

## Friday, March 20th, 1959.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of Mr. *Strachan*, seconded by Mr. *Turner*, the petition presented by him on the 19th instant was *Ordered* to be taken as read, and received.

Mr. *Murray* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Labour, as follows:—

### REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 18th, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Pursuant to motion on January 27th, 1959, your Committee was ordered convened to study the matter of unemployment. The terms of reference to your Committee were as follows:—

“Whereas unemployment in British Columbia appeared in recent months to exceed totals normally associated with seasonal factors:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Labour be convened to hear and examine submissions from interested parties on measures that could be taken to promote employment and to report its findings thereon to this House.”

Your Committee expressed grave concern over the plight of unemployed members of our working force at its first meeting on January 29th, 1959, and subsequently met sixteen times in all. Committee members have individually been of great value in locating sources of information and briefs were invited from the following, listed in alphabetical order:—

- Aluminum Company of Canada Limited.
- Beverage Dispensers Union Local 676.
- British Columbia Electric Company Limited.
- British Columbia Federation of Labour Council.
- British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers Association.
- British Columbia Peace Council.
- British Columbia Shipbuilders Association.
- British Columbia Telephone Company.
- British Columbia Provincial Council of Carpenters.
- Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.
- Building & Construction Industries Exchange of British Columbia.
- Canadian Legion (B.E.S.L.).
- Canadian Manufacturers Association Incorporated.
- Canadian Manufacturers Association, Victoria.
- Canadian Pulp & Paper Association.
- Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company Limited.
- Construction & General Labourers Union No. 602.
- Contractors Association General.
- Contractors Association, Victoria.
- Electrical Association, Vancouver.
- Fisheries Association of British Columbia.

Heating & Sheet Metal Association of British Columbia.  
 Heavy Construction Association of British Columbia.  
 House Builders Association.  
 International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Workers.  
 International Woodworkers of America.  
 Industrial Association of British Columbia.  
 Joint Shipyard Negotiating Committee.  
 Loggers Association (Incorporated), British Columbia.  
 Lumber Manufacturers Association (Interior).  
 Lumber Manufacturers Association (Northern Interior).  
 MacMillan & Bloedel Limited.  
 Metal Trades Association of British Columbia.  
 Millwork Manufacturers Association.  
 Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union.  
 Mining Association of British Columbia.  
 National Association of Master Plumbers & Heating Construction.  
 Powell River Company Limited.  
 Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association.  
 Provincial Council of Women.  
 Provincial Council of Women of British Columbia.  
 Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters Local 170.  
 Mr. William Rose.  
 Shipyard Workers Federation of British Columbia.  
 Shuswap Okanagan Dairy Industry Company of Association.  
 Surrey Co-operative Association.  
 Teamsters Joint Council No. 36.  
 Truck Construction Equipment Operators of British Columbia.  
 Truck Loggers Association of British Columbia.  
 Tunnel & Rock Workmen's Union No. 168.  
 Unemployment Insurance Commission.  
 United Fishermen & Allied Workers Union.  
 Vancouver Civic Employees Union—Outside Workers.  
 Victoria & District Ministerial Association.  
 Victoria Building Industries Exchange.

In reply to the invitations extended, submissions were presented by the following, the details of which are on file:—

Aluminum Company of Canada.  
 Alma Mater Society of the University of British Columbia.  
 British Columbia Electric Company.  
 British Columbia Peace Council.  
 British Columbia Chamber of Commerce.  
 British Columbia Federation of Labour.  
 British Columbia Loggers Association.  
 British Columbia Manufacturers Association.  
 British Columbia Research Council.  
 British Columbia Shipbuilders Federation.  
 Canadian Collieries Resources Limited.  
 Canadian Manufacturers Association.  
 Canadian Pulp & Paper Association (British Columbia Division).  
 Fisheries Association of British Columbia.  
 Heavy Construction Association of British Columbia.  
 Industrial Association of British Columbia.

International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Workers.  
 International Railway Brotherhood.  
 Mining Association of British Columbia.  
 Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union.  
 McDonnell Metal Manufacturing Company Limited.  
 Nanaimo, Alberni and District Labour Council.  
 William Rose.  
 Socialist Youth League of Canada.  
 Regional Employment Office.  
 United Fishermen & Allied Workers Union.  
 Vancouver and District Labour Council.

The preamble of the terms of reference read as follows: "Whereas unemployment in British Columbia appeared in recent months to exceed totals normally associated with seasonal factors."

