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Tuesday, February 6th, 1945.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the fourth meeting of the Twentieth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WILLIAM CULHAM WOODWARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 2nd day of January, 1945,

His Honour WILLIAM CULHAM WOODWARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

In welcoming you to the Fourth Session of the Twentieth Parliament of British Columbia, I do so with the hope that before the House is convened again hostilities will have ceased and that the foundation will have been laid for a lasting peace.

I join with you in extending condolences to those families which have suffered bereavement as a result of the conflict. The gallant deeds of our men and women on the battlefield and the quiet yet unselfish sacrifice of those who serve in a less spectacular manner have been an inspiration to all who seek to rebuild a better world in which to live.

Many of the men and women of this Province now serving with the armed forces have been honoured with decorations for their valour and courageous service beyond the line of duty, while many others have been mentioned in dispatches. The highest honour in the British Empire is that of the Victoria Cross. Nine of these awards have come to Canada during the present conflict, of which six have been won by British Columbians. For the purpose of historical record I take this opportunity of reading their names, and, in doing so, trust that, as they are read, we all will associate with them not only those who have won other distinctions, but also those who have served with courage and determination without any outward symbol to testify to their bravery and their sacrifices.

British Columbia has been honoured by these distinguished men serving in the field:—

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Cecil Ingersoll Merritt, V.C.

Major John Keefer Mahony, V.C.

Captain Frederick Thornton Peters, V.C., D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Patrick Anthony Porteous, V.C.

Private Ernest Alvia Smith, V.C.

Major Charles Ferguson Hoey, V.C., M.C.

The last named having, unhappily, been killed in action.

Since you last met, this House has sustained the loss of an outstanding citizen through the untimely death of the Honourable Arthur Wellesley Gray. As a member of this Assembly for seventeen years, during eleven of which he held the portfolios of Minister of Lands and Municipal Affairs, he gave leadership in the sphere of public service. His passing caused a great loss to the country.

British Columbia was privileged during the past year to be host to His Excellency the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, who devoted most of their sojourn to the interests of the armed forces.

In convening this Session of the Legislature, my Government has deemed it desirable to submit for your consideration further progressive measures designed for the welfare of the people and the development of the Province.

The final report and recommendations of the committee appointed to study rural electrification and development of power throughout the Province will be presented.

You will be asked to enact legislation empowering the Government to establish a Hydro-electric Commission. The responsibility of this Commission will be to develop electric power throughout British Columbia, to operate its distribution so as to meet public need, to encourage the establishment of industries dependent thereon, and, wherever possible, to bring to those living in rural or farming areas the amenities of life dependent upon electric service similar to those now enjoyed almost solely by city dwellers.

I have learned with gratification of the tribute paid to Colonel the Honourable Eric W. Hamber by his election to the important and exacting position of Chancellor of the University of British Columbia. This recognition is well merited by one who has contributed so much to the public welfare and who is so ably equipped to fulfil the responsibilities of his high office. He will bring honour to the institution that has honoured him.

I am likewise pleased to learn of the appointment of Dr. Norman A. MacKenzie as President of the University. His outstanding ability and personality have already been made evident.

My congratulations are extended to both of these men with the feeling that the institution will prosper under their guidance.

Provision will be asked to enable the University of British Columbia to carry out a comprehensive programme of expansion which will afford increased opportunities to those in the services and war industries as well as to the young men and women who are graduated from our high schools. The financial aid recommended for your consideration will enable the University to construct additional buildings to accommodate adequately the existing departments, to provide facilities for the establishing of new faculties, which will make this institution second to none throughout the Dominion of Canada.

You will be asked to give consideration to a proposal for the establishing of a fund which will enable the extension of financial assistance to students who desire to take University courses, thus endeavouring to provide equality of educational opportunities.

I view with gratification the appointing of a Commission to survey the cost of education. Upon its report and findings my Government proposes to adopt measures which will bring into effect adjustments that may be deemed necessary.

My Government will ask you to continue the special financial assistance to cities, municipalities, villages, and school districts with respect to the cost of education pending the submission of the report and findings of Dr. Maxwell A. Cameron, who has been appointed to undertake the survey.

