

Wednesday, 20th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Stevenson*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 20th, 1918.

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 'Ditches and Watercourses 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Home Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on Mr. *Hall's* motion of 14th March (*re* Canadian Northern Railway), and Mr. *Anderson's* amendment thereto of 19th March.

After some time spent the debate was, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, adjourned until to-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on 13th March, as follows:—

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill to confirm an Agreement and a Minute of Council, copies of which are hereunto annexed.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, made this twenty-second day of February, 1918,
Between

HIS MAJESTY THE KING in right of his Province of British Columbia, herein represented and acting by the Honourable John Oliver, Minister of Railways of the said Province (hereinafter referred to as "the Province"), of the one part;

and

TIMOTHY FOLEY, PATRICK WELCH, and JOHN W. STEWART, doing-business under the firm-name of "Foley, Welch & Stewart," Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties of the Second Part"), of the other part.

1. The Parties of the Second Part shall forthwith cause to be effectually and absolutely assigned, transferred, and assured to the nominees of the Province, and the Province shall thereupon receive and acquire, all shares not now so held by the Province in the capital stocks of:—

(a.) Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Railway Company");

- (b.) Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Equipment Company"); and
 (c.) Pacific Great Eastern Development Company, Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Development Company");

subject, as to the shares of the Development Company, to the provisions hereinafter contained and set forth.

2. The Parties of the Second Part shall forthwith cause the Province to be put into full possession and control of the entire undertaking and line of railway of the Railway Company, and all and singular the properties, real and personal, and assets, credits, and effects whatsoever of that Company, and of the Equipment Company, and of the Development Company, respectively, including all the rights, powers, immunities, and franchises of the said Companies respectively.

3. All lands and right-of-way contracted to be sold by the Development Company to the Railway Company and all lands at Squamish (including wharf) at present occupied or used as terminals shall be forthwith conveyed to the Province; and the note for eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) given by the Railway Company to the Development Company shall be delivered to the Province for cancellation.

4. The Parties of the Second Part shall pay to the Province:—

(a.) Cash, forthwith, inclusive of money in Union Bank	\$ 500,000 00
(b.) Additional cash within four months from this date	250,000 00
(c.) The further sum, subject to option hereinafter set out, of ...	350,000 00

\$1,100,000 00

5. Releases of all claims by each of the above-named Parties of the Second Part against the above-named Companies respectively, and of all claims by each of the above-named parties and Companies against the Province, shall be executed and delivered to the Province forthwith.

6. Upon payment in full of the sums of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) above mentioned within the times hereinbefore limited, and upon due performance on the part of the Parties of the Second Part of all acts, matters, and things set out in Articles one (1), two (2), three (3), five (5), and eleven (11), and on their part to be observed and performed, a release in terms of the draft release hereunto annexed shall be executed by the Province and delivered to the said Parties of the Second Part.

7. The Province may, at its option, at any time during the continuance of the present War and a period of two years thereafter, elect to retain all the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company and all its lands and assets absolutely; and thereupon the Parties of the Second Part shall be released and discharged from the payment of the three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) above mentioned.

8. The Parties of the Second Part may, at their option, at any time during the continuance of said War and a period of five years thereafter, pay to the Province the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in cash, and absolutely surrender and relinquish to the Province all the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company, and all its lands and assets, and thereupon the Parties of the Second Part shall be relieved from the payment of the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) above mentioned.

No interest on the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) shall accrue, be due, or payable if this option is exercised by the Parties of the Second Part during the continuance of the War and within two years thereafter, but if not exercised until after the expiration of the said period of two years, the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) shall bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum until payment.

9. In case the Province fails to exercise its option under Article 7, the Parties of the Second Part may, upon payment of the said sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) at the expiration of the period named in Article 7 without interest, or at any time during a period of three years thereafter with interest at six per centum per annum until payment, at their option, elect to take over from the Province all the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company, in which event possession of the lands of that Company, except the part thereof absolutely vested in the Province under this Agreement, shall be relinquished by the Province, and the Province shall thereafter have no interest in or right to require reconveyance of any part of said lands by reason of any subdivision that may be made thereof.

10. The options mentioned in Articles 7, 8, and 9 shall be exercised by notice in writing given by one party to the other. Any notice to be given the Parties of the Second Part shall be deemed to have been well and sufficiently given if mailed at Victoria, British Columbia, in a prepaid envelope registered, addressed to the said Parties of the Second Part at

11. If at the expiration of the period of five years mentioned in Article 9 none of the options set out in Articles 7, 8, and 9 has been exercised, then all the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company shall be retransferred to the said Parties of the Second Part, and possession of the lands of the said Development Company, except the part thereof absolutely vested in the Province under this Agreement, shall be relinquished by the Province, and the Province shall thereafter have no interest in or right to require a reconveyance of any part of the said lands by reason of any subdivision that may be made thereof, and the Parties of the Second Part shall forthwith pay the Province the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000), with interest thereon at the rate of six per centum per annum from the expiration of the period of two years set out in Article 7, and as well after as before maturity.

12. As security for the due performance by the Parties of the Second Part of the obligations on their part herein set out, the Province shall hold the shares in the capital stock of the Development Company, transferred to the Province under this Agreement, and the Parties of the Second Part shall, on the execution of this Agreement, forthwith furnish to the Province a bond, satisfactory to the said Minister of Railways, in the penal sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), conditioned on the due performance of the said obligations as aforesaid.

13. The Parties of the Second Part covenant that they and the said several Companies herein shall respectively execute all necessary acts, documents, resolutions, and assurances, including a more formal instrument in the stead of this present Agreement, for such purposes, in such form, and containing such terms, covenants, and conditions as the Attorney-General of the said Province may think necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this Agreement according to their true intent and meaning.

14. The Parties of the Second Part covenant that all the rolling-stock, equipment, plant, and machinery now in, upon, or about the said line of railway or adjacent thereto, and heretofore in use or required or contracted for use by them or any of the said Companies in or in connection with the construction or operation of the said line of railway, are the properties of the said Companies, and are to be transferred, set over, and delivered to the Province.

15. It is understood by and between the parties hereto that this Agreement shall not become operative or binding unless and until the same is ratified by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia; the parties hereto severally agreeing to co-operate in taking all steps and doing all things necessary to obtain ratification at the present session of the Legislative Assembly.

16. The above-named parties agree at any time on request of the Province to apply and petition for any legislative or parliamentary action advised by the Law Officers of the Crown.

17. The Parties of the Second Part covenant that neither they nor the said Company nor any of them have in any way charged, mortgaged, encumbered, hypothecated, or in anywise howsoever dealt with any of the lands, shares, assets, franchises, contracts, or undertakings of any of the said Companies other than as set out in the several trust deeds heretofore entered into to which the Province is a party.

18. This Agreement shall extend to and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns of the parties hereto respectively.

In witness whereof this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto.

JOHN OLIVER,

Minister of Railways.

R. T. ELLIOTT,

*Solicitor for Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch,
John W. Stewart, Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy
Tate, E. F. White, and Foley, Welch &
Stewart.*

Witness: R. J. CROMIE.

Approved 25th February, 1918.

P. W.,

For D.C., E.C.

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

The undersigned has the honour to report for the consideration of the Council the following:—

That he has entered into an Agreement with Messrs. Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing business under the firm-name of "Foley, Welch & Stewart," Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White, a true copy whereof is herewith annexed.

And to recommend that the same be approved and confirmed.

And to recommend that a certified copy of this Minute, if approved, be transmitted to Richard T. Elliott, Esquire, K.C., solicitor for the said Timothy Foley, Patrick Welch, and John W. Stewart, doing business under the firm-name of "Foley, Welch & Stewart," Frederick Wilson, D'Arcy Tate, and E. F. White.

Dated this 25th day of February, A.D. 1918.

JOHN OLIVER,

Minister of Railways.

Approved this 25th day of February, A.D. 1918.

JOHN OLIVER,

Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolution considered and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

Resolution reported and adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, seconded by Mr. *Ross*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of: (a) Each trip made from Vancouver by R. J. Stewart, Inspector of Factories, since his appointment; (b) particulars of his official work on each trip; (c) instructions he received to make each trip and from whom received; (d) particulars of his expenses charged to the Department for each trip; (e) particulars of the dates covering each trip from the time he left Vancouver until his return, and the time he spent at each particular stopping-point.

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

1. What is the total mileage of roads in each electoral district of the Province of British Columbia?
2. What is the mileage of roads within organized territory in each electoral district?
3. What is the mileage of roads in unorganized territory in each electoral district?
4. What is the mileage of trails in each electoral district in unorganized territory?

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

"1. Esquimalt, 372 miles; Islands, 233; Cowichan, 188; Newcastle, 219; Nanaimo, 53; Alberni, 463; Comox, 347; Richmond, South Vancouver and North Vancouver, 163; Dewdney, 281; Delta, 127; Chilliwack, 169; Yale, 735; Kamloops, 1,627; North and South Okanagan, 1,360; Similkameen, 826; Greenwood, 170; Grand Forks, 339; Rossland, 715; Trail and Kaslo, 197; Cranbrook, 599; Fernie, 352; Columbia, 372; Revelstoke, 161; Slocan, 241; Lillooet, 1,605; Cariboo, 1,718; Fort George, 915; Omineca, 573; Prince Rupert, 430; Atlin, 411.

"NOTE.—The mileage is taken from the Returns of 1916 and is incomplete. The Department proposes, during the coming season, gathering data and compiling a complete return of all roads and trails.

"2, 3, and 4. Information is not available in Department."

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

1. When was the Royal Commission to inquire into agricultural matters appointed?
2. When did said Commission conclude its labours?

3. What was the total cost to the Province of this Commission?
4. Who were the Commissioners?
5. How much money was paid to each of such Commissioners as: (a) Services; (b) travelling expenses?

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

- "1. December 4th, 1912.
- "2. Commissioners during April and May, 1914; Secretary, C. B. Christensen, on December 21st, 1914.
- "3. \$53,061.62.
- "4. W. H. Hayward, M.L.A., Duncan; Alexander Lucas, M.L.A., Vancouver; S. Shannon, Cloverdale; William Duncan, Comox; J. J. Campbell, Nelson; J. Kidston, Vernon.
- "5. W. H. Hayward, for travelling expenses and disbursements, \$5,243.30; Alex. Lucas, for travelling expenses and disbursements, \$4,213.88; S. Shannon, 261 days, \$5,220 for services and \$1,451.80 for expenses; William Duncan, 261 days, \$5,220 for services and \$992.30 for expenses; J. J. Campbell, 412½ days, \$8,250 for services and \$2,607.10 for expenses; J. Kidston, 267 days, \$5,340 for services and \$2,234.59 for expenses."