*The Extent of Unemployment in British Columbia,  
 January, 1957, to January, 1959.*

It is highly improbable that accurate statistics are obtainable from existing sources that will satisfactorily delineate with any degree of accuracy the unemployment situation within the Province. Various factors are involved and, in view of their complexity, nothing short of a lengthy and costly survey would establish reasonably accurate statistical data. Primary among these complexities are the inadequacy of National Employment Service records for the purpose of defining the problem as it exists from month to month due to:—

- (i) The obvious difficulty in estimating the numbers of those whose benefits have expired and who may not have reregistered as "unemployed" in the sense that they are willing and physically able to accept employment:
- (ii) The duplication of registrations in the various offices of the National Employment Service within the Province:
- (iii) The inclusion of some registrants who, although willing and physically able, are neither needful nor anxious to accept employment, but who register only for the purpose of receiving monetary benefits to which they are lawfully entitled:
- (iv) The registration of part-time employees who have little or no desire for employment.

For these reasons alone it is readily discernible that factual information presently accessible is of limited value in determining the situation as it exists.

It must be borne in mind, however, that the statistical data presented by the National Employment Service has a distinct value in so far as a comparison with previous periods is concerned. This is particularly evident by reason of their acute sensitivity to change in the economic structure of the Province. For this reason, were any given year taken as a base, the rise and fall of the unemployment pattern would be quite discernible. Whatever value can be placed in this pattern must, of necessity, be related to the total working force within the Province. Any major increase or decrease within seasonally employed industry would necessarily disturb the true curve of the graph as would the reasonably constant percentage of those included in Items (i) to (iv) mentioned previously.

The foregoing is presented in order to make apparent the value of the data included in the following table which indicates the unemployment pattern unrelated to the working force of that day:—

*Unplaced Applicants.*

Pacific Region.	1957.	1958.	1959.
January.....	74,623	101,916 + 27,293	89,646 - 12,270
February.....	68,237	100,176 + 31,939	*
March.....	55,014	98,642 + 43,628	
April.....	49,311	88,240 + 38,929	
May.....	36,348	75,196 + 38,848	
June.....	33,825	68,116 + 34,291	
July.....	31,924	52,502 + 20,578	
August.....	30,421	48,239 + 17,818	
September.....	33,748	44,590 + 10,842	
October.....	42,545	48,282 + 5,737	
November.....	68,738	61,045 - 7,693	
December.....	94,165	84,580 - 9,585	

\* Figures for February, 1959, are not available at this time.

It will be noted from this table that in January, 1958, unplaced applicants are indicated at 101,916; whereas in January, 1959, this figure had been reduced to 89,646 in spite of a probable increase in the over-all working force. The decline represents a decrease of 12,270 or 12.04 per cent from January, 1958.

A review of 1958 experience as related to 1957 indicates an increase in unplaced applicants during January through October. During the months of November and December, 1958, and January, 1959, the reverse is true, when decreases of 7,693, 9,585, and 12,270, respectively, are indicated.

It is significant to note that the Regional Director of the National Employment Service in his summary of employment conditions in the Pacific region for the month of January, 1959, reported as follows:—

“Generally some slight improvement took place during the current period and it can be said now that prospects for the future look considerably brighter.

“The peak of the winter unemployment situation was reached on January 22nd and the number of persons now registered for employment is down considerably from the peak period of last year.”

Your Committee concurs with these remarks of the Regional Director.

*Some Major Causes of Unemployment in British Columbia during 1958.*

Your Committee met with a representative of the National Employment Service on February 24th last and in reply to questioning, various factors leading to the 1958 experience of unemployment were noted.

During January a labour dispute involving workers in the pulp and paper industry caused a serious setback in various allied secondary industries such as those supplying materials, transportation, power, and essential chemicals. Noteworthy among these was the complete closure of a chemical plant serving the needs of the pulp and paper industry. It became evident that secondary industries did not recover as quickly from a work stoppage in primary industry as the affected plant itself and for that reason major work stoppages have a serious bearing on the unemployment situation within allied industries. Likewise, the shutdown at Britannia Mines, the cutback of the Aluminum Company of Canada at Kitimat, the lockout of the construction industry, an extremely hazardous fire season, the stevedores' strike, and the electricians', plumbers', and teamsters' strikes had a critical effect until September of 1958. From the previous table it will be noted that the situation quickly improved when these various factors corrected themselves within the Province.

In other submissions to the Committee, it was held that certain industries showed a reluctance to establish within the Province while such conditions were prevalent, and this situation was aggravated by the higher cost of production in terms of materials affected by freight rates, basic labour costs, and difficulties encountered in higher financing costs. All these factors combined to make 1958 a critical year in so far as employment of the working force was concerned.

The residual portion of the terms of reference reads as follows:—

“Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Labour be convened to hear and examine submissions from interested parties on measures that could be taken to promote employment and to report its findings thereon to this House.”