You will be asked to provide appropriations to raise the standard of salaries paid to teachers in rural areas.

In order to cope with greater enrolments in schools throughout the Province, you will be asked to provide increased grants for new school buildings.

Legislation will be introduced to provide machinery at strategic points throughout the Province for the purpose of assisting farmers in clearing land.

A measure will be introduced to assist villages to expand their public services through the establishing of water and sanitary systems, thereby safeguarding the health of the citizens and further improving domestic facilities.

I am pleased to learn that my Government will review the irrigation problems of this Province, and will submit for your consideration a measure designed to alleviate existing conditions.

You will be asked to provide special grants for new hospital buildings in order to meet the needs of our growing population.

My Government is desirous of giving public recognition to the splendid volunteer services rendered by the citizens in connection with air-raid precautions. In this connection I am pleased to note that my Government has completed arrangements to purchase from the Dominion Government all their air-raid precaution equipment now stored or distributed throughout British Columbia. You will be asked to make a gift of this material to the various cities, municipalities, villages, and districts upon disbandment of the organization so that it may be used for fire-fighting purposes. The excellent training received by members of this branch of civilian protection will thus be made available in peace-time for the safeguarding of homes and property.

Again, you will be asked to authorize a rebate of a portion of the automobile licence fees in recognition of the curtailment in private transportation due to the restrictions of war.

I am pleased to note that during the past year my Government has expanded its policy of preserving natural park areas for public use by the acquisition of Hollyburn Ridge, through an exchange of timber, and of the famous Cathedral Grove, through the generous gift of public-spirited citizens, namely, Mr. H. R. MacMillan and associates.

My Government regrets that the wide scope of the inquiry into forest resources and allied industries by a Royal Commission has made it impossible to present a report to the Legislature at this Session. It is hoped, however, that the exhaustive study now being undertaken will result in the adoption of progressive policies redounding to the benefit of the people.

Legislation will be introduced calling for the establishing of a separate Department of Forestry in recognition of the increasing importance of our forest resources relative to the economy of British Columbia.

Since the last Session of the Legislature there has been set up a Cabinet Committee on Post-war Rehabilitation and Reconstruction under the chairmanship of the Honourable H. G. T. Perry. This Committee has co-operated with all departments as well as with the Dominion and Municipal Governments in endeavouring to co-ordinate plans and measures affecting post-war problems. Regional planning of the Province has been initiated in order to secure an accurate appraisal of the opportunities available

for the establishing of men and women after demobilization, and also for ascertaining the economic possibilities of each region.

My Government has prepared a comprehensive programme of public works as an immediate post-war undertaking.

I am pleased to inform you that my Government will make provision for the construction of an outlet for the Peace River District and also for the completion of the Hope-Princeton Highway.

You will be asked to make special provision for road maintenance beyond the usual sums appropriated for this purpose.

The findings and recommendations of the Committee on Civil Service Reorganization will be presented for your consideration.

You will be presented with a financial statement giving an account of the Province's operations which have led to a further reduction in the net debt and to substantial annual savings accruing from various refundings and repayments.

Other legislation of a character designed to improve existing Acts will be placed before you.

The Public Accounts will be presented and Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted.

I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Rev. *Hugh A. McLeod*.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier), seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition), it was *Resolved*,—

That the appointment of *Robert Stanley Stuart Yates*, of Victoria, as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the place of Major William Henry Langley, K.C., retired, made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by and with the advice of His Executive Council on the 14th day of September, 1944, be now ratified pursuant to the provisions of section 44 of the "Constitution Act," being chapter 49 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier), seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition), it was *Resolved*,—

That the appointment made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by and with the advice of His Executive Council on the 30th day of September, 1944, of *Ernest Cambourne McIntyre*, of Victoria, as Law Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Robert Stanley Stuart Yates as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be now ratified pursuant to the provisions of section 44 of the "Constitution Act," being chapter 49 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act respecting the Status of Children of certain Marriages" 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. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House express its deep sorrow at the death of the Honourable Arthur Wellesley Gray, who served the Province as a member of this Legislature for seventeen years, the latter eleven years as Minister of Lands and Municipal Affairs:

Further, That this Assembly officially record its deep sense of appreciation of the great service rendered this Province by one whose unselfish characteristics endeared him in the hearts of so many:

And further, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to members of his family.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Straith, Connelly, Gillis, Bennett, and H. E. Winch*.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Maitland* (Attorney-General)—

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Period ended September 30th, 1944.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1944.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* (Provincial Secretary)—

Annual Report of Vital Statistics for the Year 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* (Minister of Labour)—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

By the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (Minister of Lands)—

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 64 of Chapter 144, R.S.B.C. 1936, from January 30th, 1944, to February 5th, 1945.

