

Thursday, December 3rd, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Perry presented the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 15.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 2nd, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the penalty fee of \$300 paid under Rule 72 by the promoters of the undermentioned Bill be refunded.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of The City of North Vancouver." All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 16.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 3rd, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Representations for the promoter have been carefully considered, and also the arguments of the petitioners against the proposed Bill.

Perhaps the most important point regarding this Bill is the fact about which there is no dispute, that it had been agreed by the counsel for the City of Victoria when appearing before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the case affected by this Bill: "That in the end an account shall be made up in which credit shall be given to the contractors for every cent they are entitled to and that from that shall be deducted the cost of the work. That will be the final settlement between the parties and that is not concluded." Further, "That the person to make up this final statement under clause 15 of the contract should be an independent engineer."

An engineer, Mr. W. Bell, was mutually agreed upon, and your Committee called Mr. Bell, who stated in answer to questions by your Committee that he was appointed in May, 1919, in accordance with the above-mentioned undertaking, but did not go into the accounts after advice from the City Solicitor of Victoria.

This appears the crux of the whole question—namely, that the engineer agreed upon did not actually go into the accounts and the petitioner seeks to compel this course to be followed.

It appears to your Committee that no matters in dispute have been specifically drawn to the attention of the City of Victoria by the Westholme Company, and consequently there has never been any matter raised in respect of which the decision of a neutral engineer should be obtained. It further appears that if the Westholme Company were to submit specific questions in dispute to the engineer, such questions could still be adjudicated upon.

To clarify the question as to who shall instruct Mr. Bell to act and as to when, and to bring finality to this matter for the satisfaction of all parties affected, your Committee reports the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill No. 56—"An Act relating to the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, and the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The reports were read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Dr. *Wrinch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Lister*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all letters and telegrams passing between the Minister of Lands or any other Minister or official of the Provincial Government and one H. H. Crease, of Summerland, B.C., leading up to the granting of a certain lease (together with copy of said lease) on Chute Lake to said H. H. Crease.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the report of the Select Committee on Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act,'" as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 3rd, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee on the "Greater Vancouver Water District Act" begs to report as follows:—

Your Committee discussed fully all the clauses of the Bill and respectfully makes the following recommendations to the House:—

(a.) Clause 2: To delete all words after the word "Provided" in the twelfth line thereof up to and including the word "Legislature" in the sixteenth line thereof.

(b.) To amend section 7 of the said Bill, altering clause (c) of subsection (2) by adding thereto the following words: "But in no case shall the rates so prescribed be less than the rates from time to time charged by the Corporation under substantially similar circumstances for water supplied to municipalities within the district."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. A. WALKEM, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, it was *Ordered* that Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

With the leave of the House, the following question standing in the name of Mr. *Jones* on the Order Paper of to-day was withdrawn:—

"What is the total assessed value of lands which have reverted to the Crown by reason of non-payment of taxes and now remain vested in the Crown?"

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented a Return in answer to question No. 2 standing on the Order Paper of the 3rd instant, in the name of Mr. *Jones*, as follows:—

"2. Through what firms was such amount invested, giving particulars as to what proportion each firm handled?"

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

1. What amount has been invested on sinking fund account since April 1st, 1925?
2. Through what firms was such amount invested, giving particulars as to what proportion each firm handled?
3. What rate of commission was paid?
4. What is the total amount of commissions paid?

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

"1. Total amount invested, \$888,860.93.

"2. *See* Return filed to-day.

"3. None.

"4. None."

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

1. Were tenders called for on the Alexandria Bridge on the Fraser Canyon Highway?
2. Who tendered, and the amount of each tender?
3. If the tenders were on a unit basis, what was the approximate amount of each tender?
4. Who got the contract?

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

"1. Tenders were invited for the piers and towers.

"2 and 3. Bids were on unit basis, estimated as follows: Robertson Bros., \$29,808.63; A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd., \$29,872; Pacific Engineers, \$29,960.97; Stewart & Barber, \$32,419; E. H. Shockley, \$33,633.75; Public Works Department, \$30,222.75.

"4. A. B. Palmer Company, Ltd."

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

1. Is one Stanley W. Brown employed by the Department of Lands? If so, in what capacity and at what salary?
2. Under whose direction is he employed and from whom does he receive orders?
3. What were his expenses for the month of June, 1925?
4. Give his movements for the month of October?
5. Are the duties entrusted to this man such that they could not be carried out by Forest Rangers? If so, state in what particular.

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

"1. Yes. Railway Fire Inspector; \$2,700 per annum.

"2. Chief Forester.

"3. \$110.05.

"4. Employed Vancouver office."

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

1. What was the amount of 2-per-cent. mineral-tax paid in 1924?
2. What coal royalties were paid in 1924?
3. What income-tax, in addition to the mineral-tax and royalties, was payable in 1925 on 1924 profits?
4. What amount of tax on personal property is payable by mining companies and individuals operating mines in 1925, based on 1924 operations?

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

"1. \$298,729.54.

"2. \$153,623.66.

"3. \$398,517.33.

"4. Mining companies and mining individuals, as such, do not pay personal-property tax."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Has any definite action been taken to arrange for the sale of lands comprising the bed of Sumas Lake as required by section 9 of the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act," chapter 87, Statutes of 1920?
2. By what amount will the sale of said lands reduce the capital charges incurred for the works constructed?

