

## Friday, February 20th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. S. Patterson*.

The following petitions were received:—

From The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending "The First Narrows Bridge Company Act," and for other powers.

From the Greater Vancouver Tunnel Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purposes of constructing a tunnel under the First Narrows, Burrard Inlet, and for other powers.

From the Corporation of the City of Chilliwack, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purposes of validating certain by-laws, and for other powers.

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.

Mr. *Gillis* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Kergin*,—

That on the motion of the honourable member for North Okanagan, seconded by the honourable member for North Vancouver, in reply to the Address of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to add the following words:—

"Whereas Your Honour states in your gracious Speech as follows: 'My Government has taken over from the municipalities the care and control of arterial highways. This should result in a better co-ordination of our Provincial system':

"And whereas, pursuant to the 'Highway Act,' being chapter 24 of the Statutes of 1930, the Government did grant a licence conferring exclusive right to operate public passenger-vehicles over certain arterial and other highways:

"And whereas specifically the Government granted a licence to the Vancouver Island Transportation Company, Limited, conferring upon such company the exclusive right to operate public passenger-vehicles over the following routes, namely:—

- "(1.) Island Highway, from Victoria to Menzies Bay and intermediate points and extensions:
- (2.) Canadian Highway, from Parksville to Alberni and Port Alberni and intermediate points and extensions:
- (3.) Port Alberni to Great Central Lake and intermediate points and extensions:
- (4.) Port Alberni to Sproat Lake and intermediate points and extensions:
- (5.) Courtenay to Cumberland and intermediate points and extensions:
- (6.) Royston to Cumberland and intermediate points and extensions:
- (7.) Campbell River to Bloedel's and intermediate points and extensions:
- (8.) Forbes Landing to International Timber Camp and intermediate points and extensions:
- (9.) Duncan to Cowichan Lake and intermediate points and extensions, with side-trips to Hillcrest and Mayo:
- (10.) Cowichan Lake to Youbou and intermediate points and extensions:
- (11.) Duncan to Deerholme and intermediate points and extensions:
- (12.) Island Highway to Shawnigan Lake via Millstream or Shawnigan Cut-off:
- (13.) Langford to Goldstream Camp and intermediate points and extensions:
- (14.) Victoria to Jordan River and intermediate points and extensions, including West Coast Road, Sooke, and side-trips to Metchosin, Happy Valley, and Whiffen Spit, and Camp 2:
- (15.) Victoria to Royal Oak via Quadra Street and intermediate points and extensions:
- (16.) Royal Oak to Royal Oak via Resthaven, Deep Cove, Patricia Bay, and Brentwood, and intermediate points and extensions, with side-trips to Moodyville, Mr. Butchart's Gardens, Sidney, Saanichton Wharf, and Schwartz Bay:

(17.) Fulford Harbour to Ganges Harbour on Saltspring Island and intermediate points and extensions:

(18.) Island Highway to Island Highway via South Wellington Road (Cedar Road):

"This House feels in duty bound to advise Your Honour that it considers the issuance of said licence as an unwise exercise of the statutory discretion granted to the Crown under the said 'Highway Act.'"

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

Mr. *Pattullo* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hanna*,—

That a Return be made to this House of copies of the following reports referred to on page I 20 of the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1929, under heading "Investigations and Reports," such reports being designated as follows:—

- (1.) Economic conditions in the Okanagan in regard to irrigation and the water districts' loans from the Conservation Fund.
- (2.) On matters pertaining to Dewdney Dyking District.
- (3.) Certain areas at Sumas in regard to taxes and reclassification of land.
- (4.) Oliver—claims on fruit-trees.
- (5.) Oliver—reclassifying and pricing lands.
- (6.) Creston—reclassifying and pricing lands.
- (7.) Nicomen Island—in connection with dyking and taxation for same.
- (8.) Pacific Great Eastern Railway and natural resources.
- (9.) Colonization and industrial development.

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

Mr. *A. M. Manson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Buckham*,—

That a Return be laid on the table of the House of all correspondence, whether by letter, telegram, or otherwise, as between W. Sanford Evans, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Commissioner under the "Public Inquiries Act" investigating the fruit industry, and any member of the Government or official thereof.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 20th, 1931.*

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

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 20th, 1931.*

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

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 20th, 1931.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Shipment and Sale of Coal," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 20th, 1931.*

*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. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Shipment and Sale of Coal," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 20th, 1931.*

*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. 19) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. A. M. *Manson* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Is one W. J. Cox employed in any capacity, or has he been employed, by the Liquor Control Board?
2. If so, what are his duties, and what is his remuneration?
3. Is any allowance made to him for office-rent, and how much?
4. Where is his office located?