Annual Report of the Lands and Surveys Branches of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

Annual Report of the Lands and Surveys Branches of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1944.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Minister of Agriculture)—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1944.

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson* (Minister of Mines)—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier)—

Fifth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 64 of the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

Fourth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act," for the Licence-year 1943-44.

Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1944.

Return submitted in accordance with section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return submitted in accordance with section 103 (4) of the "Taxation Act," R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return submitted in accordance with "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," chapter 295, R.S.B.C. 1936.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Municipal Affairs)—

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Public Works)—

Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the Fiscal Year 1943-44.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Railways)—

Annual Report of the Railway Department, 1944.

By the Hon. Mr. *Perry* (Minister of Education)—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year 1942-43.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.40 p.m.

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## Wednesday, February 7th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. A. Reynolds*.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Straith* (second member for Victoria) moved, seconded by Mr. *Bennett* (South Okanagan),—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

“ We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.”

A debate arose.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

## Thursday, February 8th, 1945.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. C. Jackson*.

Mr. *Paton* presented the following petitions:—

Petition of Norman Terry, Murray A. Gilmour, Richard C. Lucas, Peter Russell, Robert A. McIntyre, Nicolas Abramsen, Jacob A. H. Irving, Charles F. Bailey, Victor E. Feimann, Frederick A. Coburn, Alfred W. Ingall, and Clifton H. Davis for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of incorporating as a body corporate and politic under the name of “ The Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia.”

Petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the “ Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Braden*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Perry* (Minister of Education)—

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year 1943.

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson* (Minister of Mines)—

Return pursuant to section 14 (4) of the "Department of Mines Act," chapter 177, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return pursuant to section 170 of the "Mineral Act," chapter 37 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1938.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

## Friday, February 9th, 1945.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean *S. H. Elliott*.

The following petitions were received:—

Petition of Norman Terry, Murray A. Gilmour, Richard C. Lucas, Peter Russell, Robert A. McIntyre, Nicolas Abramsen, Jacob A. H. Irving, Charles F. Bailey, Victor E. Feimann, Frederick A. Coburn, Alfred W. Ingall, and Clifton H. Davis for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of incorporating as a body corporate and politic under the name of "The Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia."

Petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Straith* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 6th instant, as follows:—

### REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 9th, 1945.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 6th instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—



STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Straith, Gillis, R. H. Carson, Mowat, Finland, R. C. MacDonald, Paton, H. E. Winch, Mrs. Steeves, Messrs. Lefeaux and Turner.*

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *R. H. Carson, Leary, Mrs. Hodges, Messrs. Straith, Putnam, King, Connelly, Bennett, R. C. MacDonald, Love, H. E. Winch, Cameron, Lefeaux, Webber, and MacNeil.*

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *LeBourdais, Putnam, Connelly, Braden, R. H. Carson, Gillis, King, R. C. MacDonald, Eyres, Bennett, Shepherd, Herridge, Webber, Guthrie, Stirling, and Segur.*

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Paton, Putnam, Leary, Connelly, Mowat, Braden, LeBourdais, Finland, Green, Love, Guthrie, Cameron, Herridge, Webber, Uphill, and Segur.*

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Leary, Straith, Connelly, Mowat, LeBourdais, Green, Finland, King, Bennett, Love, Cameron, Guthrie, Gargrave, Turner, and Herridge.*

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Eyres, Straith, Putnam, R. H. Carson, R. C. MacDonald, Green, Love, Bennett, Mrs. Rolston, Mr. Paton, Mrs. MacInnis, Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Steeves, Messrs. Stirling and Webber.*

