

Friday, November 15th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1942;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1941;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1940, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 13th, 1940.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

1. How many marriages were performed during 1939 and 1940 respectively?
2. How many new cases of venereal disease have been recorded and treated of (a) adults and (b) children by (c) public clinics and (d) private physicians during 1939 and 1940 respectively?
3. How many children under the age of one year were treated for venereal disease during 1939 and 1940 respectively?
4. How many deaths of (a) adults, (b) children over one year, and (c) children under one year of age occurred during 1939 and 1940 respectively, in which venereal disease was the sole or contributing cause.

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

"1. 7,701 marriages registered in 1939 and 7,246 marriages registered up till September 30th, 1940.

"2. (a) 1,381 adult notifications by (c) public clinics in 1939 and 970 up till September 30th, 1940; 853 adult notifications by (d) private physicians in 1939 and 759 up till September 30th, 1940. (b) 37 notifications of persons under 18 years of age by (c) public clinics in 1939 and 32 up till September 30th, 1940; 31 notifications of persons under 18 years of age by (d) private physicians in 1939 and 24 up till September 30th, 1940.

"3. 8 in 1939 and 8 up till September 30th, 1940.

"4. (a) 70 adults in 1939 and 42 adults up till September 30th, 1940; (b) 3 children over one year in 1939 and 1 child over one year up till September 30th, 1940; (c) 5 children under one year in 1939 and 2 children under one year up till September 30th, 1940.

"NOTE.—The statistics in question No. 4 are registrations of death."

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

1. Is it the practice for some first offenders to serve their sentence in a local gaol?
2. If yes, what is the maximum period it is permitted to so serve?
3. What number of such prisoners were confined in Nelson Gaol during each of the calendar years 1939 and 1940 (10 months only)?
4. How many were serving sentences of six months or over?
5. How many were under the age of 23 years?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Two years, less one day.
- “ 3. 1939, 101; 1940 (January to October), 73.
- “ 4. 1939, 12; 1940 (January to October), 9.
- “ 5. 1939, 12; 1940 (January to October), 15.”

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

1. Has the Government under rental liquor premises in Quesnel, B.C.?
2. If so, from whom were the premises rented?
3. What rental is being paid for the premises?
4. For what length of time is the lease entered into?
5. What was the rental paid for previous premises in Quesnel?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Georgie Arbuthnot Donnelly.
- “ 3. \$55 per month (1,800 square feet). New premises erected for use as liquor store.
- “ 4. Five years from April 1st, 1940, with provision to rent for a further two years at same rental.
- “ 5. \$50 per month (1,000 square feet). Owing to inadequacy of size of premises, extra storage-space had to be rented during the years 1938 and 1939, as follows: 1938, \$50; 1939, \$100; total, \$150.”

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

1. How much of the 1939 road appropriation for the Chilliwack riding was used?
2. What were the amounts spent upon the different roads?

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

- “ 1. See pages 70 and 71 of Public Works Report, 1939-40.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.59 p.m.

Monday, November 18th, 1940.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. G. Griffiths*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—

Annual Report of the Lands and Surveys Branches of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

By the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*—

Annual Report of the Trade of British Columbia with other Canadian Provinces and with Foreign Countries for the Year ended March 31st, 1940.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Anscomb*:—

1. Have any changes been made since March 31st, 1939, in the securities in which funds of the Superannuation Fund were invested?
2. If yes, what changes and why? Give full details.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Anscomb*:—

1. In what securities are the sinking funds invested of the following: (a) Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board, due 1940-71; (b) Agricultural Credit Commission, due May 1st, 1941; (c) West Nicomen Dyking District, due May 1st, 1953? Give full data with list of securities in each case.
2. Are the sinking funds up to the full requirements as agreed to in the bonds?