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

- "1. W. J. Cox is not now employed by the Liquor Control Board, but was employed in a temporary capacity in 1930.
- "2. His duties were Special Investigator at \$10 per day.
- "3. No.
- "4. No information."

Mr. A. M. *Manson* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. What salaries have been fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for members of the Liquor Control Board?
2. What yearly salaries were paid to members of the Liquor Control Board prior to the passage of the "Liquor Act Amendment Act, 1930"?

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

- "1. H. B. Thomson, \$15,000 per annum; W. F. Kennedy, \$7,500 per annum; W. J. Baird, \$7,500 per annum.
- "2. April 13th, 1921, to October 31st, 1924: A. M. Johnson, \$6,500 per annum; N. W. Winsby, \$5,500 per annum; J. H. Falconer, \$5,500 per annum. October 31st, 1924, to August 19th, 1930: H. Davidson, \$12,000 per annum."

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

1. Has the Male Minimum Wage Board granted any exemptions to employers under section 6 of the "Male Minimum Wage Act"?
2. If so, in what cases?
3. With what results?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Hanbury, Rodger & Sigurdson, Vancouver, 2 engineers; E. L. Sauder Lumber Co., Vancouver, 1 engineer; Dominion Hotel, Victoria, 1 engineer.
- "3. Four handicapped men retained their employment at wages mutually satisfactory."

Mr. A. M. Manson asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Did the Government authorize the present Chairman of the Liquor Control Board to conduct any negotiations in Great Britain respecting the liquor business of the Government prior to his appointment as Chairman of the Liquor Board?

2. Has any money been paid to the Chairman of the Liquor Control Board on account of his last visit to Great Britain?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows:—

“1. No.

“2. No.”

Mr. A. M. Manson asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What was the total amount paid by the Liquor Control Board for all salaries and wages to members and employees, in whatever capacity, during the months of August, 1928; December, 1928; August, 1929; December, 1929; August, 1930; December, 1930?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows:—

“August, 1928, \$46,101.31; December, 1928, \$53,241.28. August, 1929, \$49,203.94; December, 1929, \$59,665.65. August, 1930, \$51,854.46; December, 1930, \$58,601.27.”

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

1. Has the Male Minimum Wage Board instituted any inquiries as to conditions of employment in any occupation, without receiving any complaints, as provided under section 4 (2) of the “Male Minimum Wage Act” of 1929?

2. If so, in what cases?

3. With what results?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Bread and cake bakers and bread delivery-men; also at every inquiry held by the Board under section 4 (1) of the ‘Male Minimum Wage Act,’ inquiries into all occupations of a similar nature have been held under section 4 (2).

“3. Minimum wage fixed for ‘special engineers’; minimum wage for bread and cake bakers and bread delivery-men now under consideration; others were not proceeded with.”

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

1. Has the power granted to the Male Minimum Wage Board, under section 8 of the “Male Minimum Wage Act,” to alter a minimum wage already established, been exercised in any instance?

2. If so, what changes have been made?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows:—

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What were terms of sale in connection with the Sumas Reclamation Project?

2. Was any guarantee given, or representations made, by the Government or the selling agents that the annual charge would not exceed a fixed amount or rate?

3. Does the land reclaimed bear the total cost of annual operation? If not, who bears the cost?

4. What is the average annual upkeep of operation?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows:—

“1. Cash or terms; if on terms, not less than 15 per cent. of purchase price in cash and balance over twenty years with interest at 6 per cent.

“2. Yes; ‘Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act Amendment Act, 1930,’ fixed annual maintenance charge on these lands at \$2 per acre.

“3. When all taxes for maintenance are paid the district will have a revenue from that source of \$33,824.14, which is deemed adequate to create a Reserve Fund to meet contingencies.

“4. Average for five years, \$30,465.”

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

1. What was the total acreage for sale under the Sumas Reclamation Project?
2. What is total acreage sold since August 20th, 1928; and what is total sale price?
3. How much cash has been received on account of sale price?
4. What is the total commissions paid, or to be paid, on account of sale?
5. What is total of other expenses in connection with sale?
6. What is the minimum acreage sold to any one purchaser?
7. What is the maximum acreage sold to a single purchaser?
8. How many purchasers?