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

1. Was H. W. R. Moore appointed a Commissioner *re* proposed incorporation of Shaughnessy Heights?
2. If so, what was the cost of such inquiry?
3. When was such appointment made?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$699.70.
- "3. January 22nd, 1914."

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

1. When was the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs appointed?
2. When did said Commission conclude its labours?
3. What was the cost to the Province of British Columbia of this Commission?
4. Who were the members of this Commission, and what was the total amount of money paid to each Commissioner in respect to his services?

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

- "1. May 19th, 1913.
- "2. Chairman and three other members on July 1st, 1916; Commissioner Macdowall on February 3rd, 1917.
- "3. \$142,708.30.
- "4. Hon. E. L. Wetmore, Chairman (first), \$5,825 for services and \$2,330 for living allowance; N. W. White, K.C., Chairman, \$24,145 for services, \$9,985 for living allowance, and \$55.65 for expenses; J. P. Shaw, M.L.A., \$22,090 for services, \$11,000 for living allowance, and \$4,291.49 for expenses; D. H. Macdowall, \$23,625 for services, \$11,100 for living allowance, and \$11.05 for expenses; J. A. J. McKenna, \$13,010.72 for services, \$11,880 for living allowance, and \$13 for expenses; S. Carmichael, \$16,490 for services, \$8,200 for living allowance, and \$16.65 for expenses; J. G. H. Bergeron, Secretary, \$11,600 for services, \$5,800 for living allowance, and \$147.80 for expenses."

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

1. What was the total expenditure incurred since December 1st, 1916, for renovation, for furniture, and for carpets in the office of the Comptroller-General?
2. What amount was paid for each of such articles purchased?
3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?
4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Renovations, \$22.50; furniture, \$11; carpets, *nil*.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by following statement:—

"*Renovations*.—\$2.50, painting door sign, F. Mellor, private contract; \$20, painting and kalsomining, C. H. Tite, tender.

"*Furniture*.—\$11, desk clock, Little & Taylor."

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

1. What was the total expenditure incurred since December 1st, 1916, for renovation, for furniture, and for carpets in the office of the Minister of Mines?

2. What amount was paid for each of such articles purchased?

3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?

4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Renovation, \$312.19; furniture, \$259.90; carpets, \$152.

"NOTE.—This is an entirely new office and had to be furnished. Former Minister of Mines occupied office used by the late Premier.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by following statement:—

"*Renovations*.—\$40.93, painting (labour and material), C. H. Tite, private contract; \$2.20, hardware, W. S. Fraser & Co., private contract; \$15.75, glazing, The Melrose Co., private contract; \$11.50, baize for doors, David Spencer, Ltd., private contract; \$30, hardware, Hickman Tye Co., private contract; \$128.46, lumber, Lemon, Gonnason Co., private contract; \$36.60, lumber, Jas. Leigh & Sons, private contract; \$46.75, labour, Government carpenters.

"*Furniture*.—\$14.50, 2 hat and coat stands, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$7, 2 brass cuspidors, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$14.75, G.O. washstand, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$64, couch, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$40, cabinet, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$8.30, 2 cushions, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$25.20, curtains, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$11, hat and coat stand, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$12, mirror, Weiler Bros. Ltd.; \$3, oak tray, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$2.90, water jug and glasses, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$4, toilet set, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; 60 cents, 4 towel racks, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$2.40, 24 rubber chair tips, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$3, rubber mat, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$2.25, rubber mat, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$8, brass cuspidors, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$5.50, electric lamp and reflector, Hawkins & Hayward; \$10.50, 2 gooseneck lamp-shades, Hawkins & Hayward.

"*Carpets*.—\$36.50, 1 rug, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$55, 1 rug, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$60.50, linoleum, and laying same, Weiler Bros., Ltd."

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

1. What was the total expenditure incurred since December 1st, 1916, for renovation, for furniture, and for carpets in the office of the Minister of Agriculture?

2. What amount was paid for each of such articles purchased?

3. From whom were the supplies purchased in each case?

4. Who did the work, and was it by tender or private contract?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Renovations, \$584.93; furniture, \$721; carpets, \$433.

"NOTE.—New office. Formerly Minister of Agriculture combined his duties with those of Minister of Finance.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by following statement:—

"*Renovations*.—\$25.60, hardware, W. S. Fraser & Co., Ltd., private contract; \$43, painting (labour), C. H. Tite, private contract; \$165.15, glass partition, Lemon, Gonnason Co., Ltd., private contract; \$17, door signs, Mellor Bros., Ltd., private contract; \$88.18, electric fixtures, Carter Electric Co., private contract; \$3.75, electric fixtures, Hawkins & Hayward, private contract; \$242.25, erecting screens, wiring, etc., Government carpenters and electrician.

"*Furniture*.—\$90, leather lounge, Weiler Bros., Ltd.; \$75.40, large table quartered oak, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$35.35, large table quartered oak, 60 x 34, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$38.75, table, quartered oak, 60 x 34, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$22, table, 42 x 30, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$21.50, table, gold finished, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$45, arm office

chair, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$39, 3 arm chairs, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$65, 1 stenographer's desk, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$11.75, 1 stenographer's chair, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$30, 4 chairs, quartered oak, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$107.05, 2 filing cabinets, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$45, 1 No. 28 cabinet, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$17.50, 1 revolving office chair, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$25, 1 revolving bookcase, Macey Office Equipment Co.; \$1, 1 water-bottle, David Spencer, Ltd.; 50 cents, 2 glasses, David Spencer, Ltd.; 75 cents, 1 tray, David Spencer Ltd.; \$1.50, 1 cuspidor, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$28.75 (lump sum), 4 oak side and 2 arm chairs, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$11.20, 1 hat and umbrella stand, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$9, 1 costumier, David Spencer, Ltd.

"*Carpets*.—\$251.65, 1 Wilton rug, material and laying, David Spencer, Ltd.; \$181.35, cork carpet, 98½ sq. yds. (material and laying), Weiler Bros., Ltd."

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

1. Was His Honour Judge Howay appointed a Royal Commission to value portions of the late Songhees Reserve?
2. If so, when was such appointment made?
3. What was the cost of such inquiry?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. January 6th, 1914.
- "3. \$2,102.25."

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

1. Was His Honour Judge Howay appointed a Royal Commissioner in respect to a timber lease held by the Northern Pacific Lumber Company?
2. If so, when was such appointment made?
3. What was the total cost of said Commission?
4. How many days was such Commissioner engaged on this work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. July 2nd, 1913.
- "3. \$1,277.
- "4. Seventeen days between June 5th, 1913, and February 25th, 1914."

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

1. Was Mr. H. O. Alexander appointed a Royal Commissioner to inquire into the actions of the Vancouver School Board?
2. If so, why was such appointment made?
3. What was the total cost of said Commission?
4. How many days was such Commissioner employed on this work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. By Attorney-General at request of Board.
- "3. \$1,762.15
- "4. No information. Services were rendered between March 3rd and May 8th."

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

1. When was the Royal Commission on Labour appointed?
2. When did said Commission conclude its labours?
3. What was the total cost to the Province of this Commission?
4. Who were the Commissioners?
5. What amount of money was paid to each of these Commissioners?

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

- "1. December 4th, 1912.
- "2. Report made March 3rd, 1914.

"3. \$40,303.36.

"4. H. G. Parson, A. M. Harper, J. A. McKelvie, R. A. Stoney, and John Jardine.

"5. H. G. Parson, 270 days, \$6,750 for services and \$2,639.80 for expenses; A. M. Harper, 225 days, \$4,500 for services and \$1,573.45 for expenses; J. A. McKelvie, 225 days, \$4,500 for services and \$1,694.70 for expenses; R. A. Stoney, 225 days, \$4,500 for services and \$1,633.55 for expenses; John Jardine, 225 days, \$4,500 for services and \$1,623.75 for expenses."

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

1. When was the Royal Commission on Redistribution appointed?
2. When did it conclude its labours?
3. What was the total cost of the Commission?
4. Who were the Commissioners?
5. How much was paid to each of such Commissioners?
6. How many days was each Commissioner engaged in this work?

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

"1. July 18th, 1914.

"2. Report presented to Legislature February 5th, 1915.

"3. \$9,236.50.

"4. Hon. W. A. Macdonald and Hon. Aulay Morrison, of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

"5. \$3,000 to each Commissioner for services; \$177 expenses paid to Mr. Justice Macdonald; \$372.75 expenses paid to Mr. Justice Morrison.

"6. No information."

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

1. Is it the intention to remove Government Agent Lunn from Clinton to Quesnel?
2. Have any complaints been made against said Lunn?
3. If so, by whom, and of what nature are they?
4. In the event of his removal, will he be supplied with the same facilities in the way of house, heat, and light which he at present enjoys at Clinton?
5. Is it the intention to place Government Agent Milburn, of Quesnel, in Lunn's place at Clinton?
6. Have any complaints been made against the said Milburn?
7. If so, by whom, and what are their nature?
8. Upon whose recommendation are such changes, if contemplated, being made?
9. What are the respective salaries of the said Government Agents at present?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Do not consider it in the interests of the Service to state the nature of complaints or by whom made.

"4. Matter will receive consideration.

"5. Yes.

"6. Yes.

"7. Answered by No. 3.

"8. Minister of Department.

"9. Government Agent Lunn, \$155.33; Government Agent Milburn, \$165."

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

1. Was C. R. Hamilton appointed a Royal Commissioner to inquire into the conduct of one William Wilson?
2. If so, what was the cost of such inquiry?
3. When was such appointment made?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$366.
- "3. March, 1914."

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

1. What were the total amounts paid to lawyers acting as Crown Prosecutors during the year 1913-14?
2. Also for the year 1916-17?
3. And also for the year 1917-18 to date for the same services?

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

- "1. \$45,694.39.
- "2. \$18,619.61.
- "3. \$12,039.55 to March 19th, 1918."

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

1. Has the Land Settlement Board taken any options for the purchase of lands for land-development work?
2. If so, from whom have the options been taken, and where are the lands located, and the price and terms?
3. Is it the intention of the Board to operate such properties itself, or to dispose of the lands?

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

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

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

1. How are the sums made up which show that a profit has been made on the operations of the Land Settlement Board for the year ending December 31st, 1917?
2. Is any part of said profits derived from the earnings of the funds of the Agricultural Credit Commission?
3. If so, what amount?
4. What portion of the expenses and salaries of the present Commission and staff has been charged against the Agricultural Credit Commission and what portion against the Land Settlement Board?