Your Committee is in general agreement that employment can be maintained at a high level, during normal periods, only when there is an abundance of industrial expansion and construction. Housing developments, school, hospital, and other necessary facilities are a natural outgrowth of such development and a continuing cycle of employment is thereby instigated. Any major setback in this programme of economic development and expansion will necessarily have a depressing effect on the numbers of the working force fully employed. All phases of our economic life, therefore, must pursue a policy designed to attract investment and encourage industrial expansion. Such an economic climate will maintain to a very large degree a high level of employment of the working force.

From the submissions presented by a representative cross-section of this Province's economic factors, recommendations for the promotion of employment can be roughly grouped into areas of primary jurisdiction and responsibility, namely:—

- I. The National Government.
- II. The Provincial Government.
- III. The Local Government.
- IV. The Trade-union Movement.
- V. Industry.

#### *I. The National Government.*

By virtue of its control over the collections and disbursements of unemployment insurance funds, as well as constitutionally within the framework of the “British North America Act” as accepted by the National Government when taking over certain taxation privileges from Provincial administration, the primary responsibility for employment in Canada rests with the National Government. With that authority lies the power to sustain a climate conducive to industrial expansion and the creation of new industries with a consequent high level of employment of the working force. Specifically, your Committee considers that the National Government of Canada should:—

1. Materially assist in a large-scale works programme at appropriate times of the year on such projects as:—

- (a) Forest access, trans-provincial, and inter-provincial roads:
- (b) Park and camp-site improvement:
- (c) Dyking and drainage projects:
- (d) Stream clearance projects and the creation of artificial spawning-areas:  
(In this latter connection it is contended that, since the improvement of fishways on the Fraser River eight years ago at a cost of \$2,000,000, the salmon yield has increased by \$127,000,000 at cannery prices, and it is therefore evident that such projects would in time be self-liquidating because of the tremendous dollar market value increase in a comparatively short period of time.)
- (e) Fraser River flood-control consistent with a policy of fish conservation.

2. Institute an enlarged programme of apprenticeship and trades training during adverse seasons of employment by extending the scope of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

3. Adopt a carefully screened immigration policy on the basis of the stated needs of industry and agriculture thus ensuring the planned assimilation of immigrants into the national working force.

4. Encourage and promote the construction of coastal shipping and national defence requirements in Canada.

5. Foster the expansion of a research programme designed to encourage the use of coal and coal by-products in our industrial economy.

6. Initiate the formation of a joint Federal-Provincial trade investigation team to the Republic of China for the purpose of inquiring into trade possibilities with that country.

7. To provide the ways and means to extend low-cost credit in order to:—

(a) Promote and expand economic development and stimulate revenue, income, or self-liquidating projects or works by the Province and its municipalities; and to

(b) Assist and encourage the establishment and growth of local industries.

8. Give leadership and co-operation in the calling of a Federal-Provincial conference to seek a Canada-wide solution to the unemployment problem, requesting representation from all levels of government.

## *II. The Provincial Government.*

It is within the sphere of the Provincial Government's jurisdiction to materially assist in the creation of a climate conducive to investment and industrial expansion. Specifically, your Committee recommends that the Provincial Government should consider:—

1. The undertaking of an exhaustive study to ensure that British Columbia goods and services are quoted in specifications to contractors and in any other way assist in the marketing and utilization of British Columbia products. Your Committee learned with regret that British Columbia produced goods and materials were, in many instances, not being specified or utilized in construction work within the Province, even though these were of comparative price and quality.

2. Accepting a proportionate share of labour costs within municipalities for public works carried out under the Federal Government's winter work programme.

3. Reconsideration of the Department of Labour's present policy in connection with the granting of overtime permits and that exemptions under the "Hours of Work Act" be further discouraged.

4. Reviewing present Forest Service policy in connection with forest closures during times of high relative humidity with a view to the continuation of logging and industrial activity during these periods.

5. Giving preference to the use of British Columbia produced coal in publicly administered institutions presently utilizing coal in their steam plants.

6. Supporting the ship-builders of British Columbia in their efforts to seek Federal Government expenditure on the construction of coastal trade and service vessels.

## *III. The Local Government.*

While it is acknowledged that local governments necessarily work with a budget limited by a number of factors, they can assist the local unemployment situation in particular and the unemployment condition in general by giving consideration to:—

1. Giving preference to the purchase of British Columbia goods and services and specifying these in their list of specifications to contractors for municipal works.

2. Timing works projects to coincide with periods of slack employment wherever practicable and to take advantage of the assistance offered under the Federal winter works programme.