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

- "1. 10,441.53 acres.
- "2. 8,052.107 acres; \$765,675.59.
- "3. \$178,341.46, including two second payments on sales of the year 1929.
- "4. \$87,474.30 paid or to be paid.
- "5. Other expenses during 1929 and 1930, \$8,472.73.
- "6. 0.22 acre.
- "7. 1,538.461 acres.
- "8. 142."

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

1. Was one Wm. Robson, of Cranbrook, dismissed from a position in the Employment Bureau?
2. If so, what was the reason for such dismissal?
3. If so, who is Wm. Robson's successor?
4. How long had Wm. Robson been in the employ of the Department?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. In the public interest.
- "3. Campbell J. Lewis.
- "4. Seven years, four months, and eleven days."

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

1. What is the total amount received by George H. Cowan, member of the Male Minimum Wage Board, since his appointment: (a) As salary or emolument; (b) as expenses?
2. What is the total amount received by Adam Bell, member of the Male Minimum Wage Board, since his appointment: (a) As salary or emolument; (b) as expenses?
3. Upon what basis is the remuneration of the above officials fixed?

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

- "1. (a.) \$600. (b.) \$381.65; received this amount between August 14th, 1929, and January 22nd, 1930. Nothing since latter date.
- "2. (a.) \$120 to October 21st, 1929. (b.) \$177.85 to October 21st, 1929. Permanently appointed to Civil Service, October 21st, 1929; since which date no salary or emolument has been paid to him as member of the Board.
- "3. Geo. H. Cowan, per diem basis; Adam Bell, per diem basis until October 21st, 1929."

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

1. What is the average wage of hop-pickers on British Columbia hop-farms?
2. Has such wage been increased during the season 1930; and, if so, how much?
3. Has an additional duty been placed upon hops imported into British Columbia; and, if so, what was rate of: (a) The former duty; (b) the present duty?

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

- "1. No information. Agricultural labourers are exempt from the provisions of the 'Minimum Wage Acts' and the 'Hours of Work Act.'
- "2. No information.
- "3. No information."

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

1. Have any appeals been held under section 9 of the "Male Minimum Wage Act"?
2. If so, under what circumstances, and with what results?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Certain employers (druggists) appealed against the action of the Board in establishing a minimum wage of 80 cents per hour for licentiates of pharmacy; case still pending before Supreme Court."

*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 p.m.

## Monday, February 23rd, 1931.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. P. S. Luttrell*.

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; and on the amendment to the Address moved by Mr. *Gillis* on 20th instant, as follows:—

To add the following words:—

"Whereas Your Honour states in your gracious Speech as follows: 'My Government has taken over from the municipalities the care and control of arterial highways. This should result in a better co-ordination of our Provincial system':

"And whereas, pursuant to the 'Highway Act,' being chapter 24 of the Statutes of 1930, the Government did grant a licence conferring exclusive right to operate public passenger-vehicles over certain arterial and other highways:

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 (17.) Fulford Harbour to Ganges Harbour on Saltspring Island and intermediate points and extensions:  
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"This House feels in duty bound to advise Your Honour that it considers the issuance of said licence as an unwise exercise of the statutory discretion granted to the Crown under the said 'Highway Act.'"

The debate continued.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Wrinoh</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Buckham</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	

NAYS—32.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Borden</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Atward</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

*Kirk* *Kergin*

Debate resumed on the main motion.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision with reference to certain questions put by members standing on the Order Paper:—

*Honourable Members:*

On Friday last the honourable Leader of the Opposition and the honourable and learned member for Omineca complained of certain questions which stand upon to-day's Order Paper under Nos. 1 and 36. These were, in the case of the Leader of the Opposition, as follows:—

- "1. During the incumbency of Hon. T. D. Pattullo as Minister of Lands, did the said Hon. T. D. Pattullo make a trip to Europe at the expense of the Government?
- "2. How many trips did he make?
- "3. What was the cost of the said trip or trips?
- "4. How long was he away?
- "5. What was the ostensible purpose of such trip or trips?
- "6. What permanent benefit, if any, accrued to the Province as a result of his trip, if any?
- "7. Did the Hon. Mr. Pattullo, when Minister of Lands, visit Norway or Sweden?
- "8. If so, why?
- "9. Did any beneficial result accrue to British Columbia as a result of such trip, if any?
- "10. Did the said Hon. T. D. Pattullo make any trip or trips to Ottawa, while Minister of Lands, at the public expense? If so, how many?
- "11. What was the cost of each trip, if any?"