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Anscomb*:—

1. Have any changes been made since March 31st, 1939, in the securities in which funds of the Teachers' Pensions Fund were invested?
2. If yes, what changes and why? Give full details.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Anscomb*:—

1. Has the Province of Alberta to date tendered without prejudice 50 per cent. of interest due in payment of the interest on bonds held by the Government?
2. If yes, has the Treasury Department accepted with or without prejudice the 50 per cent.?
3. If no acceptance made with or without prejudice, what amount of interest is now overdue?
4. What action has the Government taken to collect the sums overdue?

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

1. How many pounds of butter-fat were produced in this Province during the last fiscal year?
2. How many pounds of butter-fat were sold on the fluid-milk market?
3. What was the average price per pound butter-fat received by the producer where such was sold on the fluid market?

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

- "1. Statistics are compiled by calendar and not by fiscal years. For 1939, approximately 23,000,000 lb. butter-fat.
- "2. Approximately 5,500,000 lb. butter-fat.
- "3. Approximately 42 cents per lb. butter-fat."

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

1. What number of inmates now in Oakalla are known to be drug addicts, (a) male, (b) female, respectively?
2. Of what offences were they convicted?
3. Are drug addicts segregated from other inmates?
4. What is the estimated average period of medical treatment necessary to effect a cure of drug addiction?

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

“1. Male, 30; female, 5.

“2. Vagrancy, 5; possess opium, 11; assault peace officer, 1; stealing, 7; attempted extortion, 1; possess morphine, 3; sell opium, 4; break and enter, intent steal, 1; live in part earnings prostitution, 1; false pretences, 3; break, enter, and steal, 2; escape custody, 1; keep bawdy house, 3; ‘Liquor Act,’ keep for sale, 1; ‘Liquor Act,’ intoxication, 1; possess stolen property, 1; robbery with violence, 1; transport opium, 1.

“3. Drug addicts, as much as possible, are kept on a tier by themselves.

“4. Cannot estimate; treatment dependent upon condition, etc., of each individual patient.”

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

1. Are annual clothing allowances included in the terms of engagement of guards at Oakalla?
2. If yes, of what did such allowances consist in 1939?
3. Does the same annual allowance still continue?

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

“1. No; uniforms are supplied.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

How many farmers in the Province were allowed to work off their taxes during the years 1936, 1937, 1938, and 1939?

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

“1936, 5,862 farmers; 1937, 6,493 farmers; 1938, 6,140 farmers; 1939, 9,270 farmers.”

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

1. Was any amount refunded during the year 1940 of the 1-per-cent. tax?
2. If yes, how much?
3. What amount has been refunded from the inception of the Act to October 1st, 1940?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. \$1,163,983.79, to October 1st, 1940.

“3. \$6,456,404.90.”

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

1. What is the known or estimated number of workers gainfully employed in the Province?
2. Of the above, what is the known or estimated number of (a) agricultural workers, (b) domestic servants, (c) casual workers, and (d) self-employed persons, respectively?
3. What is the known or estimated number of workers covered by the “Workmen’s Compensation Act”?

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

“1. The Provincial Department of Labour figures only cover workers employed by employers in trades and industries making returns under annual statistical form. The only other information available is the Dominion census (last issue, 1931). Figures in this census show the numbers gainfully occupied but not the numbers gainfully employed.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. Estimated, 160,000.”

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

1. Has any investigation been made by any Government Department or by its Minister into the workings or operations of the Workmen's Compensation Board during the last three years, with special reference to its financial set-up and the investment of its funds?

2. If so, what was the result of said investigations?

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

"1. An examination has been made into certain matters relating to the affairs of the Workmen's Compensation Board, including the financial affairs and investment funds, by a firm of chartered accountants. An examination has also been made into certain matters relating to the affairs of the Workmen's Compensation Board, including valuation of pension liabilities, by a firm of actuaries. From these examinations certain questions have arisen regarding legal interpretation of the 'Workmen's Compensation Act' by the Board and differences of opinion between the Board's examining accountants and examining actuaries regarding certain methods used by the Board. These questions are now being considered by the Legal Department and the Comptroller-General's Department.

