecting The Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.
- (No. 56) An Act to amend the "Hairdressers Act."
- (No. 57) An Act to amend the "Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act."
- (No. 58) An Act to amend the "Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act."
- (No. 59) An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
- (No. 60) An Act to provide for the Protection of Plants, and to prevent the Spreading within the Province of Insects, Pests, and Diseases destructive to Vegetation.
- (No. 61) An Act respecting the Dairy Industry.
- (No. 62) An Act respecting the Inspection and Sale of Fruit.
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Public Libraries Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Highway Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Vital Statistics Act."
- (No. 67) An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing.
- (No. 68) An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Sanatorium for the Care and Treatment of Persons suffering from Tuberculosis.
- (No. 69) An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Provincial Home for Aged Persons.
- (No. 70) An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the District of Burnaby.
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Juvenile Courts Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Industrial Home for Girls Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Industrial School Act."
- (No. 75) An Act respecting the City of Prince Rupert.
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend and revive the "Special Powers Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Town Planning Act."
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Municipal Cemeteries Act."
- (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 86) An Act to amend the "Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1922."
- (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Truck Act."
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Optometry Act."
- (No. 89) An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver.
- (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Court of Appeal Act."
- (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Distress Act."
- (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Securities Act."
- (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 97) An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 98) An Act respecting the City of Port Moody.
- (No. 99) An Act to facilitate the Growing of Pure Seed of Vegetable and Field Crops.
- (No. 100) An Act to amend the "Superannuation Act."

(No. 101) An Act to provide for the Attendance of the Honourable H. G. T. Perry at the coming Meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association as a Representative of the Province, and to indemnify him in connection therewith.

(No. 102) An Act to amend the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act."

(No. 103) An Act to amend the "Probate Duty Act."

(No. 104) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."

(No. 105) An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam.

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 77) 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:

I have followed the deliberations of this Assembly during the course of the Session and I have been struck with the earnestness of purpose which has characterized your activities.

I feel sure that the various and important measures which have been enacted will inure to the welfare of the people of British Columbia.

I thank you for the supply granted for the public service.

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

The Hon. Mr. Weir, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

H. G. PERRY, Speaker.