And in the case of the member for Omineca, as follows:—

"1. Did A. M. Manson, former Attorney-General, in 1927 and 1928, give a series of public exhibitions by magic lantern?"

"2. Where were such exhibitions held, and in what months?"

"3. What was the cost of preparing slides for such magic-lantern shows?"

"4. Did A. M. Manson travel to and from places where such shows were given at the public expense?"

"5. Did he use a Government automobile for such travelling?"

"6. Did a Government chauffeur drive him?"

"7. What was the salary of such driver?"

"8. How much oil and gasoline were used?"

"9. Was an operator engaged to show such pictures?"

"10. If so, who paid him, and how much?"

"11. Was rent paid for any halls in which to show such pictures?"

"12. Were there any expenses incidental to such exhibitions other than set out in the foregoing questions?"

And I promised to give a decision thereon to-day. Consideration of the practice surrounding the putting of questions leads me to the opinion that some of these questions are contrary to parliamentary usage, although it must be admitted that the procedure seems to have developed in this House along lines contrary to the British practice which allows questions, a more open and irrelevant practice having obtained here in the past. But I feel that this House wishes to adopt the British practice and would therefore draw attention to the following: Questions addressed to Ministers should relate to the public affairs with which they are officially connected, or to proceedings pending in Parliament, or to any matter of administration for which the Minister is responsible. (See *May*, Parliamentary Practice, 13th ed., at p. 240.)

I am unable to appreciate in what way sub-questions 5, 6, and 9 of main question 1 can be made to fit into any of these categories. 5 reads: "What was the ostensible purpose of such trip or trips?" 6, "What permanent benefit, if any, accrued to the Province as a result of his trip?" 9, "Did any beneficial result accrue to British Columbia as a result of such trip, if any?" I cannot see how the present Minister of Lands, to whom the questions are addressed, can be expected to advise in what way a journey abroad by any past Minister can operate beneficially or otherwise to the Province. At the most, the Minister can express only an opinion, and the expression of an opinion may not be sought for by a question. (See *May* at p. 242, and Vol. 73 of the British House of Commons' Debates (Official Report), 5th series, at p. 14.)

Again, no matter ought to be propounded in the form of a question which is calculated to raise discussion or to anticipate explanation that could only be properly given in a general debate. (See *Mirror of Parliament* (1831), p. 2201; *Hansard's Debates*, 3rd Series, Vol. 169, p. 1932, and Vol. 186, p. 126).

*May* also lays it down that a question will be refused the Order Paper if obviously designed to give annoyance (p. 236). While all these questions are not open to this objection, I am inclined to so regard Nos. 5, 6, and 9.

Regarding the questions asked of the Honourable Attorney-General under No. 36, I think questions 1 and 3 are irregular by inclusion of the word "magic." Questions framed so as to convey an offensive assertion are not proper, and I think question 1 should be reframed by eliminating the word "magic" and by possibly adding the word "slides" after the word "lantern," which would make the question read: "Did A. M. Manson, former Attorney-General, in 1927 and 1928, give a series of public exhibitions by lantern-slides?" Question 3 would lose its offensiveness by the elimination of the word "magic."

I think honourable members should endeavour to restrict their questions to the purpose of ascertaining facts germane to the business in hand, and that such questions should not be framed in words of inferential criticism. If it is desired to refer to past deeds of an honourable member of the House, this can better be done in general debate, in which all the matters covered by these questions could be gone into.

The responsibility of seeing to it that irregular questions do not get upon the Order Paper lies upon the Chair, and I will be more particular in future in passing questions.

I might also draw the attention of honourable members to the rule that the Opposition may be asked questions as well as the Government.

C. F. DAVIE, *Speaker*.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 23rd, 1931.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 23rd, 1931.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson*—Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Poolcy* filed a Return in answer to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Hanna*:—

What Veterans' Club licences have been issued by the Liquor Control Board since the passage of the "Liquor Act Amendment Act, 1930"?

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

As at March 31st, 1930, how much cash within the control of the Provincial Government was there: (a) In bank; (b) in Provincial Treasury?

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

"See Balance-sheet, Public Accounts, 1929-30, page O vi."

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

1. What is the total expenditure of the Game Branch since March 20th, 1929?
2. What fees have been received for licences, etc., during this same period?

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

"1. It is impossible to give a correct figure covering expenditure from date desired, but the expenditure of the Game Branch from April 1st, 1929, to February 18th, 1931, was \$396,350.64, including \$34,801.76 paid for bounties on predatory animals.

