

Tuesday, 25th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order called for the consideration of the report of the Select Committee appointed to investigate the dispute between the Dolly Varden Mines Company and the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, presented and read on 22nd March.

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

That the report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to hear such further evidence as the Committee shall consider advisable, and to report back to this House not later than the opening of the evening Session, and that the Committee have power to sit during the sitting of the House, and that such report be placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at to-morrow morning's Session.

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

1. In how many soldiers' estates was an application made under the "Succession Duty Act" for a remission of the duty chargeable on account of the property of the deceased soldier?
2. In how many cases was it allowed, with particulars?
3. In how many cases was it refused, with particulars?

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

"1. Thirty-nine to date, in thirty-four of which action has been taken by the Government on the recommendation of the Inspector of Trust Companies, Probate and Succession Duties, who made careful inquiry into the circumstances of each case, and in five of which decision is pending.

"2. Seventeen. In each instance the Department was satisfied that the legatees were dependent on the deceased soldier.

"3. Seventeen. In each instance the Department did not find from the facts disclosed that the legatees were dependent on the estate of the deceased soldier, or that they were at all dependent on him during his lifetime."

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company of a Portion of the Former Songhees Indian Reserve" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act, 1915'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Foul Brood Bees Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. Have all or any of the following lots: 71, 72, 73, 74, 92, 93, 101, 113, 114, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 571A, 572, 572A, 573, 573A, 574, 574A, 576, 725, all in the Renfrew District, been alienated from the Crown?

2. If so, when and at what figure?
3. In what category were these lots placed?
4. Were they classed as second-class agricultural lands?
5. What price was paid for these lots?
6. Are they timber lots?
7. If so, what steps (if any) have been taken to make the owners pay the extra value to the Province?
8. If these were timber lands, what extra money would have been paid to the Province for them?
9. If such steps have been taken, when were they taken, and with what results?
10. At what date was this matter first brought to the attention of the Government?

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

- "1. All but Lot 576.
- "2. Lot 71, October 19th, 1909, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 72, October 19th, 1909, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 73, October 19th, 1909, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 74, June 21st, 1894, \$1 per acre; Lot 92, October 19th, 1909, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 93, October 19th, 1909, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 101, April 13th, 1911, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 113, October 19th, 1909, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 114, October 28th, 1909, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 529, January 25th, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 530, January 29th, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 531, January 25th, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 532, January 25th, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 533, February 5th, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 564, April 3rd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 565, March 22nd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 566, March 22nd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 567, March 22nd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 568, April 3rd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 569, March 22nd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 570, March 22nd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 571, March 22nd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 571A, March 8th, 1912, \$5 per acre; Lot 572, April 16th, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 572A, February 26th, 1912, \$5 per acre; Lot 573, March 22nd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 573A, March 29th, 1912, \$5 per acre; Lot 574, March 22nd, 1912, \$2.50 per acre; Lot 574A, February 26th, 1912, \$5 per acre; Lot 725, December 31st, 1912, \$5 per acre.
- "3. Answered by No. 4.
- "4. Crown-granted as such.
- "5. Answered by No. 2.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Notice was sent to show cause why grant should not be cancelled.
- "8. Value of timber estimated at approximately \$335,000 at present values.
- "9. Notice sent March 2nd, 1917; matter standing.
- "10. Unable to state definitely; under consideration for some time."

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Venereal Diseases" was committed. Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities."

On the motion of Dr. *McIntosh*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting.

*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 1.10 p.m.

Tuesday, 25th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The petition from E. A. Carew-Gibson, of Vancouver, *re* certain coal licences, was received.

On a question of privilege, Mr. *Cowper* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burde*,—

That this House censures Walter Hepburn, Provincial Censor of Moving Pictures, for addressing statements to the public reflecting upon the dignity of this House.

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. *McGeer* presented the following report:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. *McGeer*, *Giolma*, *Anderson*, *Whiteside*, and *MacKenzie*, appointed by Resolutions of the 20th and 24th days of February, 1919, for the purpose of considering suggestions made with the view to rehabilitating returned soldiers, begs leave to submit its final report.

The Committee held the following meetings: February 25th, in the Ministers' Room at 10 a.m.; February 26th, in the Ministers' Room at 8 p.m.; February 27th, in the Ministers' Room at 8 p.m.; March 3rd, in the Ministers' Room at 8 p.m.; March 5th, in the Ministers' Room at 8 p.m.; March 7th, in the Ministers' Room at 8 p.m.; March 10th, in the Ministers' Room at 8 p.m.; March 17th, in the Ministers' Room at 8 p.m.; March 21st, in the Ministers' Room at 8 p.m.

The soldiers' organizations whose representatives appeared before your Committee were as follows: The British Campaigners, represented by Major *Bapty*, President, and Mr. *Edwards*, Secretary; the Comrades of the Great War, represented by a delegation consisting of Messrs. *Kidner*, *Gutten*, and *McIntosh*; the Provincial Great War Veterans, represented by Captain *Whittaker*, President, and Mr. *Walter Drinnan*, Organizer; the Empress of Asia Soldier Settlement Community, represented by Messrs. *Kirchner* and *Walker*.

Others appearing before your Committee consisted of the Chairman of the Provincial Land Settlement Board, Mr. *Nelems*; the late Comptroller of Water for the Province, Mr. *William H. Young*; several Members of the Legislature, and citizens and soldiers representing private views and interests having to do with the matter under consideration by your Committee.

In submitting its final report, your Committee wishes to emphasize the fact that, in working out the great problem of rehabilitation and assisting the soldiers engaged in the conflict between His Majesty and his Allies and the Central Powers of Europe to return to civil life, the closest co-operation possible be developed between the soldier organizations and the Government, with a view that the representations of the soldier organizations may meet with immediate active and sympathetic consideration, and that steps be taken so that the representative soldier organizations may at all times be made conversant with the work that the Government is performing in the many branches of this all-inclusive problem. This particularly applies in conjunction with that feature of rehabilitation known as land settlement. Your Committee is of the opinion that it is advisable that proper representatives of the soldier organizations should be made conversant with any area which it is proposed shall be open to soldier settlement, so that through the medium of their own organizations the soldiers contemplating settling on such lands may have first information as to the character and general circumstances surrounding such area. It is the opinion of your Committee that if such a course is followed it will prove of tremendous value in allaying any feeling of distrust which might arise as the result of unfair and unwarranted criticism made by irresponsible persons not possessed of the full knowledge of the facts. It is in our opinion essential that this be done owing to the fact that many of the areas possible

of soldier settlement at the present time are some distance from transportation, and in a great many instances so far from the centres of population that a personal inspection of the lands could not be made by all of the individuals contemplating settlement thereon.