#### *IV. The Trade-union Movement.*

1. While the trade-union movement appears generally to agree on the undesirability of overtime, it is recognized that out of necessity overtime is being paid in various industries within the Province. Your Committee therefore urges that the trade-union movement give serious study to the "banking of overtime pay." This has the effect of allowing an employee to accumulate half of his season's overtime hours to be taken as an extra paid vacation during the quiet seasons. It is noteworthy that the electrical workers are sufficiently satisfied with the results of such a policy that they are pressing to negotiate it into their agreements. This will have the effect of maintaining payrolls at a more stable level.

2. Your Committee urges that trade-unions endeavour to reduce the amount of unnecessary overtime by internal policing of their respective membership. It is considered that in this manner the Department of Labour will be assisted in offering resistance to overtime work permits.

#### *V. Industry.*

Your Committee considers that individual companies throughout the Province can lend their assistance to the solution of unemployment specifically by:—

1. Timing maintenance work on equipment and buildings for periods of slack employment.

2. By co-operating with the respective trade-unions in the timing of annual vacations and the banking of overtime pay.

3. By undertaking employee training for future responsibilities at times of the year when employees would be on a part-time basis or seasonally discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

The report was received and, by leave of the House, was taken as read.

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

#### REPORT NO. 15.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 19th, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee, as instructed by the House, considered the amendment to section 2 of Bill 55, moved in Committee of the Whole House on March 19th, 1959, by Mr. Gregory, and unanimously recommends that the Bill be proceeded with in accordance with the proposed amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

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

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to Victoria Civic Arena" was *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 122) intituled "An Act to amend the Land Registry Act" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act" was committed.

In Committee of the Whole House, the Chairman ruled the two amendments proposed by Mr. *Gregory* and Mr. *Dowding*, as follows, to be out of order:—

Mr. *Gregory* to move, in Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act," to amend as follows:—

To renumber section 3 as section 4 and to insert the following as section 3:—

"3. Section 6 is further amended by adding the following as subsection (4):—

"(4) The "Labour Relations Act," being chapter 17 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1954, is binding on the Crown in right of the Province, provided that where a Conciliation Board has been appointed under the "Labour Relations Act" to deal with a dispute between the Crown in right of the Province and employees of the Crown in right of the Province, a recommendation of the Conciliation Board shall be binding in every respect upon the Crown in right of the Province and upon the employees of the Crown in right of the Province."

Mr. *Dowding* to move, in Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 123) intituled "An Act to amend the Constitution Act," to amend as follows:—

To delete the words after subsection (3) and to substitute the following:—

"(3) Such member of the Executive Council as may be designated by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, on behalf of the Crown, enter into a collective bargaining agreement, within the meaning of the 'Labour Relations Act,' with the duly appointed bargaining agent of the British Columbia Government Employees Association, or such other employees association, representing a majority of the employees in the public service which has been determined under the provisions of the said Act to be an appropriate unit for the purposes of bargaining collectively."

The ruling of the Chairman was appealed from.

The Chairman reported the matter to the Speaker, giving the reasons for his ruling as follows:—

"With respect to Mr. *Gregory's* amendment:—

"This amendment is out of order on several counts:—

"1. It contains a proviso that the recommendation of the Conciliation Board shall be binding in every respect upon the Crown in right of the Province. This is in restriction of the prerogative of the Crown.

"2. It directs Government policy and I would refer you to the decision of Mr. Speaker Whittaker as reported in our Journals of 1937 at pages 81 and 82. There are many other decisions to the same effect.

"3. Whereas it might be in order (and I am not here stating that it is) for an amendment to deal with a Government amendment to the 'Constitution Act' provided it did not go beyond the purposes of the amending section, at the same time the amendment proposed by the honourable member from Victoria is a completely new amendment to the 'Constitution Act' and is such that it could not be brought in as an amendment to the Act by a private member. This is not permitted under Standing Order 76.

"I am therefore ruling that this amendment may not be submitted to the Committee.



“And with respect to Mr. *Dowding's* amendment:—

“This amendment is out of order on several counts:—

“1. It offends in that it confers a power upon the Crown.

“2. It directs Government policy and I would refer you to the decision of Mr. Speaker Whittaker as reported in our Journals of 1937 at pages 81 and 82. There are many other decisions to the same effect.

“3. Whereas it might be in order (and I am not here stating that it is) for an amendment to deal with a Government amendment to the ‘Constitution Act’ provided it did not go beyond the purposes of the amending section, at the same time the amendment proposed by the honourable member from Burnaby is a completely new amendment to the ‘Constitution Act’ and is such that it could not be brought in as an amendment to the Act by a private member. This is not permitted under Standing Order 76.