"2. April 1st, 1929, to February 18th, 1931, approximately \$369,227.71, but returns for January and February are not all in yet.

"NOTE.—The year ending December 31st, 1930, showed an increase in revenue of \$27,000 over the previous year. These figures do not include amount recovered from fines."

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

1. Has the Government entered into any negotiations for the sale of acreage in the northern part of the Province for colonization purposes?
2. If so, where is the area involved, and what is its extent?
3. If so, with whom has the Government been in negotiation?
4. What is the price of land per acre?

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

"1. Would refer you to the Hon. the Minister of Lands.

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

Mr. *A. M. Manson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Did W. Sanford Evans, Commissioner under the "Public Inquiries Act," in conducting his investigation into the fruit industry, take evidence under oath with regard to marketing conditions?
2. Did the said Commissioner make any inquiry with regard to marketing conditions?
3. If so, what inquiry?

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

"1. No.

"2. Yes.

"3. The results of inquiry have been tabled in the form of a report submitted to the Legislature on Monday, February 16th, 1931."

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

1. How many parcels of reverted land have been reclassified by the present Administration?
2. How many sales of reverted land have been made, and at what price?
3. How many settlers have been placed on these lands by the present Administration?

The Hon. Mr. *Lougheed* (Minister of Lands) replied as follows:—

"1. No record kept of individual revaluations not resulting in sale. General valuation of areas in vicinity Vancouver, 4,584 parcels; Vanderhoof, 415 parcels; Prince George, 335 parcels.

"2. Number of sales and purchase price from September 1st, 1928, to January 31st, 1931: Country lands, 516; \$234,691.93. Town lots, 347; \$46,700.62. Total, 863; \$281,392.55.

"3. The sale of reverted lands has not been confined to areas for settlement purposes, but covers parcels of various sizes acquired for sundry purposes, a considerable percentage being to persons who were already settled upon adjacent lands. No record has been kept of sales made for any specific purpose."

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

1. Has the Government Liquor Store at Maillardville been closed?
2. If so, when; upon whose recommendation; and for what reasons?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) September 30th, 1930; (b) Liquor Control Board; (c) business did not justify continuance."

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

1. Has any reconnaissance-work been carried out in respect of the Alaska-Yukon Road north of Hazelton?
2. If so, what was the nature of the work; by whom carried out; and at what cost?
3. Was any definite information obtained as to cost of building a road from Hazelton to the Yukon boundary?
4. If so, what is estimated cost?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Aerial and terrestrial reconnaissance by Public Works Department. Work in progress.
- "3 and 4. See answer to No. 2."

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

1. Was any acreage purchased in the South Okanagan Land Project by George Washington Ward or the Apex Orchards Company, Limited?
2. If so, when, what amounts, and at what price and terms?
3. Were any commissions paid, what amounts, and to whom?
4. Has any revaluation been made of such lands since original agreement to purchase?
5. If so, have the purchasers allowed any portion of the land under agreement to revert to the Government, and what allowance has been made for such lands?

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

- "1. Yes; George Washington Ward.
- "2. October 9th, 1929, 341.15 acres. Land, \$19,693; improvements, \$18,261. On usual terms for the Project.
- "3. Yes; \$1,897.70 McTavish & Whillis.
- "4. No.
- "5. Purchaser has applied for readjustment of acreage on account of adverse conditions encountered; matter now under consideration."

Mr. *MacPherson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

Has the Government entered into any arrangement for the reclamation, either in whole or in part, of the area known as the Kootenay Flats, either directly or through an agreement with any one? If by agreement, what are terms of agreement?

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

"No."

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

1. Were any commissions paid by the Land Settlement Board in connection with the sale of land? If so, upon what basis, how much, and to whom?
2. How many loans have been made by the Land Settlement Board in 1930; and what is the total of such loans?

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

"1. Commissions on land sales have been paid as follows:—Comox Realty Company, Courtenay, B.C.: February 11th, 1930, \$105; July 5th, 1930, \$311.25; August 31st, 1930, \$60.80; November 8th, 1930, \$125; total, \$602.05. D. G. Williams, Prince George, B.C.: December 12th, 1929, \$150; April 2nd, 1930, \$228; June 25th, 1930, \$78; December 22nd, 1930, \$74.50; February 13th, 1931, \$158.23; total, \$688.73. George Ogston, Vanderhoof, B.C.: November 1st, 1929, \$42; December 22nd, 1930, \$35; total, \$77. McTavish and Whillis, Kelowna, B.C.: December 22nd, 1930, \$300. Grand total, \$1,667.78.