Many of the representations made with a view to assisting the returned soldier to civil life have already been dealt with in interim reports of this Committee and by former action of the Government. In the consideration of the many proposals submitted to your Committee having to do with the rehabilitation of soldiers, your Committee is of the opinion that, if rehabilitation is to meet with the success that it merits, it must be participated in by the individual, the municipality, the Provincial Government, and the Dominion Government, each in the opinion of your Committee having a duty to perform, the greatest of which being the putting forward of co-operative effort, having one and only one end in view, and that being the making possible the re-establishing of the returned soldiers in civil life as easy and as quickly as possible.

Your Committee is strongly impressed with the necessity of the securing of an organized effort on the part of the individuals of the community, believing that by so doing much assistance can be extended where necessary along the lines of assisting returned men in the task of getting settled, particularly with reference to men who are partially disabled. Your Committee is of the opinion that through the medium of the Soldiers' Aid Commission already recommended much of the necessary organization-work can be carried on in conjunction with the Government Labour Bureaus and the soldiers' organizations. The problem of rehabilitation is all-inclusive in so far as human affairs are concerned, and your Committee in consequence has considered specifically only some of its many features, particularly those whereby it was believed some measure of assistance could be extended to meet general circumstances and situations.

*Taxes.*—It was represented by many of the delegations of soldier organizations appearing before your Committee that the payment of arrears of taxes accumulating as a result of the provisions of certain Acts of this Legislature, particularly the "Moratorium Act," would work a grave and serious hardship on many men who will find themselves in a short time no longer protected in the manner above mentioned. Your Committee, in view of the representations made, communicated with the different municipalities throughout the Province of British Columbia with a view to ascertaining the actual amount of taxes due on the lands and the actual amount of taxes levied on the homes and holdings of soldiers and their dependents. At the time of the preparation of this report sufficient returns were not as yet at hand to permit your Committee to make a statement as to the actual amount of such taxes, but from the information to hand it is the opinion of your Committee that the amount is not so great as to prevent the consideration of the total exemption from taxes during the period of enlistment of a soldier of his home with a view to action being taken before the expiration of the "Moratorium Act" in 1920; subject to the provision that the exemptions shall be limited to a value per home of \$5,000. Your Committee is of the opinion that the homes of totally disabled soldiers, the widows and children of soldiers, and widowed mothers of soldiers totally dependent upon a soldier who has made the supreme sacrifice should be exempt from taxation during the period of the war, and where the taxes had been paid those taxes should be remitted to the persons it is proposed to benefit. In the matter of dealing with taxes on holdings other than homes, the payment of which is deferred by the above-mentioned Acts, it is recommended to the consideration of the Government that a provision be made whereby these taxes may be paid off in instalments stretching over a period of time, making the payment of such taxes as easy as circumstances will permit. It is also recommended by your Committee that full and ample provision be made for the prevention of others benefiting by such exemptions, particularly mortgagees, and that a provision be made whereby in the event of any home or holding under which the above-mentioned provisions or exemptions would apply being foreclosed, that in such event taxes exempted shall become due and payable.

*Orphans.*—Representations were made to your Committee with reference to children known as war orphans. On investigation the Committee ascertained that the number of actual orphans occasioned by the war was not extremely large. The Committee ascertained that the Dominion authorities are taking steps to find homes for these children, and which in the main it is believed by your Committee is proving a satisfactory solution for this problem. However, your Committee ascertained that there were a large number of children whose fathers had been killed overseas, and it is the opinion of your Committee that the general orphanage problem of the Province will be substantially aggravated thereby. Your Committee therefore recommends to

the consideration of the Government the establishment of what is known as cottage homes for orphans; these homes to be established in different parts of the Province where necessary. The home to be such as will accommodate from eight to fifteen children, superintended by a nursing sister who has seen active service, assisted by the necessary help, affording to the children placed in such a home an opportunity to enjoy the benefits and advantages of a home-life such as the child would enjoy were it in the home of its parents. The homes to be established in places and in the vicinity of satisfactory schools, so that the children will be able to receive the benefit of the general educational facilities provided for the children of the community.

*Civil Servants.*—Strong representations were made to your Committee on behalf of the reinstatement of Civil Servants who had left the employ of the Government for active service, and your Committee strongly recommends to the consideration of the Government a policy of reinstatement of all Civil Servants who so left the service, on their return, or the finding of employment equal or better than that which was left at the time of enlistment. In connection with the administration of the "Civil Service Act," your Committee recommends to the consideration of the Government the advisability of adopting a policy in the matter of the examination of candidates for positions by which no soldier will be debarred from a fair consideration of his merits to fulfil any such position for which he has an application, and that, as far as circumstances will permit, age limit as provided in the "Civil Service Act" be removed with respect to soldier candidates. In many positions which will become open from time to time, it is the opinion of your Committee that, as far as soldier candidates are concerned, a viva voce examination would prove more acceptable than the written examination at present prescribed.

*Pensions.*—While this is a matter which is exclusively under the control of the Federal Government, representations were strongly made to your Committee asking for the co-operation of the Provincial Government on behalf of the men entitled to or in receipt of pensions, resident in this Province, with a view to having the pensions increased so that the pensioner may be in receipt of an amount which will be the equivalent, as far as it is possible, of the difference between what he is able to earn and what constitutes fair and proper living allowance, having in mind that throughout the different parts of Canada the cost of such living varies substantially. Your Committee therefore humbly recommends that the Provincial Government recommend to the Dominion Government a complete revision of the pension system, so that in its revised state it will meet with the approval of the soldier organizations who have made representations in regard to this all-important question, and whose representations, resolutions, and recommendations have already been forwarded to the Dominion Government.