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis, LeBourdais, Mrs. Hodges, Messrs. Mowat, King, Love, Paton, R. C. MacDonald, Bennett, Mrs. Rolston, Messrs. E. E. Winch, Gargrave, MacNeil, Turner, Uphill, and Segur.*

SOCIAL WELFARE.—Mrs. *Rolston, Messrs. Gillis, Leary, Mrs. Hodges, Messrs. Braden, R. H. Carson, King, Green, Paton, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. MacInnis, Mrs. Steeves, Messrs. E. E. Winch and Stirling.*

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—

Return pursuant to "Public Works Act," January 1st, 1944, to December 31st, 1944.

By the Hon. Mr. *Perry*—

Report of the Public Library Commission, 1943.

*Resolved,* That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

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## Monday, February 12th, 1945.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Most Rev. Bishop *John C. Cody*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

What progress, if any, has been made towards the building of the proposed road connecting Atlin with Tagish Post and the Alaska Highway?

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

“ Since the greater proportion of any proposed road connecting the Atlin District with the Alaska Highway would lie within the Yukon Territory, the Department of Public Works has been in consultation with the Federal authorities with respect to such a project, and the matter is still under consideration.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.03 p.m.

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## Tuesday, February 13th, 1945.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major A. *McInnes*.

Mrs. *Hodges* presented the following petition:—

The petition of Les Phillips, Colin McKea, Robert Wulff, Karl Dybhaven, Andrew Carr, David George Macdonald, Alex Sim, Ole Stegavig, William Brett, Jack Deane, Sam Simpson, and Oliver Adams for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of incorporating a company under the name of the “ Pacific Coast Fishermen’s Mutual Marine Insurance Company.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act.'"

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Report of the Provincial Fisheries Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1943, with Appendices.

Eighth Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Health Insurance Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

Annual Statement of Accounts of the Agricultural Credit Commission and the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

By Mr. Speaker—

The Annual Report of the Provincial Library for the Year ended December 31st, 1944.

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

What provision, if any, was made since the previous Session to provide hospital accommodation for the observation and treatment of mentally ill persons not involving commitment under the provisions of chapter 27 of the Statutes of 1940?

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

"Observation quarters to accommodate eight patients is in process of erection on the grounds of the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. Tenders have been let for the reconversion of the observation ward in connection with the Vancouver General Hospital. The new arrangement will provide accommodation for twenty-two persons. The Department has in mind some further developments in the direction indicated."

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

1. What Crown lands in British Columbia are reserved from sale to the public pending rehabilitation measures after the war?

2. Were any offers for purchase of Lot 7, D.L. 688, New Westminster District, received in 1943?

3. If yes, what action was taken?

4. Was Lot 7, D.L. 688, New Westminster District, disposed of in 1944?

5. If yes, to whom and for what consideration?

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

"1. All vacant Crown lands throughout the Province, except town lots, foreshore lands, and lands covered with water, and also such lands as may be applied for by pre-emption in cases where it is considered the disposal of such lands will not adversely affect the purposes of the reserve, are reserved against any alienation under the 'Land Act' for purposes of public advantage.

"2. Yes; one.

"3. Applicant advised of reservation and given option of receiving refund of deposit or leaving application and deposit pending any modification of the reservation. Applicant withdrew application and deposit.

"4. Yes; in February, 1944; for church and school purposes.

"5. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver; \$1,500."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

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## Wednesday, February 14th, 1945.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Pike*.

The petition of Les Phillips, Colin McKea, Robert Wulff, Karl Dybhaven, Andrew Carr, David George Macdonald, Alex Sim, Ole Stegavig, William Brett, Jack Deane, Sam Simpson, and Oliver Adams, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of incorporating a company under the name of the "Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company," was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Leary*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

The Third Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Period January 1st, 1943, to December 31st, 1943.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1944.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1944.

The Annual Report on the Administration of the "Mothers' Allowances Act" of the Province of British Columbia, 1943-44, by the Superintendent of Welfare.

The Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1944.

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

1. What is the basic rate paid by the Government for maintenance of patients at Mount St. Mary?

2. Does this include medical attendance?

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

"1. \$1.75 per day, contract rate; increase to \$2 under consideration.