“I am therefore ruling that this amendment may not be submitted to the Committee.”

The Speaker sustained the ruling of the Chairman.

The Bill was reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for the third reading of the Bill, a debate arose.

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

That the motion be amended by striking out the word “now” and substituting the words “six months hence.”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion for amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—10.

Messieurs

*Cox*  
*Squire*  
*Eddie*

*Gargrave*  
*Dowding*  
*Nimsick*

*Haggen, Mrs.*  
*Harding*

*Strachan*  
*Turner*

NAYS—38.

Messieurs

*Brothers*  
*Speare*  
*Gibson*  
*Smith*  
*Bryan*  
*Gregory*  
*Gibbs*  
*Roche*  
*Shirreff*  
*Newton*

*Richter*  
*Tisdalle*  
*Matthew*  
*Bruch*  
*Bate*  
*Reid*  
*Price*  
*Corbett*  
*Brown, Mrs.*  
*Kiernan*

*Williston*  
*Bennett*  
*Bonner*  
*Black*  
*Carnell*  
*Lundell*  
*Campbell*  
*Sharp*  
*Murray*

*Massey*  
*Asselstine*  
*Robinson*  
*Westwood*  
*Chant*  
*Peterson*  
*Martin*  
*Gaglardi*  
*Wicks*

PAIR:

Messieurs

*Uphill*

*Stacey*

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

The motion was Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

## YEAS—38.

## Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>		

## NAYS—10.

## Messieurs

<i>Cox</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>		

## PAIR:

## Messieurs

*Steaey* *Uphill*

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to incorporate Carey Hall" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act."

The debate continued.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order and *Ordered* it dropped from the Order Paper for the following reason:—

*Honourable Members.*—During second reading of Bill No. 3 a point of order was raised that this Bill was out of order on the grounds that it involved the expenditure of public funds and transgresses Standing Order No. 67. Adjournment of the Bill on second reading was subsequently moved and carried.

Since then I have given this matter consideration and wish to advise the House that there is considerable room for argument as to whether this Bill does in fact involve the expenditure of public funds. However, I do not think it is necessary to rule on this point of order as I find that this Bill imposes an obligation on a servant of the Crown and I refer you to Speaker's Decisions, volume 3, page 36, where Mr. Speaker Whittaker ruled and I quote, "this Bill is out of order on the grounds that it imposes duties on a servant of the Crown (*see* numerous authorities in British Columbia Speaker's Decisions, volumes 1 and 2)."

Failing the consent of the Crown the Bill is therefore out of order in the hands of a private member.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker.*

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Labour Relations Act."

The debate continued.

Mr. Speaker ruled the Bill out of order and *Ordered* it dropped from the Order Paper on the ground that it involved an impost on the people.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Matthew*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act respecting Noxious Chemical Products" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena" was recommitted, reported complete without amendment.

On the motion that the Bill be read a third time now, a debate arose.

Mr. *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tisdalle*,—

That the motion that the Bill be read a third time now be amended by striking out the word "now" and substituting the words "upon this day six months hence."

A debate arose.

The motion to amend was negatived.

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House reverted to the Order "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Strachan* on the 11th instant, as follows:—

That all correspondence between the Department of Highways and the R. & L. Construction Company, of Vancouver, referring to Highway Project 881 be tabled in this House.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Cox</i>			

NAYS—35.

Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	

PAIR:

Messieurs

*Uphill* *Steady*

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Strachan* on the 19th instant as follows:—

Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that no Bills or Acts presented to this House or printed under the authority of the Legislature or under the authority of any



Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cox*,—

Whereas the question of exports is so important to the economy of British Columbia:

And whereas China, due to geographical position, is a natural avenue for trade with British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge the Federal Government to give immediate diplomatic recognition to the Government of the People's Republic of China.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* moved in amendment,—

That all words following the word "that," in the last paragraph, be deleted and the following words substituted therefor: "This House favours adoption of measures to encourage trade with the Far East."

The amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

That a copy of the agreement made between this Government and the Federal Government under the "Unemployment Assistance Act, 1956," plus all correspondence pertaining to the current agreement, be tabled in this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On calling the notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Richter*, as follows:—

Whereas the unemployment among our citizens is of grave concern to the people of this Province:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government of British Columbia make representation to the Government of Canada that costs of home improvements may be deducted from income for income-tax purposes to the extent of \$1,000 in any tax year in which such expenditure occurs.

No motion being moved, the notice was *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion, standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Harding*, was withdrawn:—

That all correspondence, or if originals are not available, then copies of said correspondence, between the Department of Finance and the British Columbia Power Commission during 1958 regarding the proposed funding of outstanding and unpaid Provincial cash advances to the British Columbia Power Commission be tabled in this House.

Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dowding*,—

That copies of all correspondence, if any, between the City Social Service Department, Vancouver, and the Department of Health and Welfare on matters relating to all types of Social Allowance overages, including those for rental, be tabled in this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Cox* moved, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*,—

Be it Resolved, That this House give consideration to implementing a basic automobile insurance plan which would provide compensation to every victim of an automobile accident, and which insurance would be supplied at cost through a Government automobile insurance agency.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

Be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should take under advisement the calling of a Provincial-municipal conference to consider all phases of Provincial-municipal relations and jurisdiction.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Gibbs* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*,—

That all correspondence in the year 1956 between the Minister of Labour and any or all labour organizations and relating to shortages of labour, skilled or otherwise, be filed with the House.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. *Cox* moved, seconded by Mr. *Nimsick*,—

Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that consideration should be given to a revision of the "Social Services Tax Act" as applied to the sale of fuels used for domestic purposes.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Speare* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brothers*,—

That this House recommend to the Government the acceptance of the British Columbia Centennial flag, with such changes as may be desirable, for use as an official Provincial flag.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mrs. *Haggen* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cox*,—

Whereas during proceedings of the Legislature statements on public policy are made in this Legislature but are not officially recorded:

And whereas it is in the public interest that the proceedings and statements made in the House should be accurately recorded:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should give consideration to the advisability of establishing a system of verbatim reporting of the proceedings of the British Columbia Legislative Assembly.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—15.

Messieurs

<i>Smith</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Lundell</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Harding</i>	

NAYS—31.

Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Murray</i>	

PAIR:

Messieurs

*Uphill* • *Steady*

Mr. *Strachan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

That a copy of the Social Welfare Branch policy manual and a copy of all serial letters issued during 1958 by the Social Welfare Branch to district offices be tabled in this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cox*,—

Be it Resolved, That particulars of all power contracts with the British Columbia Power Commission not covered in power schedules published by the Commission be tabled in the House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion, standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Gibbs*, was withdrawn:—

That copies of all directives sent to any or all school districts, issued by the Education Department and (or) the Finance Department and (or) the Treasury Board, relating to short-term bank borrowing to meet Government portion of district operating account, be filed with the House.

Mr. *Gibbs* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gregory*,—

That a copy of the agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia pertaining to the construction of the Cassiar—Stewart Road be filed with the House.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bryan*,—

That Standing Order 16 (3) be suspended to permit the recording of the division in Committee of Supply on March 3rd on the motion by Mr. *Gregory* that Vote 42 be reduced by \$12,499 as follows:—

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas—14.

Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Shelford</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Corbett</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Dowding</i>		

Nays—28.

Messieurs

<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Steady</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Massey</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Speare</i>
<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>

A debate arose.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* rose to a point of order.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the following ground:—

*Honourable Members*,—We have a report from the Committee which does not include this matter. Consequently it is not a matter before the House nor has the House, as such, any knowledge of it. Therefore, it would be repugnant to proper procedure to place anything in the Votes of which the House has no knowledge.

The House takes cognizance of any matter reported to it by any Committee of the House, or of any report or document tabled in the House or of any matter of which a Court of law would take judicial notice. The matter before us does not come within the purview of any of these categories.

Mr. Speaker Pooley in ruling out the acceptance of a minority report from a Select Standing Committee states:—

“This House is asked to deal with a minority report of which it has no knowledge, it not having been presented by the Chairman of the Committee.” (British Columbia Journals, 1906, at page 106.)

The decision has been repeatedly followed.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

Mr. *Cox* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dowding*,—

Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government for its consideration the advisability of negotiating with the Victorian Order of Nurses in respect to their offer to care for chronic patients, out-patients, and early discharge patients and the inclusion of



this nursing organization within the provisions of the British Columbia "Hospital Insurance Act."

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Dowding moved, seconded by Mr. Gargrave,—

That all correspondence between the Government and (a) the Wenner-Gren principals, (b) the Peace River Development Company Limited, and (c) the Wenner-Gren-British Columbia Development Company Limited be filed in the House.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Gregory moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs,—

That it be recorded in the Journals that in Committee of Supply on March 3rd, on the motion that Vote 42 be reduced by \$12,499, closure was moved by the Hon. R. W. Bonner.

A debate arose.

The Hon. R. W. Bonner rose to a point of order.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the following ground:—

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L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. Strachan, seconded by the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, it was *Resolved*,—

That Mr. Speaker be asked to convey to the honourable member from Fernie the regrets of the members at his unfortunate illness which precludes his attendance at the prorogation ceremonies of this Session and further that the members wish him a speedy recovery.