*Aliens and Enemy Aliens.*—Representations have been made to your Committee that there are resident in the Province of British Columbia numbers of persons from the central countries of Europe and elsewhere who evince no desire either to speak or encourage their children to speak the English language or to conform to British ideals or to adopt Canadian citizenship. Such persons being, by reason of religion, habits of life, and standard of living, aliens to the best interests of the community and prejudicial to Canadian national development; and, further, that many persons of enemy nationality during the past years of war have enjoyed inviolate the security and freedom common to citizens of the Dominion, and yet such persons, by reason of divers acts, speeches, treasonable and seditious—such action and speeches being destructive to the security and welfare of this Dominion and in violation of its laws—have shown themselves to be enemies and undesirable citizens, your Committee therefore recommends that the Provincial Government urge upon the Dominion Government a policy of immigration making impossible the indiscriminate entry of aliens to the Dominion of Canada, which the immigration laws permit, as being contrary to the best interests of the Dominion, continuing to endanger our national ideals. Your Committee further recommends that the Provincial Government urge upon the Dominion Government the passing of legislation providing for the deportation to their respective countries of all such enemy aliens at the earliest possible moment.

*Working Conditions.*—Representations were made to your Committee with regard to the conditions applicable to the workers in the Province of British Columbia, and particular stress was laid upon the possibility of considerable unemployment obtaining as a result of the discontinuing of works carried on as a part of the war activities and the return of large numbers of men who have been on active service, seeking employment, endangering the worker to exploitation, submitting him to less happy working conditions and lower rates of wages. It was represented that the presence in the Province of British Columbia of large numbers of Orientals

largely engaged as workers whose standard of living is low, whose hours of labour are excessive, and whose wages are small, worked to the disadvantage and the detriment of the Canadian workmen and women. Your Committee therefore humbly recommends to the Department of Labour that the whole question of the conditions of the workers in the Province be taken under advisement, and it is humbly recommended to the Government that it consider the advisability of bringing down legislation with a view to establishing a minimum wage for certain workers throughout the Province, and with a view to regulating the hours of labour and the conditions of labour, and with a view to prohibiting the system of indentured labour which your Committee believes is largely adopted as the medium through which Orientals are employed.

*Cost of Living.*—Representations were made to your Committee with reference to the high cost of living, and particularly the high cost of foodstuffs in the Province of British Columbia at this time. Your Committee, while fully appreciating the efforts of the Dominion Government along lines of regulating the sale and distribution of foodstuffs, is of the opinion that the Provincial Government is in a position to assist in a measure in attacking this vital problem, and without going into the many ramifications of such a problem, your Committee recommends that the Government take into its consideration the advisability of laying down a policy for the assisting of municipal organizations to own and operate their own cold-storage plants. It is suggested that the aid extended to the construction of cold-storage plants by the Dominion Government could be supplemented, as far as a municipality or city is concerned, by similar assistance from the Provincial Government.

In submitting its final report, your Committee wishes to express its humble appreciation to the representatives of the returned soldier organizations that appeared before it, and to state that your Committee received at the hands of these representatives most ample assistance and consideration, your Committee finding in the representatives of the soldier organizations a sincere desire to co-operate and assist in a most reasonable and satisfactory way, not what is now the great Provincial problem, but what is and will continue to be for some time the great national problem of Canada.

G. G. McGEER, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

*Ordered* to be considered at the morning sitting of the House on Wednesday next.

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

That this House will, at the next sitting thereof, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

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

1. What was the total cost of transferring the police lock-up from Centre Keremeos to Keremeos?

2. When was this work done?

3. By whom was it done?

4. What was the total cost of repairs to said lock-up when established at Keremeos last year?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. \$375.

"2. March, 1918.

"3. D. J. Innis.

"4. \$497.25."

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

1. Was one J. C. Brady, of Golden, General Foreman on the roads for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1918?

2. If so, what was the total amount he received for that work?

3. Was the said Brady also employed as Engineer for a portion of that time locating roads in the same district?

4. If so, what amount did he receive for this work?

5. Is it not contrary to the rules of the Department for any official to receive extra salary for work done while he is in the regular employ of the Government?

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

"1. J. C. Brady was Assistant District Engineer.

"2. Twelve months' salary, \$1,675; exclusive of the usual expenses.

"3. Yes.

"4. No extra remuneration allowed.

"5. Officials under the 'Civil Service Act' are excluded from receiving any remuneration other than that provided by the Estimates. Mr. Brady is not, under the Act, a member of the Service."

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

1. What is the total amount expended by this Government to date in the Toby Creek Cut-off Road?

2. What is the amount expended by this Government in the Paradise Mine Road to date?

3. What is the amount expended by this Government for bridges appurtenant to either of these roads to date?

4. What is the amount expended by R. R. Bruce and his associates on the said works, given separately?

5. What is the gross amount expended by all parties, including the Government, on said works?

6. What was the name of the firm or firms who did the said work?

7. Were tenders called for said work?

8. If not, how did the said firm obtain the job?

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

"1. \$15,058.76.

"2. \$121.

"3. \$2,930.70.

"4. On Toby Creek Cut-off Road, \$12,927 to December, 1917; Engineer reports other expenditures by the company, but Department has no record of the amount.

"5. \$27,267.20.

"6. Contract entered into with Alexander Ritchie, R. Randolph Bruce, and W. Howard Cleland.

"7. No.

"8. The contractor having contributed and being on the ground would carry on the work to the best advantage."

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Public Libraries," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*March 25th, 1919.*

*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. 86) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Public Libraries," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith for reconsideration Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sandon," and recommends to the Legislative Assembly the amendment thereof in the manner set forth hereunder, namely:—

Clause 6, line 3: Insert after the word "male" the words "or female."

Clause 7, line 3: Insert after the word "male" the words "or female."

Clause 8, subsection (1), line 2: Insert after the word "person" the words "male or female."

Clause 8, subsection (2), line 1: Insert after the word "person" the words "male or female."

*Government House,*

*March 25th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the amendment of Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sandon," as recommended by the Message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution, Bill, and proposed amendments reported.

Report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the following amendments were made to the Bill:—

"Clause 6, line 3: By inserting after the word 'male' the words 'or female.'

"Clause 7, line 3: By inserting after the word 'male' the words 'or female.'

"Clause 8, subsection (1), line 2: By inserting after the word 'person' the words 'male or female.'

"Clause 8, subsection (2), line 1: By inserting after the word 'person' the words 'male or female.'"

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

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

1. What is the present status of Lot 4494, Range 5, Coast District?

2. If covered by incomplete application to purchase, when will the same be cancelled?

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

"1. Comprised within an uncompleted application for a proportionate allotment under the 'Soldiers' Homestead Act.'

"2. Receiving the consideration of the Department."