"2. Yes; general medical care; certain specialties are in addition."

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

1. What is the number of inmates in the (a) Homes for the Aged, Port Coquitlam; (b) Old Men's Home, Kamloops; (c) Allco; (d) Provincial Infirmary, Marpole; and (e) Provincial charges in Mount St. Mary?
2. What is the number awaiting admission to each of the above institutions?
3. What is the yearly or daily *per capita* cost in each institution?
4. What is the respective daily dietary *per capita* cost?

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

"1. (a) Homes for the Aged, Port Coquitlam, 134; (b) Old Men's Home, Kamloops, 148; (c) Allco, 64; (d) Provincial Infirmary, Marpole, 143; (e) Provincial charges in Mount St. Mary, 97.

"2. (a) Homes for the Aged, Port Coquitlam, 62; (b) Old Men's Home, Kamloops, 3; (c) Allco, *nil*; (d) Provincial Infirmary, Marpole, 54; (e) Mount St. Mary, 13. (All are admitted as soon as application is approved.)

"3. (a) Homes for the Aged, Port Coquitlam, \$1.62 daily; (b) Old Men's Home, Kamloops, \$1.17 daily; (c) Allco, \$1.55 daily; (d) Provincial Infirmary, Marpole, \$2.26 daily; (e) Mount St. Mary, \$1.78 daily.

"4. (a) Homes for the Aged, Port Coquitlam, 58 cents; (b) Old Men's Home, Kamloops, 35 cents; (c) Allco, 40 cents; (d) Provincial Infirmary, Marpole, 41 cents; (e) Mount St. Mary, not available (contract basis)."

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

1. What number of patients in the Provincial mental hospitals are suffering from epilepsy (a) with psychosis and (b) without psychosis?
2. Are separate facilities available for the housing and treatment of such patients?
3. Is an electro-encephalograph available for treatment of same?

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

"1. (a) With psychosis, 185; (b) without psychosis, *nil*.

"2. The patients are distributed through various buildings according to their temperament.

"3. Not at present. This machine requested for installation in new proposed buildings, specifications for which are now being prepared."

Mrs. *MacInnis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What is the total number of persons now in receipt of old-age pensions in this Province?
2. How many of them are (a) home-owners and (b) tenants?
3. How many of them are living in the homes of relatives?
4. How many old-age pensioners have come into British Columbia since the beginning of the war?
5. In how many cases is a part of the pension being contributed by other Provincial Governments?

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

"1. Old-age pensioners proper, 15,246; blind pensioners, 330; total, 15,576.

"2. (a) Home-owners, 4,267; (b) tenants, 11,309.

"3. Estimated number, 3,203.

"4. 2,537.

"5. 5,505."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Has the Government instituted an inquiry into conditions of employment of those engaged in domestic occupations?
2. If yes, who were appointed to conduct such inquiry?
3. Has any report on this inquiry been made to the Minister?

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

“1. No Board of Inquiry has been instituted but the Minister has had the matter under consideration.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.58 p.m.

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## Thursday, February 15th, 1945.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. A. E. *Whitehouse*.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Report of the Rural Electrification Committee as of January, 1945.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

### REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 15th, 1945.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

(1.) That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for a Private Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,’” have been complied with and your Committee therefore recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

(2.) That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Norman Terry and others for a Private Bill intituled “An Act to incorporate the Society of Industrial

Accountants of British Columbia" have been complied with and your Committee therefore recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

(3.) That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Les Phillips and others for a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company" have been complied with, except as to Rule 98, section (1), subsection (c), and your Committee recommends that the said Rule be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

1. Did any vacancies occur during 1944 on elected Municipal Boards of School Trustees due to death or disqualification of trustees?
2. How many such vacancies were filled for the unexpired term by (a) by-election, (b) appointment, or (c) left vacant?
3. Of those left vacant, what was the reason for same?

The Hon. Mr. Perry replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. From an examination of our 1944 files for all cities and district municipalities the following information has been compiled: Vacancy due to death, none; vacancy due to disqualification, one. The latter vacancy (Pitt Meadows) was filled by election of a trustee. In 1944 there were also three vacancies occasioned by resignation, reasons not given. These were filled by appointment. There is also a vacancy on one Board occasioned by the fact that there was not a sufficient number of candidates in the election held in December, 1943.