"2. Until the examination referred to in No. 1 is completed it is not considered in the public interest that the reports shall be published."

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

1. What is the actual or approximate distance from the Pender Harbour—Half Moon Bay Road to the St. Mary's Hospital in the Garden Bay area?

2. Is there a road suitable for vehicular traffic between the above-mentioned points?

3. If not, is provision made in the 1940-41 or 1941-42 estimates for the construction of such road?

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

"1. Approximately 1½ miles.

"2. No.

"3. Yes."

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province on October 1st, 1933?

2. What was the gross debt of the Province on October 1st, 1940?

3. What was the net debt of the Province on October 1st, 1933?

4. What was the net debt of the Province on October 1st, 1940?

5. What part of this debt was owed to the Federal Government on October 1st, 1940?

6. What part of this debt was owed to the Canadian Bank of Commerce or any other chartered bank or banks on October 1st, 1940?

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

"1. \$166,998,595.54 (November 1st, 1933).

"2. \$189,154,740.90.

"3. \$136,818,446.34 (November 1st, 1933).

"4. \$151,808,174.77.

"5. \$36,477,153.26.

"6. \$8,200,906.48."

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

1. What rate of interest does the Treasury receive upon bank balance standing to the credit of the Province?

2. What rate of interest does the Government now pay upon current (a) bank loans, (b) Treasury bills, and (c) Federal Government loans?

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

"1. The Canadian Bank of Commerce, three-quarters of 1 per cent. on minimum monthly balance. Other banks, 1 per cent. on minimum monthly balance.

"2. (a.) None outstanding. (b) and (c) Treasury bills to bank, 3¼ per cent.; Treasury bills to bank (Dominion guaranteed), 2½ per cent.; Treasury bills to Dominion, 3 per cent.; other Treasury bills, 3 per cent."

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. What was the total amount advanced by the Government to date to the White Pine Lumber Company, Limited?
2. How much is still owing?
3. Was the mill and plant offered for sale by the Department?
4. If so, to whom was such sale made?
5. How much was realized from the said sale?

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

- " 1. \$29,500 (bank guarantee).
- " 2. \$12,406.91.
- " 3. Yes; on two separate occasions.
- " 4. Big Bend Cedar Pole Company, Limited.
- " 5. Sold under agreement for sale, price \$16,888.29; \$4,481.38 has been paid to date, the payment of the balance owing will liquidate the bank guarantee in full."

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

1. Was any money borrowed by the Province between October 1st, 1939, and October 31st, 1940?
2. If yes, (a) from whom was the money borrowed, (b) for what purpose, (c) what price was received for the loan or loans, and (d) what amount at present remains unexpended of such loans?
3. What is the rate of interest on each loan?
4. When and where are the loans repayable?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2, 3, and 4. As follows:—

Purpose.	Borrowed from.	Date of Issue.	Date of Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Rate.
Doukhobor Lands.....	Issued to payee.....	Nov. 15, 1939.....	Nov. 15, 1949.....	\$207,500.00	100	3½%
Refunding.....	Workmen's Compensation Board.....	Aug. 15, 1940.....	Aug. 15, 1965.....	1,000,000.00	99	4 %
Unemployment Relief. Dominion.....	Dec. 21, 1939.....	Demand.....	1,000,000.00	100	3 %
Unemployment Relief. Dominion.....	Sept. 16, 1940.....	Demand.....	271,890.96	100	3 %
Refunding.....	Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	Mar. 15, 1940.....	Demand.....	3,000,000.00	100	3¼%

" Payable in Canada. No unexpended balances."

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

1. What was the total amount in the sinking fund of the Province on October 1st, 1933?
2. What was the total amount in the sinking fund of the Province on October 1st, 1940?
3. Has any amount been taken from the sinking fund between October 1st, 1939, and October 1st, 1940?
4. If so, why, and for what purpose was it used?
5. If any sums have been taken from the sinking fund, were these moneys taken from funds against loans for which they were originally named?