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

1. Is one Herbert Boothman at present teaching school at Pachelqua, near Lillooet?

2. If so, what certificate does he hold?

3. Was said Boothman employed in the Assessor's office at Lillooet last July?

4. If so, on whose recommendation was he appointed?

5. How long did he work in said office, and what remuneration did he receive?

6. Prior to his working in said Assessor's office, had he been convicted on three different occasions for supplying liquor to Indians?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Temporary.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Answered by No. 3.

"6. Answered by No. 3."



The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Foul Brood Bees Act.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors."

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was again committed.  
Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts the Operation of which depends on the Continuance of the Present War" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

1. When assessments are made against a firm, is the partnership assessed as a firm or assessed individually?

2. When a firm is assessed, what is the exemption allowed?

3. If the assessment is based on the firm's income, would it be in a different class than if the individual members of the firm were assessed on their income?

4. If so, what would be the difference?

5. If the individual members of a firm are assessed, what exemption is allowed each individual?

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

"1. As a partnership.

"2. \$1,500.

"3. It would depend on the amount of taxable income.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Answered by No. 1."

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

Were any of the following lots sold at tax-sale in 1918, viz.: N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 397, W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 443, 436, E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 437, 441, E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 470, Range 4, Coast District?

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

"These lots **not** being Crown-granted could not be offered for sale."

Mr. F. J. A. MacKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. When was James Stables appointed Chairman of the Vancouver and District Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board?
2. At what salary was he appointed?
3. Has his salary been raised?
4. If so, when, and to what amount?
5. What is the reason for the raise in said salary?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- "1. April 11th, 1917.
- "2. \$2,500 per year.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. November 1st, 1918; to \$250 per month.
- "5. Request of the Board."

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

1. Were the moneys deposited to the credit of the Hon. the Attorney-General and D. R. Clarke, trustees of the sinking fund of the Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage Board, transferred from said parties to the Hon. the Minister of Finance?
2. If so, when was this done, and the amount?
3. What is the total amount to date the Minister of Finance has received on account of the above sinking fund?
4. Has the Minister of Finance invested this sinking fund?
5. If so, when, and in what securities, with full particulars as to the terms and interest being earned?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes, except what had been invested by them and a balance of \$20.66.
- "2. \$3,700; transferred on November 14th, 1918.
- "3. \$22,053.03.
- "4. In part.
- "5. \$20,000 in Canadian Victory Loan, 1918; 5½ per cent., maturing November 1st, 1933."

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Reports of the Board of Taxation, with a Report on Taxation in the Province.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities."

Bill read a second time.

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. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Damage to Lands arising from the Carrying-on of Industrial Operations."

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to indemnify Sub-purchasers of Crown Lands."

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

*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 5.12 p.m.

Tuesday, 25th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Whiteside* presented the following report:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 25th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed to inquire into matters set forth in the petition of the Dolly Varden Mines Company and the Taylor Engineering Company begs leave to report as follows:—

Pursuant to a Resolution of the House passed this day your Committee held a session in the Members' Room from 11.30 a.m. till 1.15 p.m. and heard representatives on behalf of the Temiskaming Mining Company, and your Committee begs leave to state that they have nothing to add to or take from the recommendations they have already submitted to the House in their former report, which is hereby returned to the House.

Your Committee, however, wishes to state that the draft Bill submitted with your Committee's report is in some respects not in accord with your Committee's recommendations, and that amendments will be submitted when said draft Bill is introduced into the House.

Your Committee recommends that a draft Bill carrying into effect its recommendations be introduced into the House forthwith.

Respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Chairman.*

The report was received, and *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Damage to Lands arising from the Carrying-on of Industrial Operations" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to indemnify Sub-purchasers of Crown Lands" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916.'"

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sandon."

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to secure Uniform Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance."

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts the Operation of which depends on the Continuance of the Present War."

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*March 25th, 1919.*

*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. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

*Resolved,* That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12.35 a.m.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1919.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. E. G. Miller.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Disposal of Lots Twenty-three, Twenty-six, and Twenty-seven, Topaz Avenue, Victoria City, according to Map deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, British Columbia, and numbered Five," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*March 26th, 1919.*

*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 authorize the Disposal of Lots Twenty-three, Twenty-six, and Twenty-seven, Topaz Avenue, Victoria City, according to Map deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, British Columbia, and numbered Five," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Crown Lands in the Vicinity of Bear River, Cariboo District," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*March 24th, 1919.*

*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. 85) intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Crown Lands in the Vicinity of Bear River, Cariboo District," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Control of Mosquitoes and Gophers," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*March 25th, 1919.*

*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. 93) intituled "An Act for the Control of Mosquitoes and Gophers," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Wm. *Sloan*, Commissioner of Fisheries, presented the Report of the Department of Fisheries for the year 1918.

The reports of the Select Committee appointed to investigate the dispute between the Dolly Varden Mines Company and the Taylor Engineering Company, Limited, presented and received on 22nd March and on the 25th March respectively, were adopted.

The report of the Select Committee appointed to deal with schemes and suggestions with a view to the rehabilitating of returned soldiers, presented on March 25th inst., was adopted.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. Who is at present doing the trucking in connection with the transportation of liquor to and from the vendor's premises in Vancouver?

2. What amount to date has been paid in Vancouver for such trucking since the "Prohibition Act" came into force?

3. To whom were these amounts paid, with full particulars?

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

"1. Campbell's Storage, Limited.

"2. \$553.50.

"3. Campbell's Storage, Limited, \$455.90; Chapman's Motor Cartage, \$30.90; Mainland Transfer, \$9; Merchants' Cartage, Limited, \$57.70. General hauling of liquor, etc., to and from Vendor's premises."

Dr. *McIntosh* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has the attention of the Attorney-General been called to the demand for legislation to extend the mortgagor's equity of redemption, so as to secure him any moneys derived by the mortgagee from a *bona-fide* sale or other disposal of mortgaged lands, whether such sale or disposal take place before or after a final order of foreclosure?

2. Is it the intention of the Government to amend legislation so as to recognize such a principle?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The answer to this question involves a matter of Government policy.”

*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 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Mr. *Manson* presented the Second Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 26th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Recommend that the following be printed, namely:—

Report of the Railway Department for 1918.

Report of the Provincial Museum for 1918.

Report of the Provincial Game Warden for 1918.

Report of the Department of Labour for 1918.

Your Committee begs further to recommend that the Reports of the Department of Labour and the Provincial Game Warden be printed in pamphlet form.