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

"1. No. Under agreement between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of the Province of British Columbia, transfer of lands was deferred until the same were effectively reclaimed. The work was not completed to such extent until late in the year 1924, and on May 16th, 1925, formal transfer from the Crown in the right of the Dominion of Canada to the Crown in the right of the Province of British Columbia was executed. A Bill is now before the Legislature providing for the transfer of the lands concerned from the Province to the Dyking Commissioners of the Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District.

"2. By the amount for which the lake-bottom lands are sold in excess of the amount of the capital charges assessed against such lands."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Were any persons appointed to act as an Advisory Board on behalf of the owners of lands in the Sumas Dyking Scheme to advise the Commissioners as provided for by section 12 of the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act"?

2. If so, who were appointed, and when?

3. If answer is No, why were none appointed?

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

"1. No. An Advisory Board of six members was appointed by the property-owners some three months before the Land Settlement Board was formally appointed as Dyking Commissioners. This Advisory Board continued to function on behalf of the owners throughout the programme of the work of reclamation.

"2. R. H. S. Cresswell, Chairman; W. L. Blatchford, Secretary; Fred Fooks, Angus Campbell, J. L. Atkinson, and C. E. Eckert.

"3. In view of the existence of an active Advisory Board at the time the Land Settlement Board became Commissioners, it did not appear to be necessary for the Commissioners to avail themselves of the authority granted to them in section 12, 'Sumas Dyking, Drainage, and Development Act,' and no application for the appointment of an Advisory Board under section 12 of the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'

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

1. How many gaols and penitentiaries were operated in British Columbia during each of the years from 1912 to 1925, inclusive?

2. What was the total number of inmates in gaols and penitentiaries in British Columbia separately for each of the years 1912 to 1924, inclusive?

3. What was the average number of inmates in gaols and penitentiaries in British Columbia separately for the years 1912 to 1923, inclusive?

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

"1. Dominion Penitentiary, 1. Provincial gaols: 1912 and 1913, 6; 1914, 7; 1915, 1916, and 1917, 5; 1918, 3; 1919 to 1925, 2.

"2. Provincial gaols: 1912, 3,175; 1913, 3,363; 1914, 2,711; 1915, 1,494; 1916, 1,312; 1917, 996; 1918, 845; 1919, 686; 1920, 1,003; 1921, 1,670; 1922, 1,690; 1923, 1,582; 1924, 1,353. Records of inmates in penitentiaries are not available as the Penitentiary is a Dominion institution.

"3. Provincial gaols: 1912, —; 1913, 554.69; 1914, 595.54; 1915, 317.11; 1916, 245.96; 1917, 174.064; 1918, 148.133; 1919, 161.639; 1920, 229.37; 1921, 320.67; 1922, 368.62; 1923, 332.87. Records of inmates in penitentiaries are not available as the Penitentiary is a Dominion institution."

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

1. When did the Government decide to lease departmental offices in the Casorso Building, Kelowna?

2. On whose advice was the change made from offices occupied for years?

3. What was the total monthly rental paid for departmental offices in Kelowna previous to leasing rooms in Casorso Building?

4. What is the total monthly rental for offices in the Casorso Building?

5. For what term has the lease been taken?

6. Why was the change made?

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

"1. May, 1925.

"2. Executive Council.

"3. Average \$112 per month, exclusive of usual services. Public Works Department occupied Government Building.

"4. \$200 per month, inclusive of usual services (old Government Building rented to the Casorsos at \$25 per month).

"5. Ten years.

"6. To obtain Court-room and to bring all Government departments together."

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

1. When did the Land Settlement Board buy land west of Cranbrook?
2. How many acres were purchased?
3. When does the Board propose to drain this land and make it available for agriculture and consequently tax-paying?

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

- "1. October 1st, 1919.
- "2. 629.97 acres.
- "3. Under consideration."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, December 4th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return in answer to the questions standing on the Order Paper of the 3rd instant in the name of Mr. *Twigg*, as follows:—

1. Have any oil-land leases been granted at any time to any corporation, person or persons, on Sage Creek or its vicinity in East Kootenay? If so, give names, dates, localities, and particulars.
2. Are any oil claims under Provincial licence held by any corporation, person or persons, on Sage Creek or its vicinity in East Kootenay? If so, give names, dates, localities, and particulars.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented the Annual Report of the Minister of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1924.

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented two Returns in answer respectively to the questions standing on the Order Paper of to-day in the name of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, as follows:—

1. What is the total amount of funds invested by the Workmen's Compensation Board?
2. Please give full details of the securities held by the Board, including description of such securities and amount invested in each.

And in the name of Mr. *Jones*, as follows:—

1. On what date did the first sale of beer by the glass commence?
2. How many places have been licensed to sell beer by the glass in British Columbia, and where are the same located?
3. What is the amount in quantity and value of the sale of beer by the glass, monthly, from the commencement until the date of the latest report?
4. Upon what basis is value computed—the price from the brewer to the Vendor, or what?
5. What proportion (if any) of this value is paid to the Government of British Columbia and what to the brewers?
6. When will the first returns from the sale of beer be published in the Report of the Liquor Control Board?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented the Statement of Accounts of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company as at June 30th, 1925.

To lie upon the table.