"3. No information in our files."

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

1. Is there a ferry in operation on the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway between Fraser's Landing and Gray Creek on Kootenay Lake?
2. If yes, what is the name of such ferry?
3. What is its capacity for (a) buses and (b) other vehicles?
4. What is the speed of the vessel?
5. Is it proposed to replace this vessel?
6. If yes, when?
7. What will be the capacity of the new ferry boat for (a) buses and (b) other vehicles?
8. What will be the speed of the new boat?

The Hon. Mr. Anscomb replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. S.S. 'Nasookin.'

"3. (a) One bus and (b) twenty-two average size cars.

"4. Ten miles per hour.

"5. Yes.

"6. As soon as all details are completed and tenders called for the construction of a new vessel.

"7. Forty normal automobiles or a proportionate number of trucks.

"8. 13.5 miles per hour."

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

1. Are many public schools in British Columbia closed because of the inability to secure a teacher?

2. If so, how many?

3. How many children between the ages of seven and fifteen are receiving no education either in a regular public school or by correspondence from the Department of Education because of the closing of schools?

4. How many children are receiving education from the Correspondence Department of the Department of Education who would normally be receiving such education in a public school had that school been able to secure a teacher?

5. Are any persons who have had no teacher-training whatsoever employed as teachers in any British Columbia schools?

6. If so, how many?

7. If there are any persons teaching in British Columbia without any teacher-training at all, what permit or certificate is issued to them and for how long is it valid?

8. Are these persons, as in No. 7, paying into the Teachers' Pensions Fund?

9. Are there any persons teaching in British Columbia who hold certificates from some other Province and who have been issued British Columbia certificates without any further training in British Columbia?

10. If so, how many?

11. What practice is followed by the Department of Education in regard to teachers holding certificates from other Provinces who wish to teach in British Columbia?

12. Are there any public schools in British Columbia being taught by persons under twenty years of age who have not completed their high school education?

13. If so, how many?

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

"1 and 2. According to our latest information there are fourteen small rural schools closed.

"3 and 4. Thirty-five children living in rural districts where teachers are not available are taking correspondence courses. In two other districts the children are conveyed to near-by schools. Approximately sixty to seventy-five children are neither attending school nor taking correspondence lessons. Whenever a school is closed for any reason the Secretary of the Board is asked to urge the children to enrol for our correspondence lessons but children cannot be compelled to pursue their education in that way. No child of school-age in the Province needs to go without an elementary or high school education, whether there is a school in operation in the district in which he resides or not.

"5. Yes; but they have Academic qualifications.

"6. Twenty-five.

"7. Temporary certificate, valid until June 30th, 1945.

"8. Yes; if the temporary teacher is in the employ of a Board for more than one month. There is a refund when the teacher resigns.

"9. Yes; fully qualified teachers who hold First Class Permanent or higher certificates issued in other Provinces are accepted in this Province on a two-year probationary period without further training. Such teachers have taken Summer School courses in the Province from which they came and must also have obtained satisfactory reports from their Inspectors.

"10. Thirty.

"11. The applicant must have as the minimum Academic standing the equivalent of Senior Matriculation or first year Arts and must also have full teacher-training in a Provincial Normal School or in a recognized University. He must submit a copy of



his last Inspector's report and a certificate of character. If the applicant holds an Interim Certificate issued by some other Province rather than a Permanent Certificate the applicant must attend two sessions of the Summer School of Education either in Vancouver or in Victoria and teach on a probationary basis for two years. At the end of that period, if the Inspector who examines his work recommends favourably, a Permanent Certificate is issued in favour of the teacher.

" 12. Yes.

" 13. Five; the majority of these student-teachers are engaged in the Peace River District. Despite continuous effort by the Department it was found impossible to secure fully qualified teachers for certain schools in this expanding area. These student-teachers hold Temporary Certificates. They have the assistance and guidance not only of the local Inspectors who recommended their appointment but also of experienced 'helping' itinerant teachers, two of whom were appointed at the beginning of this school-year. The 'helping' teachers spend much time in the small rural schools which are staffed by young teachers or teachers without full qualifications."