Your Committee further recommends that the Government consider the advisability of printing with the Annual Statutes all Proclamations and Orders in Council of general public importance, and a table showing all amendments to the chapters of the “Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911,” and all public accounts and amendments thereto from 1911 to date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. MANSON.

The report was received.

Report *Ordered* to be considered at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to aid in the Development of Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas lying under Crown Lands,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*March 25th, 1919.*

*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. 92) intituled “An Act to aid in the Development of Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas lying under Crown Lands,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 26th, 1919.*

*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. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 26th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 26th, 1919.*

*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 amend the 'Placer-mining Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

Who have paid fees as Parliamentary Agents this year under Standing Rule of the House No. 96?

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

"Lindley Crease, K.C., R. W. Hanington, E. F. Jones, H. B. Robertson, E. W. Bigelow, and W. B. Farris."

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

1. Have the Nelson & Bedlington Railway abandoned the right-of-way between the International Boundary-line at Ryckerts and Kuskonook?
2. If so, when?
3. Is said railway company now paying taxes to the Province on said right-of-way?
4. If not, why not?
5. Is it the intention of the Government to assess said right-of-way?

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

"1 to 5. The facts in connection with this matter are very much involved and are the subject of investigation by the Taxation Department. The intention of the Government is to assess and collect taxes upon any portions of the right-of-way which are found taxable."

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

1. Was a special warrant passed last October for \$5,000 in order to increase the *per capita* grant to the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Vancouver from \$1 to \$2 per head?
2. How much of this \$5,000 has been paid?
3. What was the reason for this increase to this particular society?
4. Was this increase given to any other society of a similar nature?
5. If so, to what ones and to what amount?

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

"1 to 5. These questions should be directed to the Hon. the Attorney-General."

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting Damage to Lands arising from the Carrying-on of Industrial Operations."

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was again committed.  
Reported with amendments.  
Report adopted.  
To be read a third time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was again committed.  
Reported with amendments.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was again committed.  
Reported with amendments.  
Report adopted.  
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.  
Reported without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916'" was committed.  
Reported without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act'" was committed.  
Reported without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
To be read a third time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to provide Iron Ore for Experimental Purposes in Aid of Iron and Steel Production in the Province" was read a second time and committed.  
Reported without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill 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. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act.'"  
Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Crown Lands in the Vicinity of Bear River, Cariboo District," was read a second time and committed.  
Reported without amendment.  
Report adopted.  
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement between His Majesty in Right of the Dominion and His Majesty in Right of the Province relating to the Banff-Windermere Road, to Crown Grants of Lands to be made to His Majesty in Right of the Dominion for Road Purposes and for a Park Reserve, and to the Administration by the Dominion Government of all Dominion Parks in British Columbia" was read a second time and committed.  
Reported without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law respecting the Maintenance of Wives deserted by their Husbands" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Public Libraries" was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to authorize the Disposal of Lots Twenty-three, Twenty-six, and Twenty-seven, Topaz Avenue, Victoria City, according to Map deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, British Columbia, and numbered Five" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act for the Control of Mosquitoes and Gophers" was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

By the Hon. Attorney-General—Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

By the Hon. the Premier—Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Trustee for the Debenture-holders of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company, Limited."

By the Hon. Attorney-General—Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(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:—

\$ 227,071.49 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1919.

13,242,843.12 for the financial year ending 31st March, 1920.

\$13,469,914.61

The Chairman reported the Resolution.

Report considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

*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 11.45 p.m.

Thursday, 27th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Minister of Agriculture presented the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1918.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. King, Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boilers Inspection Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Oliver, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Barrow, it was *Resolved*,— That Rules 34 and 35 of the Rules of the House be amended by renumbering the same as 34 (1), (2), (3), and (4) at the commencement of the four several paragraphs of said Rules.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Oliver, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Barrow, it was *Resolved*,— That in the opinion of this House it is desirable and in the best interests of the Province that all employers of labour of any kind give preference of employment to those persons who in any capacity have been engaged in the defence of the Empire during the present war; and, further, that aliens should not be employed wherever the services of British subjects are obtainable.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Oliver, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Barrow, it was *Resolved*,— That the Standing Rules and Orders of the House be amended by inserting after Rule 109 the following:—

"(109A.) Upon a division being called the division bell shall be rung forthwith. Two minutes thereafter the Speaker shall again state the question and amendments (if any). No member shall enter or leave the House during the stating of the question, nor leave the House after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken, and every member present shall vote."

The Second Report of the Printing Committee, presented on March 26th, was adopted.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodman's Lien for Wages Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

With leave, the Order for the second reading was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to aid in the Development of Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas lying under Crown Lands" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Partition Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12.40 p.m.

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## Thursday, 27th March, 1919.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Manson* presented the Third Report from the Printing Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

MR. SPEAKER:

March 27th, 1919.

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

That the following Reports be printed:—

1. Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries, presented March 26th, 1919.
2. Report of the Department of Agriculture, presented to-day.
3. The petition of one E. Carew-Gibson, in the Votes and Proceedings.

A. M. MANSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

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

That whereas there exists in the valley of the Kootenay River, between Kootenay Landing, in the Province of British Columbia, and Bonner's Ferry, in the State of Idaho, a tract of alluvial lands of approximately 76,000 acres in extent, 32,000 acres of which are situate within the Province of British Columbia and the remainder within the State of Idaho:

And whereas such alluvial lands are subject to periodical overflow from the Kootenay River:

And whereas were such alluvial lands effectually protected from such overflow they would be capable of producing abundantly:

And whereas most of the works necessary to protect these lands from overflow will be constructed within the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas to secure an equitable distribution of the cost of the necessary works it will be necessary to enter into an arrangement or agreement between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of the United States:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of this Resolution and the preamble thereto to be forwarded to the Hon. the Secretary of State at Ottawa, with the request that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will take all necessary steps to secure an arrangement or agreement with the Government of the United States under the authority of which the reclamation of these lands may be fully secured on terms and conditions which shall be just and equitable to all concerned.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to a Committee of the Whole forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill read a first time.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

That in the opinion of this House the Federal authorities should forthwith cable the Honourable Sir R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, to urge upon the Peace Conference, as a matter of safeguarding and keeping undisturbed international relations, the prohibition of the immigration into Canada of those races which will not readily assimilate with the Caucasian race.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that a copy of the aforementioned Resolution be forwarded forthwith to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada.

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

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

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act.'"

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law respecting the Maintenance of Wives deserted by their Husbands."

