

Monday, March 22nd, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. T. A. Jansen.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 20th, 1948.

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

C. A. BANKS,

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,

March 20th, 1948.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 22nd, 1948.

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 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928,'" 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. *Anscomb* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
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,
March 22nd, 1948.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 22nd, 1948.

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 borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 20th, 1948.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade Licences Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1947.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘ Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act.’ ”

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the following papers:—

The Eighth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “ Municipal Superannuation Act ” for the Year ended March 31st, 1947.

The Twelfth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “ Civil Service Superannuation Act ” for the Year ended March 31st, 1947.

The Sixth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “ Teachers’ Pension Act ” for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

Mr. *Brett* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Has the American Celanese Corporation applied for or been granted timber limits in connection with its proposed pulp-mill project at Port Edward?

2. If so, what is the (a) location of same, (b) approximate acreage, and (c) approximate amount of timber thereon?

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

“ 1. Application has been received but no licence has been issued.

“ 2. (a) Parcels on the mainland coast between the Skeena and Nass Rivers, on the Skeena River, and on the Nass River; (b) and (c) still to be determined.”

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

1. How many married people with families were unemployed in the Province on December 31st, 1946, and December 31st, 1947?

2. How many single men were unemployed in the Province on December 31st, 1946, and December 31st, 1947?

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

“ 1 and 2. No information; matter is under Dominion authority.”

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

1. What is the (a) estimated normal inmate capacity of the women’s gaol and (b) the present number of inmates?

2. For what offences were the present inmates committed and the number in each classification?

3. What facilities exist for segregation according to type of offence and to what extent are they being utilized?

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

“ 1. Oakalla Prison Farm, Women’s Gaol: (a) Building originally intended for forty inmates and can house up to fifty without serious overcrowding; (b) thirty-nine. Prince George Women’s Gaol: (a) forty-five and (b) thirty-five.

“ 2. Oakalla Prison Farm, Women’s Gaol: Vagrancy, sixteen; assault peace officer, two; ‘ Indian Act,’ five; conspiracy, one; damage property over \$20, one; break, enter, and steal, one; ‘ Drug Act,’ possession, five; false pretences, one; theft, four; kill and slay, one; forgery, one; and ‘ Liquor Act,’ one. Prince George Women’s Gaol: Arson, two; inflicting bodily harm, three; vagrancy, five; keeping bawdy-house, two; ‘ Indian Act,’ five; retaining, one; forgery, one; false pretences, two; theft, one; possession of drugs, nine; and ‘ Liquor Act,’ four.

“ 3. Oakalla Prison Farm, Women’s Gaol, none, and Prince George Women’s Gaol, none.”

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

1. How many land-clearing units were put into operation during 1947?
2. What machines are used in each unit and where are they located?
3. How much land was cleared by each in 1947?

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

“1. Ten new units were put into operation during 1947, making a total of eighteen units.

“2. There are three units in an outfit, and these are located as follows: Vancouver Island, one outfit of three International crawler tractors; Kamloops, Shuswap, and Okanagan, one outfit of three Allis-Chalmers crawler tractors; Cariboo, one outfit of three Allis-Chalmers crawler tractors; Central British Columbia (Vanderhoof and Prince George), one outfit of two Caterpillar tractors and one International crawler tractor; Omineca and Skeena (Bulkley Valley), one outfit of one Caterpillar tractor, one Allis-Chalmers crawler tractor, and one International crawler tractor; Kootenays, one outfit of three International crawler tractors.

“3. Land-clearing is charged for on an hourly basis and approximate figures only can be given of the acreages cleared; it is estimated that 6,650 acres were cleared by the six outfits in 1947, bringing the approximate total acreage cleared in two operating seasons to almost 10,000 acres.”

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 5.31 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23rd, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *G. Penfold*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Introduction of Bills.”

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. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Deserted Wives’ Maintenance Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 26) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 27) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Jury Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 28) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mechanics’ Lien Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mortgagors’ and Purchasers’ Relief Act, 1934.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Police and Prisons Regulation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Female Minimum Wage Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Male Minimum Wage Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Semi-monthly Payment of Wages Act.’”

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith*—

The Report of the Commission on School Taxation appointed pursuant to the “Public Inquiries Act” on August 9th, 1947.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Return submitted in accordance with Section 195, Chapter 16, of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1939, being the “Provincial Elections Act.”

The Annual Report of the Social Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1947.

The Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1947.

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 4.58 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. E. M. Tomalin*.