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.15 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.28 p.m.

Friday, March 20th, 1959.

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FIFTEEN MINUTES PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *L. Wicks* (Minister of Labour) presented all correspondence in the year 1956 between the Minister of Labour and any or all labour organizations relating to shortages of labour, skilled or otherwise.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *L. R. Peterson* (Minister of Education) presented copies of correspondence between all Government departments and the Richmond School Board relating to a school building plebiscite passed in 1958 by the electors of the Corporation of the Municipality of Richmond.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Mines) presented a copy of the agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia pertaining to the construction of the Cassiar-Stewart Road.

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

1. How many male Civil Servants were retired at December 31st, 1958, with superannuation based on average salary during the previous ten years and on length of service under the new superannuation plan?

2. In the case of each of the superannuants (stated in the answer to No. 1), how much was each required to contribute in additional cash as per section 20A, subsection (1), clause (c), of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" in order to take full advantage of the new superannuation plan?

3. How many male superannuants have taken full advantage of the new plan without being required to make a cash contribution as per section 20A, subsection (1), clause (c), of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act"?

4. Is the Government required to match the cash contributions of the superannuants referred to in the foregoing subsection (1), clauses (a), (b), and (c)?

5. If, under the new superannuation plan, a superannuant with \$15,000 of his own money contributed to the fund is retired on a pension of \$400 per month, and before the second month after retirement both the superannuant and his wife died, to whom would the \$14,600 of the deceased's contributions be paid?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

"1. Eleven.

"2. \$1,652, \$133.40, \$1,311.97, \$2,246, \$3,398, \$2,181, \$3,672.43, \$1,697.63, \$3,243.80, and \$3,678.

"3. One.

"4. Yes.

"5. There would be no further payment."

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

What percentage of referrals to the social service department of The Woodlands School were being serviced as at December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

"In the preadmission and admission section 12 per cent of referred cases from the Greater Vancouver area are being serviced and in the rehabilitation section 44 per cent of referred cases are being serviced."

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

1. Were any Government employees paid overtime for any overtime worked during the period July 1st, 1957, to April 1st, 1958, on a retroactive basis?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, which classification of employees were so paid?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“Adjustments are currently being determined.”

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

Was an adjustment made on all overtime rates paid in the Civil Service during the retroactive pay period July 1st, 1957, to April 1st, 1958, in all cases where overtime had been worked during this period?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“Adjustments are currently being determined.”

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

1. Is a 1,500-bed mental hospital planned for Vancouver Island?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what is the estimated date of commencement of construction, (b) what is the estimated date of completion of construction, and (c) what is the estimated cost of construction?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“1. In the present long-range decentralization planning of Provincial Mental Health facilities it is proposed to build a hospital for the treatment of mental illnesses on Vancouver Island, but, being part of long-range planning, it is not committed in the immediate future.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

In respect of how many and which days in the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1958, was the Minister of Highways paid an expense allowance of \$15 *per diem*?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“One hundred and eighty-five days; all working-days absent from office in Victoria.”

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

*E. G. MacMinn*, Esq., Clerk Assistant of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the Interpretation Act.
- (No. 4) An Act to repeal the Coal Sales Act.
- (No. 5) An Act to repeal the Iron and Steel Bounties Act.
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954.
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act.
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the Taxation Act.
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the Highway Development Act.
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the Power Act.
- (No. 14) An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Byron Ingemar Johnson.
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the Grazing Act.
- (No. 17) Department of Social Welfare Act.

- (No. 18) Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance Act.
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the Constitution Act.
- (No. 20) An Act to provide for the Establishment and Observance of Douglas Day.
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act.
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the Public Libraries Act.
- (No. 23) An Act to incorporate the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.
- (No. 24) An Act to incorporate the Greater Nanaimo Sewerage and Drainage District.
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the Municipal Superannuation Act.
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the Municipal Act.
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act.
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the Crown Costs Act.
- (No. 29) Racing Commission Act.
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the Local Services Act.
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the Wife's Protection Act.
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the Contributory Negligence Act.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the Administration Act.
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the Attachment of Debts Act.
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the Companies Clauses Act.
- (No. 36) British Columbia Power Commission Securities Validating Act.
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the British Columbia University Act.
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the Conditional Sales Act.
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the Insurance Act.
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the Real Estate Act.
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the Testator's Family Maintenance Act.
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the Public Schools Act.
- (No. 43) An Act relating to Trade-unions.
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the Sale of Goods Act.
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the Notaries Act.
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the Court of Appeal Act.
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act.
- (No. 50) An Act to incorporate The Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies in British Columbia.
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter.
- (No. 52) An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, Amendment Act, 1955.
- (No. 53) An Act to incorporate Northwest Baptist Theological College.
- (No. 54) An Act to amend The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901, and The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1906.
- (No. 55) An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena.
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the Small Debts Courts Act.
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the Assessment Equalization Act, 1953.
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the Families' Compensation Act.
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act.
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the Curators Act.
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the Boiler and Pressure-vessel Act.
- (No. 68) An Act to amend the Coloured Gasoline Tax Act.
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the Gasoline Tax Act.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the Gasoline Tax Act.