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Public Libraries" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement between His Majesty in Right of the Dominion and His Majesty in Right of the Province relating to the Banff-Windermere Road, to Crown Grants of Lands to be made to His Majesty in Right of the Dominion for Road Purposes and for a Park Reserve, and to the Administration by the Dominion Government of all Dominion Parks in British Columbia" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act for the Control of Mosquitoes and Gophers" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*March 27th, 1919.*

*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 amend the 'Poll-tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*, it was *Resolved*,—  
That *Kenneth Forrest Duncan*, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province for the Cowichan Electoral District, having been absent from the Province of British Columbia on military service, be permitted during the period of such absence from the Province on military service to absent himself from attendance at the said Assembly.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

## Thursday, 27th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 27th, 1919.*

*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 'Taxation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 27th, 1919.*



*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 'Dolly Varden Mines Railway Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dentistry Act.'"  
Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of Public Libraries."  
Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act for the Control of Mosquitoes and Gophers."  
Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"  
Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Boilers Inspection Act'" was read a second time and committed.

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

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act'" was again committed.  
Reported with amendment.

Report adopted.  
Third reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 27th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-traffic Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 27th, 1919.*

*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 'Game Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to aid the University of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 27th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to aid the University of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was again committed.

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

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.  
Report adopted.  
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was again committed.

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

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed.

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

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

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again 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 12.20 a.m.

## Friday, 28th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dolly Varden Mines Railway Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

1. Is one Herbert Boothman at present teaching school at Pachelqua, near Lillooet?
2. If so, what certificate does he hold?
3. Was said Boothman employed in the Government office at Clinton last July?
4. If so, on whose recommendation was he appointed?
5. How long did he work in said office, and what remuneration did he receive?
6. Prior to his working in said Assessor's office, had he been convicted on three different occasions for supplying liquor to Indians?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Temporary.

"3. Yes.

"4. Minister of Finance.

"5. From July 19th to August 31st, 1918; \$124.85.

"6. No information in the Department."

Mr. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Is the Provincial Secretary aware that one Herbert Boothman, who holds a temporary certificate as a teacher at Pachelqua, near Lillooet, was on three different occasions convicted for supplying liquor to Indians?

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

“No; nor is there any information in the Department of the Attorney-General, nor that of the Minister of Finance.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.15 p.m.

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Friday, 28th March, 1919.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Jackson* presented a report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 27th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee recommends that the fees paid in respect of Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of British Columbia” be refunded to the promoters of the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

That whereas pursuant to section 4 of the “Public Inquiries Act” a Commission was on the 3rd day of August, 1916, issued under the Great Seal appointing Francis Brook Gregory, Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, a Commissioner to inquire into all claims for compensation for injury, either to person or property, arising out of and in the course of the riots or disorders which occurred during the coal-miners’ strike on Vancouver Island in the years 1913 and 1914:

And whereas by the report of the Commissioner, dated the 21st day of December, 1916, presented pursuant to the said Act, the Commissioner reported what he found with reference to the matters comprised within the inquiry:

And whereas from the findings of the Commissioner contained in that report it appears that the claims of certain claimants set out in Schedule A to the report were allowed at amounts aggregating a total sum of \$56,878.60:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House go into Committee of the Whole, and that the said Committee of the Whole be instructed to consider the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient that a Bill be prepared and introduced into the Legislature providing for the payment of claims for compensation for injuries arising out of the Vancouver Island riots, 1913-14; and that such payment be made according to the findings of Mr. Justice Gregory, dated December 21st, 1916; and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution to the House.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That it is expedient that a Bill be prepared and introduced into the Legislature providing for the payment of claims for compensation for injuries arising out of the Vancouver Island riots, 1913-14; and that such payment be made according to the findings of Mr. Justice Gregory, dated December 21st, 1916; and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution to the House.

Resolution reported and adopted.

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Settlement of certain Claims for Injuries arising out of Riots which occurred during the Coal-miners' Strike on Vancouver Island in the Years 1913 and 1914," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 26th, 1919.*

*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 make Provision for the Settlement of certain Claims for Injuries arising out of Riots which occurred during the Coal-miners' Strike on Vancouver Island in the Years 1913 and 1914," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 28th, 1919.*

*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. 107) intituled "An Act to establish a Department of Industries," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*March 28th, 1919.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Reckoning of Standard Time during the Summer Months," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 28th, 1919.*

*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. 108) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reckoning of Standard Time during the Summer Months," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dolly Varden Mines Railway Act.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was again committed. Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.  
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was again committed. Reported with amendment.

Report adopted.  
Third reading at the next sitting.

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

1. Did H. P. Christie, of Ashcroft, Official Administrator, sell to D. Hurley the following property in the Town of Lillooet, belonging to the estate of the late George Huppert, namely: 7½ x 132 feet of Lot 7, Block 4; 27½ x 132 feet of Lot 6, Block 5; all of Lot 7, Block 5; also Suburban Lot 2, Block 2, containing 3 acres?

2. If so, what amount was realized from the sale?

3. Why were tenders not called for?

4. Did the Government instruct Christie to sell to Hurley by private sale?

5. Has the Court sanctioned the sale?

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

"1. The Official Administrator conveyed to Daniel Hurley the property named, belonging to the estate of the late George Huppert.

"2. Nothing; the conveyance being in the nature of a settlement of a long-standing claim by Hurley against the estate much larger than the value of the lots.

"3. The Official Administrator reports that it would have been useless to call for tenders under the circumstances.

"4. No.

"5. The Official Administrator states that he has been advised by his solicitor that the sanction of the Court is not necessary to a conveyance of land by an Official Administrator."

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Trustee for the Debenture-holders of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company, Limited" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll-tax Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary presented a Return of: (a) All persons in the Permanent or Temporary Service who have resigned since September 14th, 1916; (b) all persons in the Permanent or Temporary Service whose services have been dispensed with since September 14th, 1916; (c) dates of their leaving the Service; (d) their ages and length of time in the Service; (e) reasons for their dismissals; (f) list of those appointed to take their places, their ages and residence in each case; (g) also names, ages, and residence of all other persons appointed, temporarily or otherwise, to either Permanent or Temporary Service since September 14th, 1916.

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

1. What is the total amount spent by the Government in the purchase of liquor and supplies under the "Prohibition Act" since October 1st, 1917, to date?
2. What is the total of moneys received from the sale of liquors under the provisions of the said Act to date?