On the motion of Mr. *Burde*, Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Minimum Wage Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

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

REPORT No. 17.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 4th, 1925.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Victoria and The Esquimalt Water Works Company, providing for the Expropriation of the Undertaking of the Water Works Company."

Your Committee has carefully considered the arguments and exhibits of both the petitioners for and against the Bill, and at once expresses its appreciation of the earnestness and public-spiritedness of all the parties affected by the Bill. The fact that the public interest of one part of the district appeared to conflict with the public interest of another part has added to the perplexity of your Committee in arriving at a decision which we trust will work out justly and equitably to all parties concerned.

Representations were heard from the City of Victoria, Municipalities of Saanich and Esquimalt, District of North Saanich, citizens and others both for and against the Bill, and over sixty exhibits were filed.

The following questions appear as the most vital ones to be considered and that need be reported herein:—

The Right of the City of Victoria to expropriate the Esquimalt Waterworks.—On this point your Committee feels there can be no doubt of the right of the city to expropriate the undertaking under powers given by the Acts of 1873 and amending Acts.

The Submitting to the Ratepayers of a By-law authorizing the Purchase of the Esquimalt Waterworks.—The Council felt the urgency of the matter warranted prompt action, and your Committee feels that in acting promptly good business judgment was exercised, but that it is unfortunate the ratepayers could not have been consulted as there appears little objection to the purchase itself, but rather against the violation of a well-established custom that in matters involving the future credit of a municipality the ratepayers shall be consulted.

It is argued that the purchase is being made from the revenues of the water-users and not from the ratepayers, but in the opinion of your Committee the purchase is being made possible by the credit of the ratepayers. No useful purpose could be served by your Committee recommending that the purchase be still referred to the ratepayers, particularly as no public objection appears against the Mayor responsible for this transaction, as evidenced by his recent re-election by acclamation.

That the Amount to be paid by the City would be more than the Amount set out in the Bill.—The city has filed amendments to correct any such apprehension.

That the Cost of Water to Victoria Users will be Higher.—A contract existed between the Esquimalt Waterworks Company and the City of Victoria by which the former supplied 5,000,000 gallons per day at 6 cents per M. Whatever the cost to the consumer in Victoria may be, whether higher or lower, on account of this purchase will depend primarily upon management, and the ratepayers by their franchise will have full opportunity to select those best fitted to conduct the business in their interests.

Supply of Water to Esquimalt Peninsula.—Esquimalt Municipality argued that not one drop of water more than 5,000,000 gallons per day could be taken outside the Esquimalt Peninsula.

If this right existed it belonged to the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, who are parties to the sale, and as the City of Victoria has agreed to supply the requirements of Esquimalt Peninsula this objection appears without merit.

Recommendations.—Your Committee believes that the preservation of an adequate water-supply and the distribution of same is of general public interest and recommends amendments to the Bill based upon the following principles:—

That no unfair monopoly shall exist.

That a satisfactory supply of water shall be available to all Greater Victoria, Esquimalt and Saanich Peninsulas, and contiguous territory.

That it shall be obligatory upon the City of Victoria to supply the reasonable needs of neighbouring municipalities for water *pro rata* with the City of Victoria according to the supply available.

That the water shall be available at a fair and reasonable price.

That the City of Victoria shall be entitled to receive as the selling-price of water supplied the cost of production, wholesale distribution, maintenance and depreciation, sinking fund requirements, and a profit of not more than 5 per cent. over above gross costs.

Pending the establishment of a Greater Victoria Water Board we recommend that the Board of Arbitration under the "Arbitration Act" shall have the right to examine into and decide upon the costs as above mentioned and fix the price to be charged for water supplied.

Your Committee respectfully submits above recommendations and reports progress, and will submit amendments based upon above recommendations in a further report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 4th, 1925.

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. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Loan Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 4th, 1925.

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. 40) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The amended Report on Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Surveys Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the Order for the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act'" was discharged and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. What amount of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works on roads in Salmon Arm Electoral District during 1925: (a) From current revenue; (b) from highway loans?

2. Name of roads on which highway loan has been expended.

3. What amount has been expended on bridges in said electoral district during 1925?

4. What amount has been expended on ferries or boat subsidies in said electoral district during 1925?

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

"1. (a) \$22,200; (b) \$16,030.

"2. Kamloops-Salmon Arm Road (Rocky Point to Pritchard); Squilax-Turtle Valley; White Creek Hill; Tappen Diversion; Salmon Arm Municipality.

"3. \$5,930.

"4. Ferries and steamboat subsidies, \$5,700."

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

1. What proportion (based on the cost thereof to the Government) of liquor of all kinds other than beer is imported into British Columbia as compared with the amount produced and sold to the Government in British Columbia?

2. The same as to beer, including that sold by the glass.

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

"1. Liquors other than beer imported into British Columbia, 64 per cent.; liquors other than beer produced in British Columbia, 36 per cent.

"2. Beer and ale imported into British Columbia, 1.6 per cent.; beer and ale produced in British Columbia, 98.4 per cent."

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

1. How many Japanese children attended the schools of British Columbia in 1925, 1924, 1923, 1921, 1920, 1910, and 1900?

2. How many Chinese children attended the schools of British Columbia in the same years?

3. How many Hindu children attended the schools of British Columbia in the same years?

4. How many white children attended the schools of British Columbia in the same years?

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

"1. In 1925, 2,414; in 1924, 1,725; in 1923, 1,422. No information for other years.