"2. None. All agricultural loans are now made by the Canadian Farm Loan Board."

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

What was the total amount collected under the gasoline-tax during: (a) December, 1929; (b) December, 1930?

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

"(a) \$85,719.40 net; (b) \$137,314.94 net."

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

1. How many settlers have been placed on British Columbia lands during 1930 by the Land Settlement Board, and where have they been settled?
2. How many parcels of land have been sold by the Land Settlement Board during 1930; what is the total acreage; what is the total price?

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

"1 and 2.	Settlers.	Acres.	Value.
Nechako Valley and Vanderhoof .....	4	545.00	\$4,740.00
Bulkley Valley .....	3	543.40	2,660.00
Prince George .....	15	2,434.54	11,766.83
Merville .....	11	667.30	14,943.00
Creston, on lease agreement .....	41	1,147.44	89,205.00
Loan foreclosure sales in various parts of Province	13	2,377.00	25,945.75
Total .....	87	7,714.68	\$149,260.58

"NOTE.—These answers contain only the actual sales made of Land Settlement Board lands and do not show the extent of the work done by the office of the Colonization Commissioner in co-operation with other departments, which resulted in the sale of large blocks of reverted lands, and lands at Oliver and Sumas."

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

1. Was an investigation held into the conduct of the teacher of the Port Clements School?
2. If so, who was the investigator, and was he the same person who investigated charges against John L. Barge?
3. How much was he paid?
4. Was any report made to the Department; and, if so, what was its nature?
5. Was a report of this incident made previously by the Inspector of Schools; and, if so, what was its nature?

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

"1. The conduct of the teacher of Port Clements was not the subject of an investigation. In June, 1930, the local School Board sent the teacher notice of dismissal to take effect at the end of June. The teacher appealed to the Council of Public Instruction against the Board's action, and an investigation was held into all matters bearing upon the dismissal and appeal, as provided in the 'Public Schools Act,' section 133, subsection (2).

"2. W. E. Fisher, lawyer, Prince Rupert, the nearest town to Port Clements. Yes.

"3. Honorarium of \$120 for six days at \$20 each and \$40.87 for expenses.

"4. Yes. The report of the investigator was favourable to the teacher.

"5. No; but the Inspector in carrying out his regular duties made reports on the conduct of the school and the progress of the children. The reports were generally favourable to the teacher."

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

1. Is one T. Goodlake in the employ of the Department?
2. If so, what are his duties and salary?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Clerk and office assistant in the office of the Director of High School Correspondence Courses. \$1,020 per annum."

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

1. Did the Government participate officially in the tour of the "Alaska Caravan" to the vicinity of Hazelton during the summer of 1930?
2. If so, what was the cost of such participation, with details of expenditure?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Return filed herewith."

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

1. What was the total amount of liquor bought by the Liquor Control Board from August 1st, 1930, to date?
2. What brands of Scotch whisky were purchased?
3. From whom was each of such brands purchased, and through what agent in each case?

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

- “1. All liquors, other than malt liquor brewed in British Columbia (cost landed warehouse), \$912,581.81; malt liquor brewed in British Columbia, \$1,796,896.32.
- “2. See L.C.B. Price-list No. 1, items 70-77 and 79-112, inclusive.
- “3. Purchased direct.”

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

1. Who is School Inspector stationed at Prince George?
2. What territory does he supervise?
3. When was he appointed to this position?
4. What were his travelling expenses during: (a) November, 1930; (b) December, 1930; (c) January, 1931?

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

- “1. Mr. W. G. Gamble.
- “2. The schools in the Canadian National Railway Belt from Houston to Red Pass, inclusive, a distance of 410 miles.
- “3. January 1st, 1929.
- “4. (a) \$194.10; (b) \$65.65; (c) \$13.05.”

Mr. *A. M. Manson* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Did the Government institute an action against the breweries for shortage of beer-supply?
2. If so, is it the intention of the Government to carry the action through the Courts?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Yes.”

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

1. Have instructions been issued to Road Foremen regarding employment of single men and of veterans with partial pensions?
2. If so, what were such instructions?

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

- “1 and 2. No.”

*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 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 24th, 1931.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petition:—

No. 2—City of Vancouver.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. H. KIRK, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Boundary between the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta."