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

- "1. See Revenue and Expense Account in Annual Report.
- "2. No.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. For convenience of book-keeping, salaries and expenses from July 16th to December 31st, 1917, were paid out of Land Settlement Board funds and then adjusted on basis of volume of work done. This gave: Outside salaries and expenses chargeable to Agricultural Credit Commission, 80 per cent.; Land Settlement Board, 20 per cent. Office salaries and expenses to Agricultural Credit Commission, 85 per cent.; Land Settlement Board, 15 per cent."

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

1. What position does Mrs. McLaughlin, of Saanich, hold in connection with the Women's Institutes organization at Victoria?
2. Is she paid any salary or expenses in respect of such services?
3. If so, what salary or expenses are paid to her?
4. Why was not this position given to the wife or widow of a soldier?

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

- "1. Secretary.
- "2. Yes.

"3. \$40 per month salary.

"4. No applications received from either wife or widow of soldier; Mrs. McLaughlin was familiar with institute-work."

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

What was the amount of monthly salary paid to the Hon. W. J. Bowser whilst acting as Premier and Attorney-General?

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

"\$750."

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

1. Was one James Morrison, of Nakusp, appointed General Road Foreman or Superintendent of Roads for Slocan in 1917?
2. If so, what salary did he receive?
3. Was not said Morrison's occupation that of a barber?

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

"1. No.

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

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

1. How many launches have been disposed of by the different departments of the Government during the year ending December 31st, 1917?
2. What launches were sold, and what prices were obtained for each?
3. To whom were they sold?
4. Were the sales advertised, and in what papers?
5. How many launches have been purchased during the year ending December 31st, 1917?
6. From whom were they purchased, and the prices paid?
7. What commissions were paid in connection with the purchase or sale of same, if any?
8. Is it the intention of the Government or any of the departments to purchase other launches in the near future?

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

"1. No launches disposed of by the Public Works Department.

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

"5. No launches purchased by Public Works Department.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. It is not the intention of the Public Works Department to purchase any launches in the near future."

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

1. Were Wm. Steenson, Nightwatchman; Robt. Eccles, Fireman; Thos. Nelson, Joseph Jefferies, and Robt. Russell, Day Janitors, in the Parliament Buildings, all dismissed?
2. If so, when and why?
3. What were the respective ages of each of these men and how long had they been in the Service?
4. Who has been appointed to take their places?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. November, 1917; economy.

"3. Wm. Steenson, 54 years; 6½ years' service. Robt. Eccles, 71 years; 3½ years' service. Thos. Nelson, 54 years; 9 years' service. J. Jeffers, 50 years; 2 years' service. R. Russell, 46 years; 2 years' service.

"4. No one appointed to take their places."

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

1. Has the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company submitted a proposal to the Government for the transfer of the water-front property at Prince Rupert, known as Cameron Cove or Cow Bay, from the Government to the railway company, in exchange for other water-front property owned by the company?

2. If so, give the particulars of the extent of property involved in such exchange and the location of same?

3. Does such exchange involve the closing of Cow Bay or Cameron Cove?

4. Is it the intention of the Government to carry out such exchange and permit the closing of Cow Bay or Cameron Cove?

5. What progress has been made with such negotiations?

6. When will same be concluded?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. The railway company agrees to transfer the following described lands: 'Commencing at the most northerly corner of water-front Block F, as shown on a plan on file in the Land Registry Office at Prince Rupert and numbered 923; thence N. 54° 46' 12" E. a distance of 450 feet to a point; thence N. 46° 13' W. a distance of 823.91 feet, more or less, to the harbour head-line as established by Order in Council dated January 25th, 1913, and shown on a plan deposited in the Prince Rupert Land Registry Office as No. 1161; thence following said harbour head-line on a bearing S. 53° 46' 01" W. a distance of 448.54 feet; thence S. 46° 13' E. a distance of 815.91 feet, more or less, to the point of commencement,' in exchange for the following described lands: 'Commencing at the most easterly corner of said water-front Block F, as shown on a plan on file in the Land Registry Office at Prince Rupert and numbered 923; thence following the boundary of said block on a bearing N. 46° 13' W. a distance of 404.076 feet; thence S. 69° 49' 41" W. a distance of 735.74 feet; thence easterly and southerly following the curvilinear boundary of said block of radius 501 feet, described from a centre, which lies in a straight line drawn at right angles to the last-described course southerly from the end thereof, a distance of 852.73 feet; thence following the boundary of said block on a bearing N. 43° 47' E. a distance of 463.54 feet to the point of commencement.'

"3. Yes. At the present time the Grand Trunk Company's right-of-way extends over the area which it is proposed to close. With the exercise of this right by the Grand Trunk, the cove known as Cow Bay would be of negligible practical benefit, and it is considered that the advantages to be derived from an industrial point of view in permitting the closing of Cow Bay and making the exchange of property contemplated will very much outweigh any disadvantages accruing therefrom. The acquiring by the Government of the additional water-front from the Grand Trunk Company will make possible the taking care of the fishing and mosquito fleets of Prince Rupert outside of the right-of-way of the Grand Trunk.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. The Government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company have entered into a tentative agreement.

"6. The agreement will be concluded when the Dominion Government and the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada have authorized the filling-in of the right-of-way."

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

1. What Forest Guards were employed in 1917 in the Big Bend District, north of Revelstoke, the days each were employed, the rate of pay, and the amount paid each for salary, also for expenses?

2. What was the total cost of fire-protection in Revelstoke District for 1917, and the full particulars of same?

3. Was Sam Parsons engaged in this work, was he dismissed, the date of same, and why?

4. Was he engaged the second time and again dismissed?

5. If so, by whom dismissed, and why?

6. Was any returned soldier employed in this work?

7. If not, why not?

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

"1. H. A. Morris, Assistant Forest Ranger, employed May 27th to October 15th, inclusive (142 days); rate of pay, \$100 per month; total wages paid, \$466.13; expenses, \$133.92. S. T. A. Parsons, Patrolman, employed May 18th to October 31st, inclusive; rate of pay, \$75 per month; total wages paid, \$280; expenses, \$92.82. Total cost, \$972.87, made up of: Wages of 1 Assistant Ranger and 1 Patrolman, \$746.13; expenses of 1 Assistant Ranger and 1 Patrolman, \$226.74.

"NOTE.—The above covers territory contained in the valley of the Columbia River from Canoe River to the northern boundary of the Railway Belt.

"3. S. T. A. Parsons was engaged in this work for the fire season. His services terminated September 22nd at end of fire season.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. No.

"7. No applications received from returned soldiers in that district."

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

1. Was one J. A. Murchison, of Ashcroft, appointed Government Agent at Nicola as successor to late Government Agent?

2. If so, what salary is he receiving?

3. Was said Murchison a Civil Servant before said appointment?

4. If not, why was he appointed?

5. Why was some Civil Servant not promoted?

6. What is the age of said Murchison?

7. Was this position offered to any returned soldier?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$150 per month.

"3. No.

"4. Because of his exceeding fitness for the position and his valuable experience as a bank manager.

"5. The clerk in the office suitable for promotion resigned from the Civil Service before permanent appointment was made.

"6. Not known.

"7. The Returned Soldiers' Association of Nicola Valley was asked to recommend a man, but did not know of any one suitable."

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

1. Is one A. R. McDonald, of Sperling, employed as a timber-scaler?

2. If so, at what salary?

3. Did said McDonald pass an examination as scaler?

4. If so, when, and by whom was he examined?

5. Has the Minister made any inquiries as to whether the said McDonald is a British subject or not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$100 per month.

"3. Yes.

"4. December 6th and 7th, 1917; J. M. Hillis.

"5. Yes."

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

1. Was Robt. Gordon formerly the Government Agent at Revelstoke?

2. Was he removed from office?

3. If so, when, and for what reason?

4. What was his age when he left the Service?

5. What salary was he receiving?
6. How long had he been in the Provincial Service?
7. Was A. Johnson appointed his successor?
8. Was said Johnson a Civil Servant?
9. If not, why was he appointed?
10. How old is said Johnson?
11. What salary is he receiving?
12. Why was some Civil Servant not promoted to this office?
13. Was this position offered to any returned soldier?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. September 1st, 1917, for greater efficiency and economy of service.
- "4. Fifty-one.
- "5. \$180.66 per month.
- "6. Ten years.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. No.
- "9. Because of his ability and knowledge of the district.
- "10. Not known.
- "11. \$150 per month.
- "12. Johnson was considered by the Department as being eminently suitable for the position on account of his qualifications.
- "13. Answered by No. 12."

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

1. Was S. A. Fletcher formerly connected with the Audit Department?
2. If so, what was his position and salary?
3. When did he leave the Service?
4. Were his services dispensed with?
5. If so, for what reason?
6. How long had he been in the Provincial Service?
7. Was he given any retiring allowance?
8. If not, why not?
9. Who took over the duties formerly undertaken by said Fletcher?
10. What salary is his successor receiving?
11. What was the age of said Fletcher?
12. What is the age of his successor?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Travelling auditor, \$210 per month.
- "3. December 31st, 1917.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Comptroller-General did not consider him suitable for position.
- "6. Seventeen years.
- "7. No.
- "8. He was kept on for five months after the reorganization of the office.
- "9. A. S. Tryer, promoted from clerkship in Audit Office.
- "10. \$125 per month.
- "11. Sixty.
- "12. Not known."

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

1. Have any communications been received as to the condition of the trail between Fort St. James and Manson Creek from the Post-office Department?

2. Is the Minister aware that the trail in question is used during the whole year for carrying His Majesty's mail?

3. Is it the intention of the Department to do repair-work on said trail during the season of 1918?

4. If not, why not?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The correspondence does not disclose that the trail is used during the whole year as a mail route.

“3. The matter has been referred to the District Engineer and his report is awaited.

“4. Answered by No. 3.”

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

1. Is it the intention of the Department to adopt a permanent policy to encourage the industry of sheep-raising?

2. If so, will such policy be outlined at the present Session of the Legislature?

3. If not, why not?

4. Has representation been made to the Department outlining the necessity for some such policy?

5. If so, by whom?

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

“1. The encouragement of the sheep-raising industry has been and is receiving careful consideration of the Department.

“2. During the past year there has been found so wide a divergence of opinion from so many quarters that it has not been thought wise to take definite action without further investigation.

“3. Answered by No. 2.

“4. Numerous representations from many quarters have been made during the past year.

“5. A large number of people have made representations regarding the whole problem of grazing rights; the Hon. Member for Cariboo especially has given much consideration to this subject.”

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 19th, 1918.

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 amend the ‘Pool-rooms 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. 4) intituled “An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction” was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was again committed. Reported with amendments.
Report to be considered to-morrow.

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 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, 21st March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. Bishop *McDonald*.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 21st, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been strictly complied with in respect to advertising, but your Committee is of opinion that the Rules in respect to advertising have been substantially complied with.