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. How many trade-unions are registered in British Columbia?
2. How many trade-unions have been certified as bargaining agencies in British Columbia?
3. How many labour organizations or employees' associations, other than trade unions, are registered in British Columbia?
4. How many of these labour organizations or employees' associations have been certified as bargaining agencies in British Columbia?

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

" 1 and 3. Trade-unions, labour organizations, and employees' organizations are not registered in British Columbia. Under Provincial labour laws they are required to make certain returns to the Department of Labour. During 1944 and to date trade-union locals making the requisite returns have numbered 473. Employees' organizations making like returns during the same period numbered 46.

" 2 and 4. Trade-unions and employees' associations other than trade-unions are not certified as bargaining agencies under the provisions of the Wartime Labour Relations Regulations (P.C. 1003). The regulations provide that bargaining representatives may be elected by a majority vote of the employees affected; or, if the majority of the employees affected are members of one trade-union, that trade-union may elect or appoint its officers or other persons as bargaining representatives on behalf of all the employees affected. When bargaining representatives have been properly elected by the majority of employees affected, or where a trade-union qualifying under the regulations has elected or appointed bargaining representatives, official certification follows. The same union may be organized in different plants and consequently may enjoy more than one certification. Since P.C. 1003 came into force (April 18th, 1944) 793 certifications have been issued, 782 of which are held by 154 trade-unions locals, the remaining 11 being held not by trade-unions but by other associations and employee groups which have conformed to the regulations."

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

What was the total number of sheep, cattle, and hogs respectively in the Province as at December 31st, 1944?

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

" Results of December 1st, 1944, survey not yet available. As at June 1st, 1944: Sheep, 148,000; cattle, 381,500; hogs, 98,200."

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

1. What has been the total cost to the Government of the Sumas Reclamation project, including interest, administration, and other charges, to date?
2. What is the total revenue to the Government from this project?
3. What was the total acreage reclaimed?
4. How many acres suitable for agricultural or horticultural purposes are still unsold?
5. How many acres have been leased with (a) option to purchase and (b) other conditions?

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

- " 1. \$9,104,357.56 as at December 31st, 1944.
- " 2. \$857,218.95 as at December 31st, 1944: Sinking fund, \$44,473.46; interest payments, \$316,172.39; land sales, \$496,573.10.
- " 3. 28,218.97 acres.
- " 4. None.
- " 5. None."

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

1. Has a survey been made with a view to a knowledge of the number of children of (a) pre-school and (b) school age who are (c) blind or near blind, or (d) deaf or near deaf, and who require special facilities for their education and training?
2. If yes, how many were found in each category?
3. What action has been taken to provide adequate facilities for the training and teaching of such children?

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

- " 1 and 2. See replies to similar questions on page 95, B.C. Journals, 1944.
- " 3. The School for the Deaf and the Blind is still held in temporary quarters in Burnaby. Plans are under consideration for larger and better accommodation for the children after the war."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.37 p.m.

Friday, February 16th, 1945.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. McKay*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *R. C. MacDonald*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Paton*, Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mr. *Paton*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Second Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission for the Period January 1st, 1944, to December 31st, 1944.

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

1. Does the Provincial Government own any of the bonds issued to finance construction of the Fraser River (Pattullo) Bridge?
2. If yes, what is the amount of said holdings?
3. If Government holdings are less than the total cost of the bridge, how is the balance financed and to whom is the debt owing?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$2,000,000.

"3. \$2,000,000 of three-year bonds matured in 1938 and were repaid from Consolidated Revenue. Pursuant to regulations under authority of chapter 14 of the Statutes for 1940, the operations of the bridge are chargeable with \$80,000 annually for interest and \$67,163.50 annually for sinking funds. This balance, therefore, is owing to the Government."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

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Monday, February 19th, 1945.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *J. B. Rowell*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 15th, 1945.*

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

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

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fraudulent Preferences Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bulk Sales Act.'"