- (No. 71) An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on the Use of certain Motive-fuels in Commercial Motor-vehicles.
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the Forest Act.
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act.
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act.
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the Fire Marshal Act.
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the Coroners Act.
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the Official Guardian Act.
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the Trustee Act.
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the Creditors' Relief Act.
- (No. 80) An Act to amend the Greater Vancouver Water District Act.
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Act.
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the Revenue Act.
- (No. 83) An Act to incorporate Carey Hall.
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the Stock-brands Act.
- (No. 85) An Act to amend the Companies Act.
- (No. 86) An Act to amend the Pipe-lines Act.
- (No. 87) An Act to amend the Royal Inland Hospital Act, 1896.
- (No. 88) An Act to amend the Railway Act.
- (No. 89) An Act to amend the Game Act.
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act.

*E. K. DeBeck, Esq.*, Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 91) An Act to facilitate the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments.
- (No. 92) An Act to amend the Hospital Act.
- (No. 93) An Act to amend the Welfare Institutions Licensing Act.
- (No. 94) An Act to amend the Execution Act.
- (No. 95) An Act to amend the Cemeteries Act.
- (No. 96) An Act to amend the County Courts Act.
- (No. 97) An Act to amend the Savings and Loan Associations Act.
- (No. 98) An Act to amend the Assignment of Book Accounts Act.
- (No. 99) An Act to amend the Partnership Act.
- (No. 100) An Act to amend the Mechanics' Lien Act.
- (No. 102) An Act to amend the Mineral Act.
- (No. 103) An Act to amend the Hospital Insurance Act.
- (No. 104) An Act to amend the Government Liquor Act, 1953.
- (No. 105) An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act.
- (No. 106) An Act to amend the Industrial Transportation Act.
- (No. 107) An Act to amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Act.
- (No. 108) An Act respecting the Department of Commercial Transport.
- (No. 109) An Act to amend and repeal certain Provisions and References in the Statute Law.
- (No. 110) An Act to amend the Marriage Act.
- (No. 111) An Act to amend the Gas Act.
- (No. 112) An Act to amend the Placer-mining Act.
- (No. 113) An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act.
- (No. 114) An Act to amend the Collection Agents' Licensing Act.
- (No. 115) An Act to amend the Motor-vehicle Act.
- (No. 116) An Act to amend the Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act.

- (No. 117) An Act to amend the *Apiaries Act*.  
 (No. 119) An Act to amend the *Dykes Maintenance Act*.  
 (No. 121) An Act to amend the *Line Fences Act*.  
 (No. 122) An Act to amend the *Land Registry Act*.  
 (No. 123) An Act to amend the *Constitution Act*.

His Honour was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—  
 "In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 118) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

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

In relieving you of your Legislative duties and in closing this the Third Session of the Twenty-fifth Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to express my appreciation of the earnest attention which you have given to the numerous and important matters which have been submitted for your consideration.

It is commendable that you have established two new Departments—the Department of Social Welfare and the Department of Commercial Transport. Your deliberations have also led to the reorganization of the Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance.

The Act to amend the British Columbia University Act will provide financial assistance and encouragement to University students of the Province.

Also of major and outstanding importance to the well-being of the people of the Province of British Columbia have been the following enactments:—

- An Act to amend the *Workmen's Compensation Act*;
- The *Trade-unions Act*;
- An Act to amend the *Revenue Act*;
- An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on the Use of certain Motive-fuels in Commercial Motor-vehicles;
- The *Racing Commission Act*;
- An Act to amend the *Supreme Court Act*;
- An Act to amend the *Court of Appeal Act*;
- An Act to amend the *Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act*.

The enactment of legislation to permit the British Columbia Power Commission, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and the British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority to expand their activities together with the highway-building programme will assist materially the employment situation and will make an important contribution to the ever-expanding industrial life of this Province.

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for Public Service. These will enable my Government to continue its programme throughout the coming year.

Honourable Members, in relieving you of your labours at the close of this Session I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes throughout the Province.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary) then said:—

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

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please the Lieutenant-Governor to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker.*