Your Committee would recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioners to proceed with the Bill.

No. 1—The Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 21st, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to validate the Proceedings of the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm since the Year 1905, and certain By-laws and Assessment Rolls."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 21st, 1918.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time for reporting Bills to the House be extended from March 26th to April 9th, 1918.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended, and the report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Burnaby-New Westminster Sewer Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an humble Address be presented by this House to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honour to cause to be brought to the attention of the Dominion Government that, in the opinion of this House, the granting of hereditary titles to residents of Canada be discontinued.

On the motion of Mr. *Nelson*, seconded by Mr. *Buckham*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return showing: (a) The amount expended by the Provincial Government in determining the feasibility of the reclamation of the Kootenay Valley lands near Creston; and (b) the conclusions arrived at as a result of the examinations made.

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

1. What is a brief description of the scope of the work of the Board of Investigation, Water Rights Branch of Department of Lands?
2. How much money has such work cost from its inauguration to January 1st, 1918?
3. When will the said Board complete its labours?
4. When such labour is complete will the Board of Investigation be dissolved or will it be continued as a permanent institution?

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

"1. The scope of the work of the Board of Investigation is, briefly: The determination of water rights under records issued before the 'Water Act, 1909,' of water rights under licences issued by Government Agents under the 'Water Act, 1909,' of water rights under the 'Rivers and Streams Act,' of Indian water rights, and of riparian rights; the reinstalment of licences which have lapsed owing to powers thereunder not being exercised; the amendment or cancellation of licences; reports on petitions for the approval of the undertaking of power (and other) companies; recommendations on petitions for the formation of public irrigation corporations and the supervision of such corporations and of mutual water companies, land and water companies, or fixing tolls to be charged for water by companies; approval of rules made for log-driving; of expropriation or purchase of licences by a municipality, and of agreements for the use of joint works; any matter or question connected with water or water rights which may be referred to it by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or by the Minister of Lands.

"2. Will make a return of statement of cost.

"3. Its labours in respect to water rights acquired before 1909 will probably be completed during the current year.

"4. Scope of the Board's work is being considerably extended, and it will be found it can be made of much public service."

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

1. Is G. Vallance, of Saanich, now clerk assisting in the administration of the "Soldiers' Homestead Act," the same G. Vallance who issued a political news-sheet, known as the "Saanich Column," at the time of the last Provincial election?

2. Why was this position of clerk in the administration of the "Soldiers' Homestead Act" not given to a returned soldier?

3. What salary is said Vallance receiving?

4. Was the occupation of the said G. Vallance formerly that of a cobbler?

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

"1. Do not know.

"2. No returned soldier suitably qualified for position was an applicant at the time of appointment.

"3. \$90 per month.

"4. No."

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

1. Was one J. Paterson, of Victoria, appointed Purchasing Agent?
2. If so, why was he appointed?
3. Was said Paterson a Civil Servant?
4. If not, why was not some Civil Servant appointed?
5. What is the age of said Paterson?
6. Was any returned soldier offered this position?
7. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. He was recommended for appointment to the Executive Council by the Comptroller-General, who considered him the most suitable man among the numerous applications he had before him.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 2.

"5. Do not know.

"6. Answered by No. 2.

"7. Answered by No. 6."

Adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Inspection Act'" resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to regulate Employment in Dangerous Industries" resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

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

1. Is one Noble employed in any position in Revelstoke District?
2. If so, what are his duties, where engaged, and the salary paid?
3. Who held this position before Noble?
4. Did said Noble pass any examination before appointment?
5. Was this position offered to any returned soldier?
6. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Acting Forest Ranger; Columbia Valley, Canoe River to north boundary of Railway Belt, also Trout Lake, Beaton District, and northern portion of Upper Arrow Lake; \$100 per month.

"3. Position jointly held by Assistant Rangers H. A. Morris and A. E. Fowler.

"4. Yes.

"5. No returned soldier with suitable qualifications was applicant for position at time of appointment.

"6. Answered by No. 5."

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

1. Under whose authority is the *Agricultural Journal* published?
2. What is the cost of publication?
3. What is its circulation?
4. What is its date of issue, and is it issued regularly to its subscribers?
5. Who is the editor?
6. What salary is paid the editor?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

"1. Minister of Agriculture.

"2. Approximately \$340.

"3. About 5,500 per month.

"4. The second week of each month; it is issued regularly to those entitled to receive the *Journal* as members of Farmers' Institutes.

"5. Malcolm A. Stuart (acting).

"6. \$100 per month.

"NOTE.—All the expenditures in connection with the *Agricultural Journal* are borne from an appropriation made for that purpose under the terms of the 'Agricultural Instruction Act,' Ottawa."

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

1. Was a second-hand motor-car purchased from Griffith Hughes, of the *Victoria Times*?
2. If so, what price was paid for same?
3. Was any attempt made to purchase from other people at competition?
4. Why was not one of the old Government cars used instead of buying said car?
5. For what purpose was said car purchased?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$500.

"3. Motor-car was found to be considerably cheaper than any other car that could be secured in equal condition.

"4. Old cars were not in good condition, and, besides, were heavy cars, necessitating a large expense for upkeep, and were sold for the same amount as the price paid for the car purchased, which is comparatively new, in first-class condition, and the expense for upkeep will be comparatively light.

"5. For use in the work of the Department."

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act.'"

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting 'Juvenile Courts.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Appointment of Curators of the Estates of Missing Persons."

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act.'"

- Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stratheona Park Act.'"
- Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Statutes and Journals Act.'"
- Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act.'"
- Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Seed."
- Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ditches and Watercourses Act.'"
- Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Home Act.'"
- Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pool-rooms Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to provide for the Proportionate Allotment of Lands held from the Crown under Agreements to Purchase" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

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 5.10 p.m.

Friday, 22nd March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. L. Macrae.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered on Monday next.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to fix a Minimum Wage for Women," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 22nd, 1918.

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 fix a Minimum Wage for Women," 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. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Juvenile Courts" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to validate the Proceedings of the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm since the Year 1905, and certain By-laws and Assessment Rolls" a debate arose, which was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Monday, 25th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. M. Thompson.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 25th, 1918.

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. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage and Dyking Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Hall*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Engineering and Technical Institute of British Columbia" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

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

1. Was James Kerr, of Rock Creek, General Road Foreman, given an allowance by the Department for the use of his automobile?
2. If so, how much was allowed him per month, and when did said allowance cease?
3. Did not said Kerr put in a voucher to the Government Agent at Greenwood for gasolene for said car for the month of February?
4. If so, how much was said voucher for, and was it paid by said Government Agent?
5. Was said voucher certified to by the District Engineer under whom Kerr is working?
6. If not, what authority had the Government Agent for paying said voucher?
7. Was said car used by said Kerr in the work of the Department for the month of February?
8. Were any other allowances made to said Kerr for gasolene for his car?
9. If so, what are the particulars and amounts, and by whose authority were they paid?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$30; December 31st.

"3. Yes.

"4. \$30. Yes, but voucher has not been passed by the Department.

"5. No.

"6. It would be impossible for District Engineers to certify to vouchers for all the districts under their charge, and authority is given the Government Agents to accept the certificates of General Foremen for their respective districts.

"7. No.

"8. Kerr was to be paid \$30 per month for use of his car and allowed an extra set of tires per year.

"9. Answered by No. 8."

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

1. What was the cost incurred for travelling expenses in connection with the conference of District Foresters at Victoria in January last?
2. What matters were discussed at such conference?
3. Could not such matters have been attended to by correspondence or during the periodical visits of the officers of the Lands Department when visiting the various districts?

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

"1. \$385.35.

"2. Organization of staff; transportation; equipment; forest-protection propaganda; trails, telephones, cabins, look-out stations; grazing; Board of Railway Commissioners co-operation; inspection of logging operations; scaling; export of logs; timber trespass; seizure procedure; timber-sale policy, procedure and prices; land classification; fire-fighting; fire claims; burning permits; "Forest Act" amendments; accounts, collections, and property records.

"3. No. Periodical visits of officers of the Department had been seriously curtailed by heavy enlistment among the officers in question. It was also desirable that newly appointed District Foresters replacing enlisted men should confer with the headquarters staff, which could not possibly, under existing pressure of work, spare sufficient time to visit each district separately before the opening of the fire season. The cost of such separate visits by headquarters staff would in any case have equalled or exceeded the cost incurred by district officers visiting Victoria.

Apart from such considerations, the very considerable changes in all sections of the timber business which are taking place under present abnormal war conditions necessitate corresponding adjustments of departmental policy (as, for instance, the matter of aeroplane spruce-cutting), and it was important that a clear understanding should be arrived at with district officers to secure uniform administration throughout the Province. This could only be done by thorough discussion of such matters between the headquarters staff and the District Foresters."

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

1. Has the Department authorized the construction of a bridge across Bissett Creek, Pouce Coupe?
2. If so, when was such authorization given, and to whom?
3. What is the estimated cost of said bridge?
4. What amount has been expended on same to date?
5. Is the Department aware that the bridge is not being constructed on the Government road allowance?
6. If so, why was such action taken?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. November 2nd, 1917; District Engineer.
- "3. Approximately \$375.
- "4. \$458.25.
- "5. No; District Engineer will be asked to report.
- "6. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. What services did F. Lonsdale, labourer, perform in August or September, 1917 (giving dates of employment), for which he was paid as a member of Morgan's road-gang at McBride?
2. Is the Department aware that the said Lonsdale is a permanent employee of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, receiving monthly salary?
3. Is the Department aware that the said Lonsdale was paid for his services in August and September, 1917, by the said railway company?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. Labourer on McBride West Road; September 1st to 3rd; 1½ days at \$3.50.
- "2. No.
- "3. No."

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

What amounts have been paid to D. Menard, Road Superintendent, Peace River, for expenses, for each month from May, 1917, to January, 1918, inclusive?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"May, \$99.35; June, \$51; July, \$54.50; August, \$50.50; September, \$47.50; October, \$48; November, \$38; December, \$30.75; January, \$33.85."

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

1. How many launches have been disposed of by the different departments of the Government during the year ending December 31st, 1917?
2. What launches were sold, and prices obtained for each?
3. To whom were they sold?
4. Were the sales advertised, and in what papers?
5. How many launches have been purchased during the year ending December 31st, 1917?
6. From whom were they purchased, and the prices paid?
7. What commissions were paid in connection with the purchase or sale of same, if any?
8. Is it the intention of the Government or any of the departments to purchase other launches in the near future?

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

- "1. One.
- "2. 'Walrus'; \$75.
- "3. Mr. Smith, Cowichan Lake.
- "4. No.
- "5. None.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. None.
- "8. If necessary.
- "NOTE.—The above answers refer to the Department of Lands only."