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 24th, 1948.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas under Order 97 of the Standing Orders your Committee is required to report to the House on or before the 30th instant on the Private Bills referred to it:

And whereas your Committee finds that it will be impossible to report within the time limited as aforesaid:

Your Committee recommends that Order 97 of the Standing Orders be modified and that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be extended to the 8th day of April next.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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. *Putnam*—Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Codling-moth Control Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*—Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act.'"

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 23rd, 1948.

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. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Corporation Income Tax 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. *Kennedy* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 24th, 1948.

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. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' 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.

Mr. *Rowland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—
What is the salary paid to the Director of Temperance Education?

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

"\$6,000; also holds position of Assistant Superintendent of Education in charge of curriculum at no additional salary."

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

1. Has the Department of Public Works allocated moneys for reconstruction of roads in the Powell River area of the Mackenzie riding?
2. If so, what amount was so allocated?
3. Of the amount allocated, how much has been spent on this project?

The Hon. Mr. *E. C. Carson* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$30,000.
- "3. \$21,261.73."

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

1. Has the Department of Public Works allocated moneys for reconstruction of the Gibsons Landing-Sechelt Road in the Mackenzie constituency?
2. If so, what amount was so allocated?
3. Of the amount allocated, how much has been spent on this project?

The Hon. Mr. *E. C. Carson* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$30,000.
- "3. Total amount."

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 5.15 p.m.

Thursday, March 25th, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. E. Sawyer*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apprenticeship Act.'"

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 24th, 1948.

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 amend the 'Magistrates 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. *MacDonald* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 24th, 1948.

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. 38) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Coal-mines," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 24th, 1948.

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. 37) intituled "An Act to regulate the Working of Coal-mines," 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. *Pearson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 20th, 1948.

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 to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

That the Rules be suspended in order to allow for the bringing-in of a motion without notice having previously been given relative to the Special Committee appointed to consider amendments to the "Provincial Elections Act."

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

That whereas the Resolution of the House passed on March 17th, 1948, whereby a Special Committee was appointed to inquire into and report to the House not later than Monday, March 29th, 1948:

And whereas the said Special Committee has held several meetings and made certain findings but finds that it is unable to complete its deliberations by March 29th, 1948, and is therefore not ready to present a report to the House:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the time limited for the Committee to report to the House be extended to April 5th, 1948.

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

1. Has the British Columbia Power Commission made a survey of the Queen Charlotte Islands during the past year?

2. If so, does the Commission contemplate the provision of power facilities for the communities of Masset and Queen Charlotte City by (a) taking over any existing equipment that might be available or (b) the installation of new equipment?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Under consideration."

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

How many farmers in the Province were allowed to work off their taxes during the years 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946?

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

"No information at Victoria with respect to the number of farmers who were allowed to work off their taxes during the years 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946. The value in cash of taxes worked off by farmers is as follows: 1941, \$242,678; 1942, \$177,127; 1943, \$133,749; 1944, \$110,493; 1945, \$106,074; and 1946, \$106,476."

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

1. Have any plans been made for the establishment of new Provincial buildings at Vanderhoof?

2. If so, what progress has been made?

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

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.26 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30th, 1948.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *Gargrave* on the 22nd instant, as follows:—

Honourable Members,—On resuming the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply” the honourable member for Mackenzie rose on a point of order, as follows:—

“My point is that after study of the budget and estimates presented by the Minister of Finance, I find provisions of the budget are in contravention of the ‘Constitution Act Amendment Act, 1946,’ being chapter 15 of the Statutes of 1946, which states only ten Ministers of the Crown shall receive a salary. The budget provides for eleven Ministers receiving salary.

“Since this is unconstitutional, my point of order is that this whole debate is unconstitutional and out of order and cannot continue until this grievous error is corrected or notice is given that it is the intention of the Government to create another ministry.”

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure submitted by the Minister of Finance are for the consideration of the members of the Legislature, to be dealt with in Committee of Supply.

The Committee of Supply is fully competent to amend the estimates submitted, or any item therein, by way of making a reduction in same.

See May, fourteenth edition, page 695.

In view of the above, I have ruled that the debate is constitutional and in order.

ROBT. H. CARSON, *Speaker*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to prevent the Spread of Contagious Diseases among Animals," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 24th, 1948.

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 prevent the Spread of Contagious Diseases among Animals," 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.

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 5.08 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31st, 1948.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *J. Penfold*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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 5.06 p.m.