"2. In 1925, 1,312; in 1924, 1,423; in 1923, 1,346. No information for other years.

"3. In 1925, 26; in 1924, 30; in 1923, 16. No information for other years.

"4. In 1925, 94,228; in 1924, 93,156; in 1923, 92,120. Unable to give attendance of white children only for other years."

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

1. What is the amount in value of liquor sold by the Liquor Control Board in British Columbia from March 31st, 1925, to September 30th, 1925, based upon the gross sale price received by the Board?

2. What are the amounts by months?

3. What are the amounts by the half-year for the cities of British Columbia (other than district municipalities and villages)?

4. Is the amount of beer sold by the glass included in any of the above figures? If so, please indicate the amount in every case so included.

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

“1 and 2. Liquor sales—

Month (1925).	To Permit-holders.	To Beer Licensees.	Total.
April	\$ 840,154 95	\$ 117,977 30	\$ 958,132 25
May	920,334 95	165,923 55	1,086,258 50
June	990,302 02	191,685 75	1,181,987 77
July	1,006,763 01	207,698 55	1,214,461 56
August	1,055,565 81	195,645 85	1,251,211 66
September	958,257 45	173,092 25	1,131,349 70
	\$5,771,378 19	\$1,052,023 25	\$6,823,401 44

“3 and 4. Liquor sales—

Cities.	To Permit-holders.	To Beer Licensees.	Total.
Chilliwack	\$ 61,367 25	.....	\$ 61,367 25
Coquitlam	35,622 45	.....	35,622 45
Courtenay	25,868 10	\$ 12,579 95	38,448 05
Cranbrook	111,152 15	11,661 50	* 122,813 65
Cumberland	39,168 75	17,561 25	56,732 00
Duncan	57,083 40	4,300 00	* 61,383 40
Fernie	63,741 30	28,646 50	92,387 80
Grand Forks	38,212 75	.....	38,212 75
Greenwood	24,706 45	.....	24,706 45
Kamloops	120,947 40	.....	120,947 40
Kaslo	17,356 00	.....	17,356 00
Kelowna	61,313 40	.....	61,313 40
Ladysmith	28,063 60	21,871 00	49,934 60
Merritt	32,711 85	9,032 00	41,743 85
Nanaimo	138,406 50	46,033 00	184,439 50
Nelson	138,829 70	11,640 00	* 150,469 70
New Westminster	166,552 35	.....	166,552 35
North Vancouver	65,358 20	.....	65,358 20
Port Alberni	35,605 10	14,087 80	49,692 90
Prince George	74,555 25	18,730 20	93,285 45
Revelstoke	64,487 65	.....	64,487 65
Prince Rupert	209,086 25	35,974 50	245,060 75
Rossland	30,518 60	11,487 90	42,006 50
Salmon Arm	22,525 10	.....	22,525 10
Trail	76,685 80	41,221 00	117,906 80
Vernon	58,919 75	14,773 25	73,693 00
Vancouver	2,296,108 48	606,162 00	2,902,270 48
Victoria	589,572 50	3,527 00	* 593,099 50”

* Supplying points for licensees in the vicinity only.

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

What amount was expended on the Kaisner Road, Elk Prairie, during the year 1925?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

“No expenditure made on Kaisner Road, but Wilson Creek—Mansfield Road extended to give Kaisner better access; cost of work, \$1,800.”

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

1. What were the total monthly sales of liquor in the seven Government Liquor Stores of Vancouver from January 1st, 1925, to December 1st, 1925?
2. What were the total monthly sales of beer in Vancouver since March 21st, 1925, from licensed beer-parlours?
3. How many licensed beer-parlours have been opened in each riding of the Province?
4. How many licensed clubs are there in each constituency of the Province?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. January 1st to March 31st, 1925: See Fourth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board. April 1st to September 30th, 1925: See answers to questions asked by Mr. Wallinger, No. 16 on Orders of the Day, December 4th, 1925. Particulars since September 30th not available.

"2. March 31st to September 30th, 1925, \$606,162.

"3. See pages J 10 and J 11 of Fourth Annual Report of Liquor Control Board and answers to questions asked by Mr. Jones, No. 13 on Orders of the Day, December 4th, 1925.

"4. List of club licences issued not segregated as to electoral districts. See page J 8 of Fourth Annual Report of Liquor Control Board for particulars of licences issued for year 1925."