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

1. Has the Vancouver Island Forest District been merged in the Vancouver Forest District?
2. What is the reason for this step?
3. Is it the intention to continue the arrangement permanently?
4. Was the convenience of the loggers and lumber industry considered when this step was taken?
5. Who was the District Forester formerly in charge of this work?
6. Where are his headquarters now?
7. What quantity of logs has been scaled annually for the years 1915, 1916, and 1917, giving each year separately, in the Vancouver Island District?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. Answered by No. 1.
- "5. H. S. Irwin.
- "6. Do not know; not working for the Government.
- "7. 1915, 115,858,000 F.B.M.; 1916, 120,468,000 F.B.M.; 1917, 241,674,000 F.B.M."

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

1. Is Stanley W. Brown, of Vancouver, employed in the Lands Department?
2. When did his engagement take place?
3. At what salary was he appointed?
4. To what position was he appointed?
5. To what position was he subsequently transferred?
6. What salary was he paid in the position to which he was thus transferred?
7. To what position has he been recently appointed?
8. And at what salary?
9. What experience has he had to qualify him for any one of these positions?
10. Could not a returned soldier have been appointed in each case?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April 23rd, 1917.
- "3. \$125 per month.
- "4. Chief Clerk, Scaler's Office, Vancouver.
- "5. Recorder of Scaling.
- "6. \$150 per month.
- "7. Inspector of Board of Railway Commissioners.
- "8. \$175 per month.
- "9. Has had long experience in lumber business and general business training.
- "10. No returned soldier of suitable qualifications was applicant for position at time of appointment."

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

1. What disposition was made by the Government of the furniture formerly used by the Ministers of the late Administration, but now discarded in the renovation of the quarters of the present Cabinet?
2. What amount, if any, was received for this furniture and fittings?
3. If sold, was it done by public auction, private tender, or by private sale?
4. To whom was it sold?
5. If not sold, where is it at the present time?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. Used in other offices and one or two articles placed in store room.
- "2. No furniture or fittings sold.
- "3 and 4. Answered by No. 2.
- "5. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. How many teams were employed in the Revelstoke District on road-work in 1917?
2. Who were the owners of said teams, the number of days employed, the rate of pay in each case, and the total amount received by each owner?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. 62 teams.
- "2. Statement of teaming follows: A. Anderson, 4¾ days at \$6.50—\$30.86; O. Blais, 2 days at \$6—\$12; G. Boyd, 1 day at \$7; E. Bowen, 4 days at \$7—\$28; J. Z. Brill, 1½ days at \$7—\$10.50; M. Calder, 8 days 5 hours at \$7—\$59.85; D. R. Campbell, 1 day at \$7; A. Caponero, 7 days 7 hours at \$7—\$54.45; J. Cashato, 2 days 6 hours at \$7—\$18.66; City Transfer Co., 11 days at \$7—\$77; City Transfer Co., 34 days 1 hour at \$7.50—\$255.82; A. Davidson, 3 days at \$7.50—\$22.50; A. Drummond, 3 days at \$6—\$18; O. Enquist, 3½ days at \$6.50—\$22.75; A. E. Evans, 1 day at \$8; A. E. Evans, 14½ days at \$7—\$101.50; R. Faucett, 11 days at \$7—\$77; H. Fischer, 17 days at \$7—\$119; M. Furlong, 12½ days at \$7—\$87.50; W. Glenn, 8½ days at \$8—\$68; M. Goch, 1 day at \$7; T. Grace, 5 hours at \$7 per day—\$3.90; H. T. Hay, 11½ days at \$7—\$80.50; M. Hendrickson, 3 days at \$6.50—\$19.50; M. Hill, 14 days 7 hours at \$6.50—\$96.04; E. A. Hillman, 1 day at \$7; E. A. Hillman, 1 day at \$8.25; W. R. Hillyer, 3 days at \$7—\$21; A. Holmes, 4½ hours at \$6.50 per day—\$3.25; O. Johnson, 12½ days at \$6.50—\$81.25; C. Johnston, 15 days at \$7—\$105; H. Kelly, 3 days 5 hours at \$6—\$21.30; H. Kelly, 1½ days at \$6.50—\$9.75; L. P. LeBeau, 1¼ days at \$6—\$7.50; L. P. LeBeau, 11 days at \$6.50—\$71.50; C. Leonard, 1 day at \$7; F. Marino, 3 days at \$7—\$21; G. Matheson, 1 day at \$7; A. J. MacDonnell, 11½ days at 7—\$80.50; H. MacKinnon, 1 day at \$7; R. MacPherson, 7 days 5 hours at \$6—\$45.30; R. MacPherson, 1 day 4½ hours at \$6.50—\$9.75; D. McIntosh, 2½ days at \$7—\$17.50; C. Olsen, 5 days at \$8—\$40; J. Olsen (team only) 4 days at \$4—\$16; Palace Livery, 3 days 5 hours at 7—\$24.90; E. Russell, 1 day at \$7; F. Saporito, 18 days at \$7—\$126; T. Sardino, 41 days ½ hour at \$7—\$287.38; H. Sederberg, 10 days at \$6.50—\$65; O. Serveoio, 19 days 4½ hours at \$6.50—\$126.75; W. E. Smith, 6 days at \$7—\$42; H. Smith, 4 days 5 hours at \$7—\$31.90; B. F. Somerville, 1 day at \$6; B. F. Somerville, 5 days at \$6.50—\$32.50; W. N. Stephens, 1 day at \$7; G. Timbeau, 3 days at \$6.50—\$19.50; I. Trotter, 4½ days at \$7—\$31.50; H. Turnross, 3 days at \$7—\$21; F. Turnross, 2¾ days at \$7—\$19.25; G. Venute, 6 days at \$7—\$42; J. Vigue (team only), 18½ days at \$4—\$74."

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

1. Was one Richard Ryan dismissed from the position as Chief Janitor in the Parliament Buildings?
2. If so, when and for what reason?
3. How long had said Ryan been in the Service?
4. What notice did he receive for his dismissal?
5. Was any retiring allowance given him?
6. What was the age of said Ryan?
7. Was one Arthur Brakes appointed as his successor?

8. How long has said Brakes been in the Service prior to his appointment?
9. Was this position offered to a returned soldier?
10. If not, why not?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. August, 1917; economy.
- "3. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ years.
- "4. Three days, with an allowance of one month's salary.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. Fifty-seven years.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Three months.
- "9. No. Brakes being a mechanic was appointed on account of his suitability for the position.
- "10. Answered by No. 9."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to fix a Minimum Wage for Women" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to validate the Proceedings of the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm since the Year 1905, and certain By-laws and Assessment Rolls" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion, the Rules were suspended and the Bill was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of correspondence in connection with the "British Columbia Shipping Aid Act."

The Report on Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Appointment of Curators of the Estates of Missing Persons" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Strathcona Park Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Seed" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Premier presented the report of Professor Adam Shortt *re* Economic Conditions and Operations of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company and Subsidiary Companies.

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 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 26th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. P. Chadwick.

The Rules of the House were suspended, and then on the motion of Mr. Weart, seconded by Mr. W. A. McKenzie, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Province of British Columbia, through its Premier, Hon. John Oliver, sends to Sir Douglas Haig and the British Army thanks, confidence, and prayer.

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

1. What was the revenue of the Victoria and Vancouver Land Registry Offices respectively between January 1st, 1917, and December 31st, 1917?

2. What sum of money was withdrawn by applicants to register documents during the same period in each of said Land Registry Offices?

The Hon. Mr. Farris replied as follows:—

"1. Victoria: Gross revenue, \$40,651.95; withdrawals, \$665.62; net revenue, \$39,986.33. Vancouver: Gross revenue, \$62,438.94; withdrawals, \$1,136.85; net revenue, \$61,302.09.

"In addition there was withdrawn from the Victoria Office in June, 1917, the sum of \$10,104.47, being amount overpaid by an applicant in error."

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

1. Was one W. C. Forrester, of Creston, formerly a Provincial Constable?
2. Did he on the 6th of August last prosecute one Reid, station agent at Creston, for being under the influence of liquor while being an interdicted person under the "Liquor Act"?
3. Was he found guilty?
4. Did said Forrester on the same date and at the same place prosecute David Hopkins, of Cranbrook, C.P.R. conductor, for supplying liquor to said Reid?
5. Was said Hopkins found guilty and fined?
6. Did he pay said fine?
7. Was same afterwards rebated?
8. Was said Forrester dismissed a few days afterwards?
9. If so, why was he dismissed?
10. What notice of dismissal did he receive?
11. How long had said Forrester been in the Service?
12. What was his age at time of dismissal?
13. Was one Geo. A. Carter appointed to succeed Forrester?
14. How long had he been in the Province?
15. Was he a returned soldier?
16. If not, why was a returned soldier not appointed?

The Hon. Mr. Farris replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Yes.

- " 4. Yes.
 " 5. Yes.
 " 6. Have no information, but have written for same.
 " 7. No, nor was any application for rebate made.
 " 8. Services dispensed with on August 31st, 1917.
 " 9. For offensive partizanship in Provincial elections, 1916.
 " 10. Written notice from Superintendent of Provincial Police, August 24th, 1917, effective August 31st, 1917.
 " 11. Five years and eleven months.
 " 12. Forty-four.
 " 13. Yes.
 " 14. One week and two days.
 " 15. No.
 " 16. No returned soldier in district fit for police duty available."

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

1. Was one Frank Harmer, of Fernie, formerly a Deputy Game Warden?
2. Did he prosecute one C. D. McNabb, of Waldo, on July 17th last for carrying firearms without a licence, and also for carrying firearms in a motor-car during the close season?
3. Was he found guilty?
4. If so, what fines were imposed?
5. Were said fines paid?
6. Were they afterwards rebated?
7. Was said Harmer dismissed the next month?
8. If so, why was he dismissed?
9. How long had said Harmer been in the Service?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Yes.
- " 3. No; he did not appear or plead either personally or by counsel and was fined in his absence.
- " 4. \$5 for carrying firearms without a licence; \$5 for carrying firearms in automobile during close season; and \$5 costs.
- " 5. Yes.
- " 6. No; and no application made for refund.
- " 7. Yes, on August 31st.
- " 8. In the public interest, and to make way for a returned wounded soldier.
- " 9. April 1st, 1913, to August 31st, 1917."

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

1. Who is the present Game Warden in Revelstoke District?
2. When was he appointed, and his salary?
3. On whose recommendation was he appointed?
4. What is his age?
5. Was he formerly a hotel proprietor?
6. Was this position offered to a returned soldier?
7. If not, why not?