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

1. Were any resignations received from the members of the Oakalla staff during the past year?
2. If yes, what were the reasons given for resigning?
3. Is there a compulsory retirement age for members of Provincial Gaol staffs?
4. Are medical practitioners, attendant at Oakalla, members of the Civil Service?

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20th, 1945.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *James Hood*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to hear representations from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and any other body desiring to make representations to the said Committee and to report its findings to this House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by a committee representing the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes; to consider the report of the Dominion-Provincial conference on production; to call members of the British Columbia Agricultural Production Committee and such other Department officials as may be representatives on other agricultural bodies with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province; and to report its findings to this House.

Mrs. *MacInnis* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—

Is the mothers' pension paid to mothers whose children have been born out of wedlock?

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

"Yes; to the extent provided in Regulation 7 (b) made pursuant to the 'Mothers' Allowances Act,' which reads as follows: 'An unmarried mother who has cohabited with a man in the *bona-fide* belief that she was legally married to him and who, if she had been legally married to him, would have been eligible under one of subclauses (c) (1) to (c) (5), inclusive, of section 3 of the Act.' In the case of those applicants not coming within the provisions of the Act and regulations, comparable assistance is available under social allowances."

Mrs. *Jamieson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Was a committee appointed during 1944 for the purpose of making a study of juvenile delinquency?

2. Has this committee submitted a report?

3. In cases of feeble-minded children whose category is not sufficiently low to require institutional care, is there any governmental supervision to protect them from physical or economic exploitation?

4. What provision exists for governmental supervision for the protection of children between 15 and 16 years of age against low wages and excessive or late hours of work?

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

"1. Yes; a committee of departmental officials was appointed by the Hon. the Attorney-General and the Hon. the Provincial Secretary on August 24th, 1944, with a view to better co-ordination of the work concerned with delinquency between the Departments concerned and to consider 'the machinery at present existing for dealing with the problem of delinquency, especially as it relates to juvenile delinquency.'

"2. Yes; on February 5th, 1944.

"3. Under the 'Mental Hospitals Act,' it is illegal to place a feeble-minded child in a private mental hospital as defined in the Act unless it is licensed, and any such

placement, if known, would be investigated and, if licensed, supervised. When there is need to place an individual child who is not eligible for admission to Essondale and there is no licensed private mental hospital available or willing to admit said patient, the Inspector of Hospitals, with the approval of the doctor and when it is in the public interest, will accept the technical defect, permit the placement, and be responsible for supervision of the boarding home.

"4. British Columbia Statutes define a child as a male or female person under the age of fifteen years and these are debarred by law from employment in an industrial undertaking except by special permit setting out conditions issued under authority of the Minister of Labour.

"All persons over fifteen years of age enjoy the protection of every Provincial labour law which bears upon their employment with respect to minimum wages, hours of work, and conditions of employment.

"In addition to general protection afforded under the 'Minimum Wage Act' and the 'Hours of Work Act,' special protection for young persons is provided in specific Acts, namely:—

"'Factories Act,' section 5, girls under eighteen and boys under sixteen debarred from dangerous or unwholesome employment; sections 11 to 20, employment prohibited where permanent injury to health likely; suitable places must be provided for taking meals; employment before 7 a.m. and after 8 p.m. prohibited; overtime restricted and confined to thirty-six days in the year; not allowed to clean machinery while in motion; not allowed to work between fixed and traversing part of self-acting machine; health and lighting conditions safeguarded. Part II.: Home-work prohibited.

"'Shops Regulation and Weekly Half-holiday Act,' section 35, hours of work limited for boys and girls under sixteen years of age.

"'Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act,' employment of women and girls prohibited except in clerical capacity; no male person under eighteen years of age allowed to be employed underground.

"'Coal-mines Regulation Act,' section 4, as amended, no boy under sixteen and no woman or girl of any age allowed to be employed in or about surface workings; no woman or girl of any age and no boy under eighteen allowed to be employed underground.

"'Apprenticeship Act,' apprenticeships in eighteen designated trades made available to boys and girls over fifteen years of age with full protection as to minimum wage scales, hours of work, conditions of employment, and adequate training.

"'Trade-schools Regulation Act,' protection against exploitation under the guise of trade-schools."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.