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

- "1. Liquors and supplies purchased from October 1st, 1917, to February 28th, 1919, \$338,266.61.
- "2. Cash received from October 1st, 1917, to February 28th, 1919, \$318,576.05. Inventory balance stock on hand being taken of March 31st, 1919."

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-traffic Regulation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

## Friday, 28th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Dr. *McIntosh* moved, seconded by Mr. *Giolma*,—

That this House favours the system known as "proportional representation" being adopted in Provincial elections.

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

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

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Trustee for the Debenture-holders of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company, Limited."

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.



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Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 104) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 105) intituled "An Act to aid the University of British Columbia" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to make Provision for the Settlement of certain Claims for Injuries arising out of Riots which occurred during the Coal-miners' Strike on Vancouver Island in the Years 1913 and 1914" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 107) intituled "An Act to establish a Department of Industries" was read a second time and committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 106) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was read a second time and committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reckoning of Standard Time during the Summer Months" was read a second time and committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was again committed.

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The House continued to sit after midnight.

SATURDAY, 29TH MARCH.

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Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Order for the consideration of Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" in Committee was discharged.

The Order to consider Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" in Committee was discharged.

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

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

1. Does the Minister consider that he is governed by the provisions of the "Motor-traffic Regulation Act"?

2. If so, why does the Minister not display his licence for the present year?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Because he is not the owner of a car."

The Order for the third reading of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was discharged, and the Bill recommitted with instructions to consider the proposed amendment following:—

To insert after section 3 a new section 4, and to renumber all the sections thereof of the said Bill consecutively, in the order necessitated by said amendment.

"4. Section 46-a, as enacted by section 5 of the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1917 (No. 1),' is amended by inserting after the word 'assessment' in subsection (a) of said section 46-a the following words: 'and the source from which all taxes which may be levied under this section are to be derived.'

"Said section 46-a, as enacted as aforesaid, is further amended by striking out all words after the word 'therewith' in the forty-seventh line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: 'Provided that no by-law passed under the provisions of this section shall come into force or take effect (so far as the assessment and levying of taxes are concerned) until the same has been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of the Province of British Columbia.'"

Bill reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11.30 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 2.10 a.m.

## Saturday, 29th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented the Report of the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands for the year ending December 31st, 1918.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Dr. *McIntosh* on 28th inst., as follows: That this House favours the system known as "proportional representation" being adopted in Provincial elections.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was considered.

Mr. *Bowser* moved in amendment,—

That subsection (4) of section 11 be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—

"Provided that nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to apply to or affect the agreement dated October fourteenth, 1901, between the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, and the Corporation of the City of Vancouver in so far as tram or railway fares are concerned."

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

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>
<i>Moble,</i>			

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Messieurs

<i>Pooley.</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Willson.</i>

Mr. *Bowser* moved in amendment,—

To add at the end of section 28 of the said Bill the following words:—

"Provided that nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to apply to or affect the agreement dated October fourteenth, 1901, between the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, and the Corporation of the City of Vancouver in so far as tram or railway fares are concerned."

Negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—7.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

## NAYS—26.

## Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>		

Mr. *Pooley* moved in amendment, to strike out clause (d) of section 2 and to strike out section 110.

Negativated on the following division:—

## YEAS—7.

## Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

## NAYS—29.

## Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Buckham.</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>			

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900'" was considered.

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* moved in amendment,—

To insert after section 3 a new section 4, and to renumber all the sections thereof of the said Bill consecutively, in the order necessitated by said amendment.

"4. Section 46-a as enacted by section 5 of the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900, Amendment Act, 1917' (No. 1) is amended by inserting after the word 'assessment' in subsection (a) of said section 46-a the following words: "and the source from which all taxes which may be levied under this section are to be derived.'

"Said section 46-a, as enacted as aforesaid, is further amended by striking out all words after the word 'therewith,' in the forty-seventh line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following words: 'Provided that no by-law passed under the provisions of this section shall come into force or take effect (so far as the assessment and levying of taxes are concerned) until the same has been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of the Province of British Columbia.'"

Report as amended adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

1. Was a special warrant passed last October for \$5,000 in order to increase the *per capita* grant to the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Vancouver from \$1 to \$2 per head?

2. How much of this \$5,000 has been paid?
3. What was the reason for this increase to this particular society?
4. Was this increase given to any other society of a similar nature?
5. If so, to what ones and to what amount?

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

“1. No.

“2, 3, 4, and 5. Answered by No. 1.”

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

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

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the “Equal Guardianship of Infants Act.”
- (No. 2) An Act to provide for Better Housing.
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the “Soldiers’ Land Act.”
- (No. 5) An Act respecting the Depasturing of Cattle upon Crown Lands.
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the “Mineral Survey and Development Act.”
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the “Mineral Act.”
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the “Amusements Tax Act.”
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the “Civil Service Act.”
- (No. 13) An Act respecting the Construction of Works to prevent the Encroachment of Rivers upon their Banks.
- (No. 14) An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of July, 1918.
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the “Forest Act Relief Act.”
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the “Marriage Act.”
- (No. 17) An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia.
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the “Legal Professions Act.”
- (No. 19) An Act respecting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the “Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918.”
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the “Trespass Act.”
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the “Fort George Incorporation Act.”
- (No. 23) An Act respecting the Municipal Election held in the City of Alberni in January, 1919.
- (No. 25) An Act respecting the Craigflower School Site.
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the “Probates Recognition Act.”
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the “Coal-mines Regulation Act.”
- (No. 29) An Act to secure Uniform Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance.
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the “Forest Act.”
- (No. 31) An Act to make Provision for Access by the Public to Company Towns.
- (No. 32) An Act to provide for the Guarantee of a certain Note made by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the “Department of Labour Act.”
- (No. 34) An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors.
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the “Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act.”
- (No. 36) An Act to repeal the “Employment Agencies Act.”
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the “Municipal Proportional Representation Act.”
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the “Pre-emptors’ Free Grants Act.”
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the “Foul Brood Bees Act.”
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the “Provincial Elections Act.”
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the “British Columbia Loan Act, 1918.”
- (No. 43) An Act respecting the Dewdney Dyking District.
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the “Administration Act.”
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the “Water Act, 1914.”