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

- " 1. John Abrahamson.
- " 2. December 10th, 1917; \$75 a month.
- " 3. W. H. Sutherland, M.D.
- " 4. Sixty-two.
- " 5. Have no knowledge.
- " 6. Position was held by returned soldier who resigned. No other returned soldier fit for Deputy Game Warden duty available in this district at the time.
- " 7. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. Was one John C. McRae, Commissioner of the Manitoba Provincial Police, consulted as to the changes in the Provincial Police Force in British Columbia?
2. Did that consultation take place in Victoria?
3. What amount was paid said McRae for such service?
4. Did he make any suggestions in connection with said work?
5. Were said suggestions in writing or verbal?
6. If in writing, will same be presented to the House?
7. How long was said McRae in British Columbia in connection with said work?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Nothing was paid to the said McRae for services. He was paid his travelling and hotel expenses amounting to \$141.50.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Verbal.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. Over a week."

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

1. Was T. H. Collier, formerly Superintendent of Girls' Industrial School of Vancouver, dismissed from office?
2. If so, when, and for what reason?
3. How long had said Collier served as Superintendent?
4. What was his age when dismissed?
5. Who was appointed as his successor?
6. What experience had his successor in this work?
7. How many girls have escaped from the school since the new Superintendent took charge?
8. How many escaped girls are still at large?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Betterment of the Service.
- "3. Since February 1st, 1914.
- "4. Have no information.
- "5. Margaret T. Bayne.
- "6. Experience covering twenty years as girls' teacher from juvenile to advanced classes, including university-work, and during said time as a volunteer worker in the interests of moral reform.
- "7. Five girls escaped on March 15th, instant.
- "8. None."

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

1. How many persons are employed on the Quilchena Experimental Farm?
2. What is the salary of the Superintendent in charge?
3. What is the aggregate pay-roll?
4. What was the cost of operating for years ending 1915, 1916, 1917, and 1918?
5. What amount of profit was shown (if any) in these years?
6. How much was realized on sale of produce?
7. Is it the opinion of the Minister that this farm is now serving a useful purpose?
8. How many acres are included in this property?

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

- "1. Two.
- "2. \$100 per month.
- "3. \$180 per month.

"4. April 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915, \$4,591.39; March 31st, 1915, to March 31st, 1916, \$3,259.68; April 1st, 1916, to March 9th, 1917, \$3,455.84; April 1st, 1917, to December 31st, 1917, \$3,820.59; January 1st, 1918, to March 23rd, 1918, \$433.85.

"5. No profit up to March 9th, 1917. Records in Department of Agriculture since April 1st, 1917, are not sufficiently complete to give definite answer till end of fiscal year.

"6. \$179.14 up to March 9th, 1917; \$1,847.33 between April 1st and December 31st, 1917.

"7. No definite conclusion has been reached.

"8. Lot 2460, Kamloops, 641 acres held in reserve for Quilchena Dry Farm."

Mr. Ross asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Has any application been made to the Government to build a bridge across the Skeena River at or near Terrace?

2. If so, is it the intention of the Government to build said bridge, and when?

3. Did the Hon. the Minister of Lands, prior to the general election in 1916, promise the electors at Terrace to build such bridge?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

"1. Not to the present Government; a petition dated January 3rd, 1913, was presented to the late Government, and on July 4th, 1916, the proposed site was inspected by an official of the Public Works Department.

"2. Matter not determined.

"3. The present Minister did not make such a promise, but I am informed that the late Minister did."

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

1. What position does J. G. McDonald hold in the Government service at South Fort George?

2. What salary does he now receive?

3. How long has he been in receipt of that salary?

4. What salary was he given when he first joined the Government service?

5. In what manner, under what authority, and when has he received successive increases of salary?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. Acting District Forester.

"2. \$125 per month.

"3. Since January 1st, 1918.

"4. \$100 per month.

"5. (a.) By Order in Council No. 1276, December 15th, 1917, salary was increased to \$108.33 per month as from December 1st, 1917. (b.) By Order in Council No. 1310, dated December 28th, 1917, salary was increased to \$125 per month as from January 1st, 1918."

On the motion of Mr. Hall, Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Settled Estates Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Strathcona Park Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act'" was adopted. Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act'" was again committed. Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

1. Of the sum of \$1,121.20 paid for travelling expenses of W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands, in 1916, how much was charged between July 20th and September 14th, 1916?

2. What were the dates of nomination and polling respectively in the general election of 1916?

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

"1. \$162.75.

"2. Nominations, August 3rd, 1916; polling, September 14th, 1916."

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

1. What portion of the \$1,436.95 paid to L. W. Patmore on account of the Fort George Inquiry was for professional services, giving details?

2. What portion of above sum was allowed for railway fares and hotel expenses, giving details in each case?

3. How many days was he allowed for his services at the rate of \$50 a day?

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

"1. \$1,335, made up as follows: Letters and attendance, \$35; counsel fee before inquiry, \$100; counsel fee on inquiry at \$50 per day, \$1,200.

"2. No railway fare charged. Hotel expenses and meals on train, \$89.15; Pullman, Prince Rupert-Prince George and return, \$7.70; Pullman, Prince George-McBride and return, \$2.10; auto-hire, \$3; total, \$101.95.

"3. Twenty-four."

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

1. Has the Government lately floated a loan for \$1,000,000?

2. Through whom was this negotiated?

3. Were any commissions paid?

4. If so, how much?

5. What interest does this loan carry?

6. What amount was received as the proceeds of the loan by the Province?

7. What interest does this net the holder of the bonds?

8. What rate of interest, taking into consideration discount and commission, does this actually cost the Province?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Brent, Noxon & Company, Toronto.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. 5 per cent.

"6. Amount not yet received.

"7. Have no information.

"8. 6.86 per cent."

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

What are the details of the sum of \$3,481.65 paid out in connection with the Prohibition Inquiry?

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

"Expenses of Commissioners, \$2,572.43; accident insurance, \$247.50; stenographers' fees, \$589.72; witness fees, \$72; total, \$3,481.65."

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

1. What was the total amount expended in the construction of a sidewalk on Eighth Street, Revelstoke?

2. What was the authority for building sidewalks in cities?

3. Who was the foreman on said work, the days employed, and the wages paid, and the total amount paid him?

4. What other men were employed on said work, the rate of pay, the time worked, and the amount paid each?

5. What amount of material was used in said work, from whom was it purchased, and what did it cost?

6. Was Geo. Kimberley employed on said work?
7. If so, in what capacity, the number of days he worked, rate of wages, and the total amount paid him?
8. What was the length of said sidewalk, the width of same, and the cost per foot?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. \$207.96 on Eighth Street East.
- "2. Eighth Street is outside the boundaries of the Corporation of City of Revelstoke.
- "3. George Kimberley, 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ days at \$3.50 per day—\$19.50.
- "4. John Short, 5 $\frac{2}{8}$ days at \$3.50—\$18.30; Philip Parker, 5 $\frac{2}{8}$ days at \$3.50—\$18.30; Henry Kempster, 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ days at \$3.50—\$15.15; Ralph De Thomas, 3 $\frac{1}{8}$ days at \$3.50—\$12.05.
- "5. From O. W. Abrahamson: 1,210 feet 2-inch planks at \$20 per M.—\$24.20; 258 lineal feet 2 x 4 at \$2 per M.—\$3.44; ripping, 2 x 8 planks, \$1. From Government Yard: 1,990 feet 2 x 12 spruce and hemlock at \$20—\$39.80; 1,412 lineal feet 2 x 4 spruce and hemlock at \$20—\$18.82. From Lawrence Hardware Co.: 1 keg 4-inch nails, 100 lb., and $\frac{1}{2}$ keg 4-inch nails, 50 lb.—150 lb. at \$7.50—\$11.25. From City Transfer Co.: Excavating, grading, hauling gravel and lumber to Eighth Street East, \$25.75.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Foreman and Carpenter, 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ days at \$3.50—\$19.85.
- "8. 700 feet long, 4 feet wide, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot."

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

1. What was the total amount expended in the year 1917 on the Greely Creek Road, in the Revelstoke District?
2. Who was the foreman, the rate of pay, full particulars of the dates, and the amount paid him?
3. What other men were employed, the dates each worked in each month, the rate of wages, and the amount paid each man?
4. Who were the owners of teams employed on said work, particulars of the dates each team worked, and the amount paid each owner?
5. Was the foreman's team employed on said work?
6. If so, who drove said team?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. \$473.05.
- "2. J. B. MacKenzie, April 1st to 30th, General Foreman, \$125 per month; Duncan McRae, May 1st to 8th, 7 days at \$4—\$28; W. E. Smith, May 21st to 26th, 6 days at \$4—\$24.
- "3. Duncan McRae, April 16th to 30th, 13 days at \$3—\$39; R. McRury, April 16th to 28th, 12 days at \$3—\$36; Frank Marino, April 17th to 30th, 12 days at \$3—\$36; Rosie Desimone, April 24th to 28th, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ days at \$3—\$14.25; Gabrielle Serrianni, April 28th to 30th, 2 days at \$3—\$6; Charles Olsen, April 28th to 30th, 2 days at \$3—\$6; W. E. Smith, April 26th, 1 day at \$3; Gabrielle Serrianni, April 25th to 27, 3 days at \$3—\$9; R. McRury, May 2nd to 8th, 6 days at \$3—\$18; R. Desimone, May 2nd to 8th, 6 days at \$3—\$18; Gabrielle Serrianni, May 1st to 8th, 7 days at \$3—\$21; Jas. Minnotti, May 2nd to 8th, 6 days at \$3—\$18; W. E. Smith, May 4th to 8th, 2 days 5 hours at \$3—\$7.65; F. Marino, May 4th and 5th, 2 days at \$3—\$6; F. Marino, May 21st to 23rd, 3 days at \$3—\$9; J. Boyle, May 21st to 26th, 6 days at \$3—\$18; H. Turnross, May 24th to 26th, 3 days at \$3—\$9.
- "4. W. E. Smith, April 24th to 30th, 5 days at \$7—\$35; W. E. Smith, May 7th, 1 day at \$7; Hannah Smith, May 21st to 26th, 4 days 5 hours at \$7—\$31.90; H. Turnross, May 21st to 24th, 3 days at \$7—\$21; F. Marino, May 24th to 26th, 3 days at \$7—\$21.
- "5. No.
- "6. Answered by No. 5."

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

1. How much work has been done on the road from Hardy Bay to Coal Harbour?
2. Is this work under the superintendency of a Government official?
3. If so, who is he, and how often does he inspect the work?

4. Has the Government paid any money to the Whalen Pulp & Paper Mill, Ltd., on account of this road?

5. If so, how much?

6. Is the work already done satisfactory to the Department?

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

"1. \$22,000.

"2. Yes.

"3. District Engineer, with an Inspector on the work all the time.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. No."