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Lillooet Water Commissioner's Appointment Act, 1902.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. A. M. Manson, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. A. M. Manson, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Phosphate-mining Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Pattullo, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Pattullo, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Resolution.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

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

That this House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following further decision with reference to certain questions standing on the Order Paper:—

*Honourable Members:*

Two matters came up for my decision yesterday on the subject-matter of questions. The first was raised by the honourable and learned member for Omineca, who objected to the questions concerning himself under No. 19 on to-day's Order Paper on the ground that these have already appeared in the Journals of the House for February 28th, 1930, and have therefore been answered, and that such questions should not again be renewed in this Parliament.

Amongst a number of questions enumerated as being out of order in *Campion's Procedure of the House of Commons* are the following: (a) "Repeating in substance questions already answered or to which an answer has been refused"; and (b) "multiplied with slight variations on the same point."

I am of the opinion, therefore, that all the questions under item No. 19 on to-day's Order Paper are out of order as having been previously dealt with.

The second point, which was also raised by the honourable and learned member for Omineca, was as to the right of a Minister to answer questions by way of filing a Return, the honourable member holding that, where circumstances indicated the desirability of spreading the questions and answers thereto on the Votes and Proceedings, they should so appear. Our rule in this connection is covered by our Standing Order 47, subparagraph (3) of which reads as follows:—

"(3.) If a question is of such a nature that, in the opinion of the Minister who is to furnish the reply, such reply should be in the form of a return, and the Minister states that he has no objection to laying such return upon the table of the House, his statement shall, unless otherwise ordered by the House, be deemed an order of the House to that effect, and the same shall be entered in the Votes and Proceedings as such."

I am of the opinion that the matter is entirely within the discretion of the Minister as to whether he answers the questions ordinarily or does so by way of filing a Return, unless the House orders otherwise.

C. F. DAVIE, *Speaker*.

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. A. M. *Manson*:—

1. What changes have been made in the location of Government Liquor Stores since August 20th, 1928, giving reasons for changes in each case?
2. In each case, what is the rental of the new premises; who is the owner; and what was the rental of premises they replaced, and who were the owners?
3. Which, if any, of the new premises are Government-owned?
4. How many new Liquor Stores have been opened since August 20th, 1928?

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. A. M. *Manson*:—

1. How many licences to sell beer by the glass have been granted since February 3rd, 1930?
2. To whom have such licences been granted; for use on what premises; and where in each case?



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

1. Have any loans been made during the calendar years 1929 and 1930 by the Department of Industries?
2. If yes, to whom, and what was the amount of the loan in each case?
3. Have any loans been repaid in full during these years?
4. If yes, by whom, and what were the amounts paid in each case?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes. Berry Processors, Ltd., \$70,000 (used \$52,989.42); James Canadian Seeds, Ltd., \$60,000.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Auto Body Builders, \$1,500; Canada Western Cordage Co., Ltd., \$250,000; Empire Brewing Co., \$4,895.73; J. R. Tacey & Sons, \$15,000; Tait Pipe & Foundry Co., Ltd., \$30,000; Vancouver Pickle Co., Ltd., \$5,000; Langley Electric Co., Ltd., \$7,000; Berry Processors, Ltd., \$52,989.42."

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

1. Did the Minister visit Europe on Government business during 1930?
2. If so, what was the total cost of such visit?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$2,532.60."

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

1. Is the Department doing repair-work, or has repair-work been done, during 1930, on the bridge over the Fraser River, North Arm, South Vancouver?
2. When did such repairs commence; and, if completed, when?
3. What was the cost of such repairs?

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

- "1. No; work comprises reconstruction and improvement.
- "2. Commenced April 7th, 1930; completed February 18th, 1931.
- "3. Final statement of cost not yet available."

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

1. Has the Department constructed a school building at Brookmere?
2. If so, what was the cost of said building?
3. Were tenders called for this work; and, if so, who was the successful tenderer?

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

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

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

1. Was a Government motor-truck, supplied to Road Foreman at Queen Charlotte City, used at any time for the transport of supplies or material in other than the Government service?
2. If so, was a charge made to the persons concerned for such services?
3. If so, what amounts were charged, and to whom?
4. If such truck was so used, upon whose authority?

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

- "1, 2, 3, and 4. No information."

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

1. What is the estimated cost of the Canoe-Sicamous Road?
2. What amount has already been expended on this road?

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

- "1. Estimated to cost \$50,000; subject to revision.
- "2. \$17,390."

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

1. Has one Arthur Manson been appointed to the Government Service?
2. If so, in what capacity; at what salary; and what are his duties?
3. Who was his predecessor?