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

1. Have Capilano and Seymour watersheds been reserved as such for the use of the inhabitants of Vancouver?
2. If reserved, by what Act, and on what date?
3. What is the area of each watershed?
4. What is the estimated quantity and value of the timber in such reserve (if any)?
5. Is it the intention of the Government to lift the reserve, or any part thereof, for disposal of the timber thereon?
6. Are logging operations now being carried on in Capilano or Seymour Valley above the water intake? If so, by whom?
7. Under what authority are logging operations being carried on (if any), and what area estimated, quantity of timber and the special regulations (if any) imposed in connection with such operations?
8. Was any part of the watershed or reserved lands destroyed by fire in 1925?
9. If so, what extent of area was burned, and what quantity of timber was destroyed?
10. What was the cause of such fire (if any), and the date of same?
11. Were logging operations being carried on in the Capilano or Seymour at the time of the outbreak of such fire?
12. What area (if any) was burned over in the lands under reserve, and what is the location of such burned area?
13. Did the City of Vancouver own any of the burned area (if any) or timber thereon?
14. Has any area or timber lands been recently purchased from the Crown by the City of Vancouver?
15. If so, what was the price paid for the same?
16. If so, was the timber on this area affected by the fire (if any), and to what extent?
17. If there has been a loss of timber on any area owned by the City of Vancouver, is it the intention of the Government to compensate the said city for such loss, or to assess it for a share of cost of fighting such fire (if any)?
18. Are there any Crown timber lands in either the Capilano or Seymour watersheds not now under reserve?
19. If so, is it the intention of the Government to dispose of such timber lands to any person, firm, or corporation, other than the City of Vancouver?
20. What (if any) is the estimated quantity and value of such timber lands?
21. Are any negotiations now under way or offers made for the purchase of such timber lands (if any) by private persons?
22. What negotiations have been carried on by the Minister of Lands with the City of Vancouver with a view to the reserving or acquiring of all unalienated Crown lands on either Capilano or Seymour Creek watersheds?

23. Will the citizens of Vancouver be fully protected in any further logging operation or alienation of timber lands in these watersheds?

24. What (if any) assurances will be made that these watersheds will be reserved and fully protected for watershed purposes?

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

"1. Reserve against alienating lands.

"2. Order in Council No. 504, August 23rd, 1906; Order in Council No. 184, March 30th, 1905."

"3. Seymour Creek drainage-basin above water intake, 69 square miles; Capilano Creek drainage-basin above water intake, 64 square miles.

"4. Capilano, 230,000,000 feet B.M.; stumpage value, \$405,334; also carries statutory royalty. Seymour, 14,470,000 feet B.M.; stumpage value, approximately \$10,000; also carries statutory royalty.

"5. See answer to question 24.

"6. On Capilano by Capilano Timber Company.

"7. Operations on areas Crown-granted prior to 1906 and on timber licences. Operations subject to special regulations regarding sanitation.

"8. Yes.

"9. Crown lands, 1,247 acres; alienated lands, 1,966 acres; 20,254,000 feet B.M.

"10. Presumably from logging operations; June 25th.

"11. Yes.

"12. 1,247 acres adjoining east and west boundaries of alienated areas.

"13. Yes.

"14. Yes.

"15. Purchase price, \$21,000, of which \$13,131.44 paid.

"16. Timber killed, 5,384 M.B.F.; 50 to 75 per cent. might be salvaged if logged within next year.

"17. No authority to compensate timber-owners for loss of timber through fire. Logging company paid fire-fighting costs of \$11,295.95. Government contributed by way of extra assistance \$846.03.

"18. Yes. Below the intake.

"19. See answer to question 24.

"20. Valuation not made.

"21. Application from Capilano Timber Company to log part of burned areas.

"22. Application from city for lease.

"23. Yes.

"24. Whole question under consideration and all interests involved will be consulted before final determination of policy."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, December 4th, 1925.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

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,

December 4th, 1925.

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

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Administration and Disposition of certain Crown Lands for Purposes of University Endowment," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 4th, 1925.

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. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Administration and Disposition of certain Crown Lands for Purposes of University Endowment," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Report No. 15 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH.

The debate continuing, the House divided.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—20.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Colley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Paterson</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

Manson, Michael
Lyons
Hayward

Twig
Schofield
Coventry

Davie
Lister
McKenzie, W. A.

Jones
Poolcy
Hinchliffe

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Wallinger
Cochrane
Bruhn
Catherwood
Peck

Smith, Mrs.
Rothwell
Munn
Bryan
Odlum

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 12.45 a.m.

Monday, December 7th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return, pursuant to an Order of the House dated December 3rd, relating to the granting of a lease on Chute Lake to one H. H. Crease.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Nceland*s on November 30th, as follows:—

Whereas at its 1924 Session this Legislature unanimously went on record as approving the principle of old-age pensions, and as being in favour of the Dominion Government enacting legislation which will bring the same into effect at an early date:

And whereas the Dominion Government has expressed its willingness to co-operate with the Provinces in establishing an old-age pension scheme:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House reaffirms its decision of last year; that the necessary steps be taken to formulate some plan, in conjunction with the Dominion Government, to provide old-age pensions; and that the other Provinces of the Dominion be requested to take similar action.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be conveyed to the Secretary of State for Canada and the Provincial Secretaries of the various Provinces this Preamble and Resolution.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture be instructed to hear evidence under oath in respect to Bill No. 30, intituled the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act Amendment Act, 1925," and to report such evidence (from time to time as to them may seem desirable) to the House.

Mr. *Jones* moved in amendment, to insert after the word "evidence," in the third line, the words "and their observations and recommendations in respect of the said Bill."

The Resolution as amended was carried.

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

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act in Aid of the Municipality of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Short Form of Mortgages Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Strathcona Park Act.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District."

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments and Awards."

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Investigation of Industrial Disputes within the Province."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act relating to Marine Insurance."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pound District Act.'"