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

1. What was the total amount paid on account of the Johnson Creek Road, in the Greenwood District, in 1917?

2. Was one Frank Coryell, of Grand Forks, employed to lay out said work?

3. What amount was paid said Coryell for this work?

4. Why was this work not done by the Resident Engineer or the General Foreman for the district?

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

"1. \$334.

"2. Yes

"3. \$192.

"4. District Engineer not available at time, being in northern part of his district; General Foreman is not qualified to make surveys."

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

1. What was the estimated cost of damages done to roads and trails in the Bella Coola Valley by the floods of last year?

2. What amount of money has been expended in repairing said damages?

3. What steps have been taken to complete repairs?

4. What is the estimated cost of damages to bridges in the Bella Coola Valley by the floods of last year?

5. What amount of money has been expended in repairs or in rebuilding said bridges?

6. What steps have been taken by the Government to complete the repairs or the rebuilding of said bridges?

7. Have any of the bridges been washed out since repairs were made?

8. What is the estimated cost of damages to river-bank protection adjacent to the townsite of Bella Coola?

9. What steps have been taken to repair such damages?

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

"1. \$66,050.

"2. \$2,665.75, by vouchers received.

"3. Work still in hand.

"4. \$31,050.

"5. \$507.95, by vouchers received.

"6. Instructions issued to rebuild or repair the bridges.

"7. No; but part of repair-work on Clayton Bridge was washed out by second flood.

"8. Not estimated.

"9. Nothing can be done under present condition of water."

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

1. How much money was spent in the year 1917 on roads and trails in the Cobble Hill District, Cowichan Riding?

2. Who was employed on said work, giving full particulars of their names, work done by each, the periods employed, and the amounts paid each?

3. Were any teams employed on said work?

4. If so, whose teams were employed, the number of days worked, and the amount paid each owner of the teams?

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

“1. \$3,377.69.

“2. J. Walton, foreman, May to December, \$727.50; J. Craig, labourer, May to December, \$421.50; W. Freeman, labourer, May and June, \$135; J. Freeman, labourer, May and June, \$136.50; H. Wilder, labourer, May, \$7.50; H. Harknett, labourer, May, \$24; R. Manley, labourer, May, \$4.50; J. Robinson, labourer, May, June, and July, \$81.75; J. Clark, labourer, June and December, \$84.75; J. Horneybrook, labourer, June, \$28.50; J. Stanier, labourer, June, \$30; J. Lewington, labourer, June and July, \$81; W. Kitt, labourer, June, \$22.50; G. Garnett, labourer, June, \$6; W. Gibbs, labourer, June, \$2.25; G. Marchant, labourer, August, \$24; W. Dann, labourer, August and September, \$39.75; C. Lamb, labourer, August, \$3; H. Nightingale, labourer, October, \$1.50; J. McIntee, labourer, September and October, \$6.75; G. Gibbs, labourer, October, \$36; M. Meiss, labourer, December, \$3; W. Dougan, labourer, December, \$1.50; N. McIntee, labourer, September, \$15.75.

“3. Yes.

“4. E. Williams, 41 days, \$250; A. Cheal, 25½ days, \$178; C. Knight, 93½ days, \$628.50; J. Wood, ½ day, \$3; R. Manley, 1 day, \$6; D. Faulkner, ½ day, \$3; T. Jefferies, 10½ days, \$63.50; W. Gibbs, 12 days, \$84.”

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act respecting the Appointment of Curators of the Estates of Missing Persons” was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

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

Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to validate the Proceedings of the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm since the Year 1905, and certain By-laws and Assessment Rolls” was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *West*.

The Hon. the Premier presented the Report of the Commissioner appointed to inquire into all claims for compensation for injury, either to person or property, arising out of and in the course of the riots or disorders which occurred during the coal-miners' strike on Vancouver Island in the years 1913 and 1914.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Thursday, March 28th.

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

What was the total amount of money paid to Price, Waterhouse & Company for services rendered as auditors from the commencement of their services to the date of completion of same?

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

“\$18,227.75.”

Mr. *K. C. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. How many applications for loans were received by the Agricultural Credit Commission from April 26th, 1916, to March 31st, 1917, inclusive?
2. How many loans were granted in accordance with said applications during said period?
3. What was the total amount of loans so granted?
4. How many of said loans were completed and disbursed at March 31st, 1917?
5. How many applications for loans were received by the Agricultural Credit Commission between April 1st, 1917, and July 14th, 1917, inclusive?
6. How many loans were granted on account of such applications between said dates?
7. What was the total amount of the loans so granted?
8. How many of said loans were completed and disbursed at July 14th, 1917?
9. How many appraised applications were left over by the Agricultural Credit Commission at July 14th, 1917, to be finally dealt with by the Land Settlement Board?
10. How many unappraised applications were left over by the Agricultural Credit Commission at July 14th, 1917, to be appraised and finally disposed of by the Land Settlement Board?
11. What was the total amount of said applications?
12. How many of said loans were completed and disbursed from July 16th to December 31st, 1917, inclusive, by the Land Settlement Board?
13. How many applications appraised by the Agricultural Credit Commission had to be reappraised or reported on by the Land Settlement Board prior to January 1st, 1918?
14. How many applications for loans were received by the Land Settlement Board from July 16th to December 31st, 1917, inclusive?
15. How many loans were granted during the same time on applications received by the Land Settlement Board?
16. What was the total amount of said loans so granted?
17. How many of said loans were completed and disbursed at December 31st, 1917, by the Land Settlement Board?
18. Are the Directors of the Land Settlement Board drawing salaries and expenses during the winter months?
19. How has the time of the Directors of the Land Settlement Board been occupied from January 1st, 1918, to the present date; and, if so, in what manner?

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

- “1. 1347.
- “2. 414, less 55 cancelled=359.
- “3. \$802,900, less \$79,100 cancelled=\$723,800.
- “4. 72; amount, \$149,180.
- “5. 44; amount, \$56,836.
- “6. 28.
- “7. \$76,850 (also 48 cancelled, \$52,100).
- “8. 152; amount, \$294,200.
- “9. 57; amount, \$108,650.
- “10. 408.
- “11. \$665,261.
- “12. 132; amount, \$275,200.
- “13. 23.
- “14. 135.
- “15. 55.
- “16. \$153,950.
- “17. 30; amount, \$51,350.

"18. Yes.

"19. In session fifteen days, deliberating upon and transacting general business, examining reports, and investigating various projects coming under the jurisdiction of the Board; partly collecting data, inspecting and investigating numerous land settlement and development proposals for increasing agricultural production, including draining, dyking, irrigating, and clearing enterprises; also doing such appraisal work as weather conditions permitted."

The Report on Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to validate the Proceedings of the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm since the Year 1905, and certain By-laws and Assessment Rolls" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act'" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Report on Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Appointment of Curators of the Estates of Missing Persons" was adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Seed" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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 5.25 p.m.

Thursday, 28th March, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Captain *Campbell*.

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

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next, April 2nd, to consider the Resolution.

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

1. Who is the present Game Warden at Penticton?
2. When was he appointed, and his salary?
3. What was his age at time of appointment?
4. Was he not a blacksmith at Penticton before appointment?
5. Why was not a returned soldier appointed?

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

- "1. Alex. Beattie.
- "2. September 1st, 1917; \$75 per month.
- "3. Fifty-one.
- "4. No information.
- "5. No suitable returned soldier in district available at time of appointment."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to regulate Employment in Dangerous Industries."

Question proposed—"That the Bill be read a second time now."

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* moved in amendment,—

To strike out the word "now," and insert in lieu thereof the words "this day six months."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?" and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—6.

Messieurs

<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Wallis,</i>	<i>Nelson.</i>
<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>		

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Bell,</i>
<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>
<i>Walters,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Barrow,</i>			

On the motion being put that the words to be added stand part of the question, it was *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Bell,</i>
<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>
<i>Walters,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Barrow,</i>			

NAYS—6.

Messieurs

<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Wallis,</i>	<i>Nelson.</i>
<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>		

That the motion as amended pass was *Resolved* in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Hall.</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Bell,</i>
<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>
<i>Walters,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Barrow,</i>			

NAYS—6.

Messieurs

Bowler,
Rose,Hawthornthwaite,
Schofield,

Wallis,

Nelson.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Settled Estates Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Appointment of Curators of the Estates of Missing Persons" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act'" was adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Juvenile Courts" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 28th, 1918.

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. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

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:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Site Act, 1911,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 28th, 1918.

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. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Site Act, 1911,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

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:—

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 28th, 1918.

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

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 25th, 1918.

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 'Audit Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported and adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1917,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 28th, 1918.

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. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1917,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 28th, 1918.

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. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1916,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 28th, 1918.

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. 59) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for Provincial Purposes," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 28th, 1918.

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. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. K. Courtney, Acting Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

(No. 4) An Act respecting the Cutting of Spruce Timber for Use in Aeroplane-construction.

(No. 33) An Act to amend the "Strathcona Park Act."

(No. 53) An Act to validate the Proceedings of the Corporation of the District of Salmon Arm since the Year 1905, and certain By-laws and Assessment Rolls.

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

The said assent was announced by the Acting Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 1918.

On motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Tuesday, 2nd April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Mr. *Hughes*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Resolution, "That a Supply be granted to His Majesty."

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That the House will at its next session resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Of the sum of \$1,121.20 paid for travelling expenses of W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands in 1916, how much was charged between August 3rd, 1916 (date of nomination), and September 14th (date of polling)?

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

“Nothing.”

Dr. *Sutherland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Of the sum of \$1,121.20 paid to W. R. Ross for travelling expenses incurred during the summer of 1916, how much was paid prior to July 15th, 1916?

2. What were the various items in the bill for the said sum?

3. Was any further account put in for expenses during that period; and, if so, what for?

4. Did W. R. Ross incur any travelling expenses after the defeat of the Bowser Government at the polls and before it resigned office; and, if so, how much?

5. If so, were such expenses incurred in connection with election protest lodged against the return of the said W. R. Ross?

6. What was the total amount paid to W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands, for travelling expenses during the fiscal year 1916-17?

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

“1. \$2.50 paid for a mosquito-tent for the Minister's use. Remainder of account paid October 28th, 1916. Mr. Ross received advances on account of travelling expenses of \$500 in June and \$300 in July.

“2. June 14th, Jeune & Bro., mosquito-tent, \$2.50; June 10th to 28th, travelling expenses, Anyox, Prince Rupert, Hazelton, Fort George, and Northern points, \$312.60; June 28th to July 15th, travelling expenses to Peace River District and return, via Edmonton, \$643.35; July 16th to August 2nd, travelling expenses, Vanderhoof, Chilko, and return, \$162.75.