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

"1. Following investigation, Manson was reinstated in Government Service.

"2. Heating-plant Engineer, \$178.33 per month. Supervise heating plants at Parliament Buildings, Government House, Court-house, Mental Home, and Normal School, and to take a shift in any of the above institutions as necessity arises.

"3. None. Appointment to new position was necessitated by amendment to 'Department of Public Works Act, 1930.'"

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

1. Have exclusive rights to operate passenger-carrying vehicles over roads been granted by the Department?
2. If so, over what roads, to whom, and for what periods in each case?

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

"1 and 2. On classification of certain highways in the Saanich Municipality, the Department took into consideration the agreement ratified by chapter 75 of the 1929 Statutes, and by Order in Council the duration of the franchise on these classified roads was reduced from twenty years to five years, and in this one instance a special licence in terms of the 'Highway Act' was issued, as set forth in Order in Council No. 1127."

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

1. What amount, if any, was allocated through the District Engineer's office for work on the Port Clements-Tlell Road, Queen Charlotte Islands, from moneys voted at the last Session of the House?
2. What portion of such sum has been spent to date?
3. What was the nature of such work, if any?

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

"1. \$9,000.

"2. \$8,713.17.

"3. Widening plank road, grading, and gravelling."

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

1. What is the total amount which will be received by the Province, under legislation recently passed by the Federal Government, in the relief of unemployment? Is this amount contingent upon a contribution from the Province?
2. If so, what is the Province's proportion of the whole amount?
3. Are these sums contingent upon contributions from the municipalities?

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

"1. \$900,000 for public works and undertakings, exclusive of direct relief. Yes.

"2 and 3. See Votes and Proceedings, Wednesday, February 18th, 1931, pages 2 and 3."

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

1. What amounts were expended in the Queen Charlotte Islands, and in what localities, upon roads leading from highways to the properties of individual settlers, during the years 1929 and 1930?
2. What were the names of the settlers to whom such service was rendered?
3. What were the amounts expended in each case?

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

"1. None.

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

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

What is the total mileage of arterial highways in the following Provincial constituencies:

- (a) Dewdney; (b) Delta; (c) Chilliwack; (d) Saanich; (e) Kamloops; (f) Cranbrook; (g) Creston?

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

- “(a) 61.83 miles; (b) 36.86 miles; (c) 59.94 miles; (d) 24.35 miles; (e) *nil*; (f) *nil*; (g) 0.83 mile.”

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

1. How many unemployed were there in the Province as at January 1st, 1929?
2. How many unemployed were there in the Province as at January 1st, 1931?

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

- “1. Approximately 10,000.
- “2. Approximately 24,000.”

*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 4.25 p.m.

## Wednesday, February 25th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *O. L. Jull*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Kirk*, Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921’” was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Motor-vehicle Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Moving Pictures Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Phosphate-mining Act.’”

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hanna*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Wrinch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grazing Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gillis*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Poolcy*—Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Walkem*—Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act respecting Chiropractors."

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Jones*) presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, 1930–1931, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1924.

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

1. How many chauffeurs' licences were issued for the years 1930 and 1931?
2. What was the total amount received from this source for the years 1930 and 1931?

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

- "1. 1930, 6,183. 1931, to January 31st: Class A, 308; Class B, 450; Class C, 1,684.
- "2. 1930, \$30,970.25, including \$50 for substitutional licences. 1931, to January 31st, \$11,747, including \$1 for a substitutional licence."

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

1. Have any lands granted to the Pacific Great Eastern been exempted from school taxation?
2. If so, what lands, and in what school districts?
3. If so, has the rate of taxation been increased upon other lands in such school districts?
4. What school districts have been so affected, and what was the increase in school tax upon lands other than Pacific Great Eastern lands in such districts?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a.) Parcels 1, 2, and 3, D.L. 486; part D.L. 4261; part D.L. 4262; D.L. 4265, 4266, 4268, part 4269, 4271, 4272, 4275, New Westminster Land District; all in Squamish School District. (b.) Part D.L. 4262, New Westminster Land District; in Brackendale School District. (c.) Lot 1, Group 1, Lillooet Land District; in Lillooet School District. (d.) Lot 71, unsubdivided portion, and Lots 72, 588, 6483, 7045, 7046, 7047, Cariboo Land District; all in Williams Lake School District. (e.) Lot 4380, Cariboo Land District; in 10-Mile Lake School District.

"3. Yes.

"4. Squamish School District, 4.085 mills."

*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 p.m.