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Guaranteed Securities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Societies Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Cochrane*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Loan Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Administration and Disposition of certain Crown Lands for Purposes of University Endowment" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court Rules of Practice Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting the Liability of the Parties in an Action for Damages for Negligence where more than One Party is in Fault" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

1. How many motor-cars, trucks, and tractors did the Department of Public Works purchase during the year 1924?

2. What make of car, truck, or tractor was purchased?

3. What price was paid in each case?

4. How many cars, trucks, and tractors are in possession of the Department of Public Works as at November 1st, 1925?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1 to 3. For the fiscal year 1924-25: Eight motor-cars—4 Chevrolets at \$895, less average of \$280 on old cars; 1 McLaughlin at \$1,845, less \$725 on old car; 1 Dodge at \$1,546, less \$450 on old car; 2 Fords at \$643. Twenty-three motor-trucks—2 Federals at \$5,430; 1 Federal at \$2,656; 4 Internationals at \$2,650; 2 Chevrolets at \$890; 1 Dodge at \$2,809; 9 Fords at \$825; 2 Fords at \$742; 2 Fords at \$626. Sixteen tractors—8 Cletracs at \$1,750; 4 Holts at \$2,550; 4 Wehr Fordson tractor-graders at \$1,975. Replacements—6 motor-cars; 7 motor-trucks; 2 tractors.

"4. 49 motor-cars; 143 motor-trucks; 64 tractors, including tractor-graders."

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

1. How many Japanese births were registered in British Columbia in the first six months of 1925; in 1924, in 1923, in 1922, in 1921, in 1920, in 1919, in 1918, in 1910, and in 1900?

2. How many Chinese births were registered in these years?

3. How many Hindu births were registered in these years?

4. Are all Chinese, Japanese, and Hindu births actually registered? If not, what does the Department estimate as the actual births in the years mentioned?

5. How many Chinese, Japanese, and Hindus are in British Columbia now?

6. How many Chinese, Japanese, and Hindus were in British Columbia in 1911 and in 1901?

7. How many whites are in British Columbia now, in 1911, and in 1901?

8. How many Chinese, Japanese, and Hindus are in all Canada now, in 1911, and in 1901?

9. How many Chinese, Japanese, and Hindus entered British Columbia in the first six months of 1925; in 1924, in 1923, in 1922, in 1921, in 1920, in 1919, in 1918, in 1917, in 1916, in 1915, in 1914, in 1913, in 1912, in 1911, in 1910, in 1909, in 1908, in 1907, in 1906, in 1905, in 1904, in 1903, in 1902, in 1901, and in 1900?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"1. Japanese (registrations assigned to actual year of birth): 1900, 6; 1910, 102; 1918, 473; 1919, 497; 1920, 662; 1921, 706; 1922, 700; 1923, 780; 1924, 690; 1925, 550 to October 31st, 1925.

"2. Chinese (registrations assigned to actual year of birth): 1900, 71; 1910, 110; 1918, 160; 1919, 175; 1920, 180; 1921, 214; 1922, 244; 1923, 253; 1924, 222; 1925, 146 to October 31st, 1925.

"3. Hindus: No record for years 1900 and 1910. The number for recent years is practically a negligible quantity; e.g., 1922, 4.

"4. Unable to say.

"5. Year 1921: Chinese, 23,533; Japanese, 15,006; Hindus, 951. From census 1921, latest figures available.

"6. In British Columbia—1901: Chinese, 14,885; Japanese, 4,597; Hindus, not stated 1911: Chinese, 19,568; Japanese, 8,587; Hindus, 2,292.

"7. 1921: British (whites), 387,513; Europeans (whites), 72,743; Asiatics, Indians, and others, 64,326; total population, 524,582. 1911: British (whites), 252,683; Europeans (whites), 66,231; Asiatics, Indians, and others, 73,566; total population, 392,480. 1901: British (whites), 106,403; Europeans (whites), 21,531; Asiatics, Indians, and others, 50,723; total population, 178,657. Indians only: 1921, 22,377; 1911, 20,134; 1901, 28,949.

"8. In all Canada—1921: Chinese, 39,587; Japanese, 15,868; Hindus, 1,016. 1911: Chinese, 27,774; Japanese, 9,021; Hindus, 2,342. 1901: Chinese, 17,312; Japanese, 4,738; Hindus, not given.

"9. This Department has been unable to obtain any information as to number of Chinese, Japanese, and Hindus entering British Columbia in years mentioned."

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

1. Has the Department shipped any tools or supplies or caused any tools or supplies to be shipped to Port Renfrew during the months of October and November, 1925?
2. If so, to whom were they shipped and by whom were they shipped?
3. What was the value of these tools and supplies?
4. Under what arrangements were they shipped?
5. What did the tools and supplies consist of?
6. Who was the consignee?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. To the Star Construction Company by Public Works Department, Esquimalt District Branch.

"3. \$195.

"4. Tools to be used by Star Construction Company in building road to their settlement at Port Renfrew, and returned to Department in as good condition as possible upon completion of work. Cost of the tools to be charged against first instalment of grant.

"5. Old tools: 1 road-plough; 2 slip-scrapers. New tools: 1½ dozen shovels; 1 dozen mattocks and 2½ dozen handles; ½ dozen picks; 1 dozen axes; 3¾ dozen swamping, double-bitted; 2 axe-handles; 2 7-foot lance-tooth bucking-saws; 3 large peaveys; 3 8-inch striking-hammers; ½ dozen hammer-handles; 4 hanging wedges; 2 falling wedges; 6 boxes stumping-powder; 4 rolls fuse; 1 box dynamite; 2 boxes caps; 2 8-inch snatch-blocks; 130 feet ½-inch flexible plough-steel wire cable; 80 feet ⅝-inch flexible plough-steel wire cable; 50 feet ⅞-inch drill-steel; 2 14-foot logging-chains; 1 dozen mill saw 8-inch flats; 2 time-books.