- (No. 47) An Act to amend certain Acts the Operation of which depends on the Continuance of the Present War.
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Factories Act."
- (No. 51) An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 52) An Act to amend the "Port Coquitlam Incorporation Act."
- (No. 53) An Act respecting the Cascade Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited.
- (No. 54) An Act respecting the Rossland Water and Light Company.
- (No. 55) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1900."
- (No. 56) An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of British Columbia.
- (No. 57) An Act to provide Iron Ore for Experimental Purposes in Aid of Iron and Steel Production in the Province.
- (No. 58) An Act to amend the "Coroners Act."
- (No. 59) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act."
- (No. 60) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Minimum Wage Act."
- (No. 62) An Act to authorize the Sale to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company of a Portion of the Former Songhees Indian Reserve.
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Land Settlement and Development Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Agricultural Act, 1915."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
- (No. 66) An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia.
- (No. 67) An Act for the Suppression of Venereal Diseases.
- (No. 68) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Fire Insurance Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act."
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Weekly Half-holiday Act."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Woodman's Lien for Wages Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Boilers Inspection Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 75) An Act respecting Damage to Lands arising from the Carrying-on of Industrial Operations.
- (No. 76) An Act respecting the City of Sandon.
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Dentistry Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Partition Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to consolidate and amend the Law respecting the Maintenance of Wives deserted by their Husbands.
- (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 82) An Act to indemnify Sub-purchasers of Crown Lands.
- (No. 83) An Act to ratify and to make Provision for the Carrying-out of an Agreement between His Majesty in Right of the Dominion and His Majesty in Right of the Province relating to the Banff-Windermere Road, to Crown Grants of Lands to be made to His Majesty in Right of the Dominion for Road Purposes and for a Park Reserve, and to the Administration by the Dominion Government of all Dominion Parks in British Columbia.
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1916."
- (No. 85) An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Crown Lands in the Vicinity of Bear River, Cariboo District.
- (No. 86) An Act to provide for the Establishment of Public Libraries.
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 89) An Act for the Relief of the Trustee for the Debenture-holders of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company, Limited.
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Prohibition Act."
- (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."

- (No. 92) An Act to aid in the Development of Coal, Petroleum, and Natural Gas lying under Crown Lands.
- (No. 93) An Act for the Control of Mosquitoes and Gophers.
- (No. 94) An Act to authorize the Disposal of Lots Twenty-three, Twenty-six, and Twenty-seven, Topaz Avenue, Victoria City, according to Map deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, British Columbia, and numbered Five.
- (No. 95) An Act to make Provision for the Settlement of certain Claims for Injuries arising out of Riots which occurred during the Coal-miners' Strike on Vancouver Island in the Years 1913 and 1914.
- (No. 96) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
- (No. 97) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
- (No. 98) An Act to amend the "Infants Act."
- (No. 99) An Act to amend the "Poll-tax Act."
- (No. 100) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 101) An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs.
- (No. 103) An Act to amend the "Dolly Varden Mines Railway Act."
- (No. 104) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 105) An Act to aid the University of British Columbia.
- (No. 106) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
- (No. 107) An Act to establish a Department of Industries.
- (No. 108) An Act to provide for the Reckoning of Standard Time during the Summer Months.

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."

The Clerk of the House then read the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 3) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904."

His Honour was pleased to reserve his assent thereto.

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

"His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor withholds his assent to this Bill, and reserves the same until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has been signified in respect thereto."

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 87) 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:*

In relieving you of your sessional duties, I wish to express my appreciation of the earnest, painstaking spirit in which you have dealt with the many matters placed before you for consideration.

I am pleased to note that through the medium of resolutions and various statutory provisions you have expressed your appreciation of the great service rendered to the Empire by all who have participated in the present war.

I firmly believe that the action of the Government in co-operating with the Federal Government in caring for the returned service men and women will be productive of the best possible results.

Especially I thank you for your liberality in providing a substantial amount for the disposition of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission.

The co-operative efforts of the Provincial and Federal Governments in placing returned soldiers upon the land and the determination of the soldier settlers will, I am sure, result in greatly increased agricultural production in the very near future.

The "Direct Legislation Act" will afford a means by which the electorate of the Province can more effectually give effect to their wishes.

The "Public Utilities Act" will furnish a means by which a much more equitable relationship can be maintained between public service corporations and the public.

Your authorization of loans for works of a productive nature is very timely, and the funds provided will enable the Government to carry on many necessary works and relieve hardships which otherwise might result from unemployment.

The Acts authorizing grazing and control of public ranges will do much to promote the growth of the stock industry in the Province.

The works authorized under the provisions of the "Better Housing Act" will improve housing conditions generally and be of great assistance to soldiers and their dependents.

The "Company Towns Act" providing for means of ingress and egress will do much to allay existing dissatisfaction in connection with company towns.

The amendments to the "Water Act" will have a beneficial effect upon the districts affected thereby.

The work to be carried on under the provisions of the "Coal and Petroleum Appropriation Act" I trust will lead to valuable discoveries and have a far-reaching beneficial effect upon the prosperity of the Province.

Amendments to the "Coal-mines Regulation Act" and the establishment of minimum-wage districts will, I trust, have a beneficial effect upon coal-mining conditions within the Province.

Your legislation making provision for smelting of iron ores for experimental purposes I hope will demonstrate the feasibility of an iron and steel industry on a sound economic basis.

The administration of the "Venereal Prevention Act" I trust will result in the suppression and elimination of this class of disease.

The establishment of libraries throughout the Province no doubt will produce very beneficial results.

Amendments to the "Land Settlement Act" giving powers of expropriation will enable the Land Settlement Board to promptly meet the constantly increasing demand for agricultural lands, and I confidently hope will result in the placing of large numbers of prosperous settlers within the Province.

The powers granted for co-operation with the Dominion Government in acquiring privately owned lands for settlement purposes I believe will result in a much closer settlement than otherwise would be possible, and will tend to economy in providing necessary roads, bridges, and other means of transportation.

The powers granted to local communities to organize for the suppression of the mosquito and gopher pests no doubt will have a beneficial effect.

Legislation providing for the establishment of a Department of Industries I confidently hope will tend to the creation of new industries, and will be an important factor in providing employment under satisfactory conditions for many ex-service men.

The provision you have made in aid of the University of British Columbia, together with expected assistance from the Federal Government, will enable the Board of Governors to meet the constantly increasing demand for higher education, and especially to provide for vocational training for the many returned soldiers who are applying therefor.

I thank you for the provision you have made for carrying on the necessary business of the Province, and trust that the result of your deliberations will tend to advance both the commercial and material welfare of the whole people of the Province.



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The Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, 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.

JOHN KEEN, *Speaker*.

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