“3. No; but on August 9th a cheque for \$400 was passed in favour of the Government Agent at South Fort George to refund advance of a similar sum made by him to the Minister on account of travelling expenses.

“4. Yes; \$150.45, made up of \$13.05 for trip to Vancouver and return on October 30th to 31st, and \$137.40 for trip to Vancouver, Fort George, Prince Rupert, and return, November 4th to 14th.

“5. No information in Department.

“6. \$1,355.25.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the Resolution moved by Mr. *Hall* on the 14th March, as follows:—

Whereas, under the authority of Dominion Statute, an Arbitration Board is now sitting to determine the value of the shares of the Canadian Northern Railway:

And whereas the Canadian Northern Railway has covenanted with His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia for the construction and operation of certain railways in the said Province, and has made default in carrying out the said covenant, to the serious injury and loss of the people of said Province:

And whereas the said Canadian Northern Railway is the holder of all the shares of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, which shares constitute one of the assets of the Canadian Northern Railway:

And whereas the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway has made default in carrying out undertakings and obligations for the construction and operation of certain lines of railroad in the said Province, to the serious loss and injury of the people thereof:

And whereas the shares of these companies can have no value unless the companies are in a position to carry out their respective obligations:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that any payment to the holders of the shares of the said companies or any of them, unless and until the obligations of the said railway companies and each of them to His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia have been met, would be an outrage on the rights of the people of the said Province.

Further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa.

And the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Anderson* on March 19th, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "thereof" in the twelfth line of the Resolution, and substitute in lieu thereof the following:—

"Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, immediate measures should be taken by the Dominion Government, who own or will soon own all the share capital of the Canadian Northern Railway, to have the obligations of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway in British Columbia completed at the earliest possible moment, more especially the construction and completion of terminals, the lines of railway on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland, and the line of railway from the City of Kamloops to Vernon and Kelowna.

"Be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Wallis,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>

NAYS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>
<i>Cowper,</i>			

The Resolution being put was carried on the following division:—

YEAS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>
<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>	

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Wallis,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Thompson.</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>		

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, the debate was adjourned until the next sitting of the House.

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

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

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 5.35 p.m.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. *Baugh Allen*.

Mr. *Nelson* presented a petition from W. G. Merriman-Norman, E. Symonds, W. K. Noble, and many other citizens and ratepayers of Vancouver, opposing amendments to "Vancouver City Incorporation Act" *re* jitney service.

Laid on the table.

Mr. *Nelson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Buckham*,—

Whereas the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Ltd., have recently imposed a new and much higher schedule of rates for the treatment of lead and zinc ores carrying silver:

And whereas the mine operators claim that said schedule is unfair and excessive, and that the effect will be to greatly curtail shipments, and in many cases cause the closing-down of mines:

And whereas the management of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company state that the schedule is based on the actual cost plus a minimum of profit:

And whereas the Associated Boards of Trade, in convention at Nelson, appointed a committee to investigate the matters referred to:

And whereas the Federal Government has recognized said committee and are assisting in said investigation to the extent of appointing a metallurgist to act in conjunction with them:

And whereas the mining interests of this Province are seriously affected by this unsettled condition:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That an Order of this House be passed instructing the Standing Committee on Mining to take up the several allegations made and report its findings to the House forthwith.

Mr. *Hawthornthwaite* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Bowser*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Resolved" in the last paragraph of the Resolution, and add the following words: "That, in the opinion of this House, the appointment of a Royal Commission under the 'Public Inquiries Act' to investigate all these circumstances should be considered at earliest moment by the Government of this Province."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until to-morrow.

On the motion of Mr. *Manson*, seconded by Mr. *Anderson*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas it appears from the answers of the Hon. the Minister of Finance to questions upon the Order Paper as to the expense of the Commission appointed under the "Prohibition Overseas Vote Investigation Act" that the members of the said Commission gave their services gratis in connection with the said Commission at very considerable personal inconvenience and peril, and at the sacrifice of almost three months of their time:

And whereas the members of the said Commission performed their duties in a most creditable, thorough, and painstaking manner, and put beyond doubt the facts in question that formed the subject-matter of the said inquiry:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the thanks and gratitude of this House be tendered to Messrs. David Whiteside, F. A. Pauline, and C. F. Nelson, Members of this House, for their excellent services in the aforementioned connection.

On the motion of Mr. *Cowper*, seconded by Mrs. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That whereas Canada is a nation of democratic ideals, in which class distinctions founded on social differences are repugnant and inimical to the national welfare:

And whereas, in response to the call for men to defend the Empire, thousands of Canadian men entered the ranks of the Canadian Army without regard to rank or social position, and in that service have endured wounds and disabilities:

And whereas the Dominion Government has adopted a scheme of pensions for disabled soldiers whereby the men who volunteered for service in the ranks are to receive less compensation for similar disabilities than those men who sought service as commissioned officers:

And whereas such a system is opposed to natural justice and to the democratic ideals of the people of Canada:

Now, be it therefore *Resolved*, That this Legislature places itself on record as being opposed to a class system of pensions for soldiers and in favour of the equalization of war pensions for disabled soldiers.

And be it further *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa.

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

1. What was the total cost of the Hall's Landing Ferry, in the Revelstoke District?
2. What was the estimated cost of same?
3. Who was employed during the months of November, December, January, and February on said work?
4. What was the number of days each man worked, the rate of pay to each workman, and the amount received by each?
5. What was the amount of timber used, who supplied same, the amount used in construction, and the price paid?
6. Who was the foreman of said work, the number of days employed, and the wages paid him?
7. Was Cecil Johnston engaged on this work?
8. If so, in what capacity, the number of days employed, the rate of pay, and the total amount paid him?
9. Is said Johnston still engaged on this work, and what are his present duties?

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

"1. Ferry, \$5,456.16; ferry landing, \$2,615.78; operating temporary ferry to Arrowhead, \$200.

"2. \$5,000, ferry only.

"3 and 4. *December*.—John Vigue, foreman, \$4.25 per day—\$12.75; Herb. Fisher, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$7; John Vigue, Jr., labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$7; Alex. Michels, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$3.50; Peter Michels, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$5.25; Ward Burner, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$7; Richard Faucett, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$7; Tom Huggard, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$7; J. Webster, blacksmith, \$4 per day—\$12; Dave Webster, blacksmith's helper, \$3.50 per day—\$7;

John Vigue, foreman, \$4.25 per day—\$14.77; Herb. Fisher, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$8.75; Herb. Fisher, man and team, \$7 per day—\$7; John Vigue, Jr., labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$8.75; Alex. Michels, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$8.75; Peter Michels, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$10.50; Ward Burner, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$8.75; Richard Faucett, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$7; Tom Huggard, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$8.75; Cecil Johnston, foreman, \$4.25 per day—\$21.25; Tony Sardino, man and team, \$7 per day—\$14; E. D. Bowen, man and team, \$7 per day—\$7; H. P. Melish, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$7; W. Bowen, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$3.50; P. Michels, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$7; Robert Armstrong, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$3.50.

"January.—John Vigue, foreman, \$4.25 per day—\$19.12; H. Fisher, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$21; Alex. Michels, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$19.25; Peter Michels, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$19.25; Ward Burner, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$17.50; R. Faucett, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$12.25; John Vigue, Jr., labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$7; John Vigue, team, \$4 per day—\$6; T. Huggard, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$24.50; Cecil Johnston, foreman, \$4.25 per day—\$4.25; Tony Sardino, team and man, \$7 per day—\$7.

"February.—Thos. McCormick, foreman, \$6 per day—\$36; A. Markstrom, axeman, \$4 per day—\$14; J. Markstrom, axeman, \$4 per day—\$14.20; Neil MacDonald, axeman, \$4 per day—\$48; P. Michels, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$49; J. Vigue, hewer, \$4.25 per day—\$48.65; H. Fisher, axeman, \$4 per day—\$32.45; Tom Huggard, labourer, \$3.50 per day—\$21; O. Johnson, axeman, \$4 per day—\$37.80; H. Fisher, man and team, \$7 per day—\$14; J. Vigue, man and team, \$7 per day—\$7; R. MacDonald, caulker, \$4.75 per day—\$33.25.

"5. 18,010 feet plank, Forest Mills, B.C., at 24 cents—\$432.24; 448 feet guard rail, H. Trussler, at 1½ cents—\$6.72; 44 poles from Forest Mills, B.C., 1,092 feet at 3 cents—\$32.76; 26 poles, 30 feet long, Department of Interior, 780 feet at 2 cents—\$12.62; 21 30-foot telephone-poles, Department of Interior, 630 feet at 26 cents—\$5.46; 480 feet of cedar poles, H. Fisher, Sproat, 480 feet at 1 cent—\$4.80; 9 25-foot poles, H. Trussler, 225 feet at 1 cent—\$2.25; the ferry-scow built by Bulger & Rawlings, contract, \$1,622.83.

"6. John Vigue, 22 days, \$93.39; T. J. McCormick, 24 days, \$144; Cecil Johnston, 21 days, \$89.25.

"7. Yes.

"8. Foreman and axeman, 39 days at \$4.25—\$161.25.

"9. No."

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

1. Has the \$2,200 work done on the road from Hardy Bay to Coal Harbour been done by the Whalen Pulp & Paper Mill, Ltd.?

2. If not, how much has been done by this Company?

3. Who is the District Engineer in charge of this work?

4. How often has he visited said work?

5. Who is the Inspector on the work, and what salary and allowance is he receiving?

6. Have the Whalen Co. ceased work?

7. If so, what does the Department propose to do about finishing the work?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; the amount is \$22,000.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. W. K. Gwyer and H. E. Stevens.

"4. Six times.

"5. W. Pugin; \$150 per month and transportation.

"6. Yes.

"7. Under consideration."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to provide for the Proportionate Allotment of Lands held from the Crown under Agreements to Purchase" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to fix a Minimum Wage for Women" was resumed.

The debate was again adjourned until to-morrow.

The following Bills were read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed to-morrow:—

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Burnaby-New Westminster Sewer Act.'"

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage and Dyking Act.'"

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Site Act, 1911.'"

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Settled Estates Act'" was committed. Reported with amendments.

Report adopted.

To be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ditches and Watercourses Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading to-morrow.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again to-morrow.

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 5.45 p.m.

Thursday, 4th April, 1918.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. J. G. Inkster.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates and Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1919;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March, 1918; Schedule A, Unprovided Items of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1917, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
April 3rd, 1918.*

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Weart*, adjourned until the next sitting.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Settled Estates Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act,'" and

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ditches and Watercourses Act'" were read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Seed" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was again committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

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

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at next sitting.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Burnaby-New Westminster Sewer Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to fix a Minimum Wage for Women" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.