"6. Star Construction Company, Port Renfrew."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Monday, December 7th, 1925.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Odlum*, *Wrinch*, *Coventry*, *Walkem*, and *Lister*, and that such Committee be authorized to hear evidence on oath, examine witnesses, and report their findings and recommendations to the House:—

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

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Notaries Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting the Liability of the Parties in an Action for Damages for Negligence where more than One Party is in Fault."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.'"

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Loan Act.'"

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* presented the proceedings of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts relating to the University of British Columbia.

To lie upon the table.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to provide for the Administration and Disposition of certain Crown Lands for Purposes of University Endowment."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Chairman of the Committee reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen in the Committee and that an appeal had been taken from his ruling.

The ruling of the Chairman was sustained on appeal to the House on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Broicne</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Munn</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	

NAYS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Creery</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	

2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$127,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1927.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1927.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,910 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1927.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1927.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Workshop and Shipping Office, to 31st March, 1927.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Statistics, to 31st March, 1927.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,830 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Commissioner, to 31st March, 1927.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,190 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Inspection of Imported and Exported Horticultural and Field Products, to 31st March, 1927.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, to 31st March, 1927.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 a.m.

Tuesday, December 8th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

On the motion of Mr. W. A. McKenzie, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Loan Act.'"

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Neelands</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Rothwell</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Burde</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Munn</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>

NAYS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Hanward</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Cochrane</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Manson, Michael</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Lister</i>	

To be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* gave the following corrected answer to question asked by Mr. *Lister* (see Votes and Proceedings No. 18, page 1) :—

“\$3,992.16.”

Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insurance” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Dr. *Rothwell* presented the Proceedings of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture. To lie upon the table.

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

1. Was the Malahat Drive closed during certain months last winter?
2. Was the traffic diverted over the Mill Bay Ferry?
3. If so, has any compensation been paid Saanich Municipality for the extra traffic thereby created on the West Saanich Road?
4. Does the Provincial Government intend to pay the cost or part of the cost of the paving of the balance of the road from the Verdier Avenue slips to the point where the paving now ends on the West Saanich Road?

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

“1. Yes; heavy traffic.

“2. Yes.

“3. No compensation due as West Saanich Road is a secondary highway and Government contributes 50 per cent. of cost of construction and 40 per cent. of cost for maintenance.

“4. The Government will pay cost of any work on a classified highway in terms of ‘Highway Act,’ having regard to funds voted by the Legislature for such work.”

Mr. *Hinchliffe* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Has the Government had an official investigation made into the nature of the coal-deposits at Hat Creek?
2. If so, who made such investigation?
3. When did investigation commence?
4. When finish?
5. Was a report on investigation made to Government?
6. When was report received by Government?
7. Was the nature of the report satisfactory or otherwise?

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

“1. Yes. Minister of Mines ordered such investigation.

“2. Resident Mining Engineer and Chief Inspector of Mines. Canadian Geological Survey also inspected field during 1925.

“3. July 6th, 1925.

“4. November 3rd, 1925.

“5, 6, and 7. Interim report received by Minister of Mines from Provincial Mineralogist and Acting Resident Engineer, No. 3 Mineral Survey District, August 28th, 1925. Following investigation further statement submitted by same official September 14th, 1925, in accordance with

section 16, 'Mineral Survey and Development Act.' Complete report laid before Minister by Provincial Mineralogist and Chief Inspector of Mines on November 3rd, 1925. This report has been tabled and speaks for itself. It will be published by the Department of Mines, and the Canadian Geological Survey report is expected to be published by that branch of the Dominion Department of Mines."

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

1. What is the total number of students taking the Arts Course at University of British Columbia?
2. What is the total number of students taking the Science Course at the University of British Columbia?
3. What is the total number of students taking the Agriculture Course at the University of British Columbia?
4. What percentage of students graduate in four years?
5. What is the total enrolment in the first-year, second-year, third-year, and fourth-year classes respectively?
6. What is the total number of professors and instructors employed in the Arts Course at the University of British Columbia?
7. What is the total number of professors and instructors employed in the Science Course at the University of British Columbia?
8. What is the total number of professors and instructors employed in the Agriculture Course at the University of British Columbia?
9. What is the average cost per student in the Arts Course?
10. What is the average cost per student in the Science Course?
11. What is the average cost per student in the Agriculture Course?

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

- "1. Number of students in Faculty of Arts and Science, 1,116.
- "2. Number of students in Faculty of Applied Science, 196.
- "3. Number of students in Faculty of Agriculture, 52. There are also 34 students taking a course in Nursing and 49 taking the Teacher-training Course.
- "4. Approximately 46 per cent. complete the course and graduate.
- "5. The enrolment in the first year in all faculties is 586; second year, 292; third year, 205; fourth year, 173; unclassified, 94; students taking teacher-training and post-graduate work, 94.
- "6, 7, and 8. In the Arts, Science, and Agriculture Courses there are 73 professors, 7 instructors, 5 lecturers, 28 assistants, and 3 workshop instructors and assistants employed. Of the 73 professors, 24 are employed in Arts only, 10 in Applied Science only, and 14 in Agriculture only. The remaining 25 give instruction in more than one faculty.
- "9, 10, and 11. The appropriation for Faculty of Arts is \$217,860; for Faculty of Applied Science, \$82,805; for Faculty of Agriculture, \$111,908; for administration, including summer session, Capital Account, etc., \$234,502.92. Not including cost of administration, etc., the average cost per student in Arts Course is \$195; Applied Science Course, \$422; Agriculture Course, \$2,152."

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

1. Did the Department of Public Works build a bridge over the Vedder River on the Inter-provincial Highway during the present year?
2. If so, were tenders called for this work?
3. Who tendered, and what was the amount of each tender?
4. Which firm received the contract?
5. What was the total cost of this work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Not by public tender; but bids were verbally asked for as owing to impending floods there was no time to advertise in the usual manner.
- "3 and 4. Fraser River Pile Driving Company. Unit basis as follows: Two 150-foot Howe trusses, \$7,810 each; piling in leads, fir, 38 cents per foot; piling in leads, cedar, 41 cents per

foot (latter includes cost of driving); lumber in place, \$45 per M. (this lumber applies to floor, bracing, etc., outside of Howe truss); wrought iron in place, 8½ cents per pound; cast iron in place, 6 cents per pound.

"5. \$33,613.47. The work was estimated to cost \$35,000."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8th, 1925.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a report on the Hat Creek Coalfields by George Wilkinson, Chief Inspector of Mines, and J. D. Galloway, Provincial Mineralogist.

To lie upon the table.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Strathcona Park Act.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District."

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments and Awards."

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act respecting the Investigation of Industrial Disputes within the Province."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pound District Act.'"

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Incorporation Act.'"

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting the Liability of the Parties in an Action for Damages for Negligence where more than One Party is in Fault."

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

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 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'West Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe* for the second reading of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" was withdrawn, and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Port Moody" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of The City of North Vancouver" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Entomological and Research, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,180 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, District Agriculturists, to 31st March, 1927.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. Is it a custom for heads of the various departments in the Parliament Buildings to make a return giving list of names of all employees in their respective departments, with salaries, for taxation purposes?

2. Did the Civil Service Commissioner make such a return for his department?

3. If so, who signed the return?

4. Was the name of W. H. MacInnes on this list and the amount of his salary? If not, why not?

5. Would the failure to file a correct return constitute an offence under the "Taxation Act"?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. W. H. MacInnes.

"4. No.

"5. Question not in order."

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

Referring to Nos. 2 and 3 of questions asked by Mr. *Schofield* and answered by the Minister of Finance as set forth on page 4 of the Votes and Proceedings of November 30th, 1925:—

On what dates did the Civil Service Commissioner pay income-tax since his appointment in 1918?

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

“ On November 27th, 1925.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.33 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9th, 1925.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 7) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia University Act’ ” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled “ An Act in Aid of the Municipality of The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam ” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘Highway Act’ ” was again committed.
Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled “ An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insurance ” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 7th, 1925.

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. 44) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘Municipalities Aid Act,’ ” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Guaranteed Securities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Loan Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. What is the total sum of money paid to Sharp & Thompson, architects in connection with the University Buildings at Point Grey?

2. To which buildings at the University does such expenditure apply?

3. Have Sharp & Thompson been paid in full? If not, what is the approximate amount still owing?

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

"1. \$93,204.45.

"2. Science, Library, and Power-house.

"3. No; \$12,810 (approximately)."

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

1. How many firms tendered on automobile number-plates for 1926?

2. What were prices of tenders?

3. To whom was the contract awarded?

4. Was the successful bid the lowest tendered?

5. Was any tender revised subsequent to the close of the tenders?

6. If on original tender different dies to those used in 1925 were to be used?

7. If successful tenderer was allowed to use the same dies as in 1925?

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

"1. Three.

"2. St. Thomas Metal Signs, Ltd., St. Thomas, Ont., \$9,934.60; J. R. Tacey & Son, Vancouver, B.C., \$10,795; Shanks Sign Co., New York, U.S.A., \$12,702.50 plus duty.

"3. J. R. Tacey & Son, Vancouver.

"4. No; but advertisement calling for tenders stated manufacture of plates in British Columbia would be given preference, and the successful tenderer was the only one who complied with this condition, and in addition the plates were of superior quality.

"5. Yes; after Purchasing Agent accepted tender of J. R. Tacey & Son the Police Department recommended that the same style of plate as in use in 1925 be used.

"6. When tenders were called it was proposed to use a different style of number to that used in 1925. Had the 1925 style been asked for it would not have affected the tenders of the companies outside British Columbia.

"7. Answered by No. 5."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9th, 1925.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Report No. 16 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Guaranteed Securities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Loan Act.'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting The Corporation of The City of North Vancouver."

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Insurance" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

On the motion that the Bill be read a second time a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Poultry Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,060 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crop Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dairy Branch, to 31st March, 1927.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Tubercular cattle—compensation, supplies, temporary assistance, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and accessories, to 31st March, 1927.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural fairs, etc., to 31st March, 1927.

The Chairman reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 p.m.