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

- " 1. \$30,180,149.20 (November 1st, 1933).
- " 2. \$37,846,566.13.
- " 3. No.
- " 4 and 5. See answer to No. 3."

Mr. *Maitland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. Was an advertisement headed "Province of British Columbia—Hon. G. S. Pearson, Minister; Adam Bell, Deputy Minister, Department of Labour," inserted in the "News-Herald," Vancouver, on Monday, April 29th, 1940.
2. What Minister authorized the insertion of the said advertisement?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Minister of Trade and Industry."

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

1. During 1938, 1939, or 1940 was a roadway (a) surveyed or (b) constructed by the Department between the Pender Harbour—Half Moon Bay Road and Secret Cove?
2. If yes, what was the cost of same?

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

“1 and 2. No.”

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

1. Has any amount of money been collected from the undivided Surplus Profits Tax from its inception to October 1st, 1940?
2. If yes, how much?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. \$468,421.”

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

1. How many high schools were there in the Province in the school-years 1938, 1939, and 1940 respectively?
2. How many reports were received of medical inspections of pupils held in the above schools in each such year?
3. If in certain cases reports were not received, what was the reason for same?
4. Does the Government contribute toward the salaries of medical officers in school districts from which no report or partial report only is received?

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

“1. School year 1937–38, 109; 1938–39, 111; 1939–40, 115.

“2. In 1937–38, reports received of 82 high schools and 22 junior high schools. In 1938–39, reports received of 81 high schools and 24 junior high schools. For 1939–40, figures are being compiled at present and not yet available.

“3. In cases where reports not received, in some instances pupils of schools have not been examined; in other cases, no school medical inspector appointed by municipality for high school; and in still other cases, the figures for public and high schools are combined and it is impossible to separate them in department.

“4. No.”

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

1. When was physical education, now generally termed “Pro-Rec,” instituted?
2. How many were employed during the years 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, and 1940?
3. How many of these were returned soldiers and in what capacity (by years)?
4. Have any returned soldiers or nurses been dismissed during above years?
5. If yes, for what cause?
6. How many returned soldiers are employed as physical instructors at the present time?

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

“1. November 9th, 1934.

“2. Winter, 1934–35, 37; summer, 1935, 12; winter, 1935–36, 31; summer, 1936, 20; winter, 1936–37, 53; summer, 1937, 28; winter, 1937–38, 117; summer, 1938, 43; winter, 1938–39, 120; summer, 1939, 45; winter, 1939–40, 135; summer, 1940, 45.

“3. Two in 1935; one in 1936; one in 1938; one in 1939; two in 1940. I may add that the average age of the staff is twenty-five years.

“4. As instructors on all projects carried out under the youth training agreement are engaged on a temporary as well as a seasonal basis, instructors are not dismissed, but merely laid off when the season stops. If the work of the instructors has proved satisfactory they are re-employed when the season opens, should funds be available. On one occasion, one instructor, a returned soldier, whose work could not be considered satisfactory, was not retained on the staff.

“5. Answered by No. 4.

“6. Four (on the summer staff).”

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

During each of the school-years 1939 and 1940, what was: (a) The number of schools in each of the five classifications; (b) the total number of pupils enrolled; (c) the total number of pupils medically examined; (d) the number of children reported as suffering from each of the following: (1) Malnutrition, (2) defective mentality, (3) defective vision, (4) defective hearing, (5) defective nasal breathing, (6) adenoids, (7) enlarged tonsils, (8) defective teeth, (9) enlarged glands, (10) goitre; (e) the number of schools, in each classification, of which no medical inspection report was received?

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

“Information requested for year 1938–39 is contained in Report of Medical Inspection of Schools, which is at present on the press and which will be available to the House in a few days. For the school-year 1939–40, the figures are being compiled at present and are not yet available.”

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

1. Does the property known as Colony Farm, Essondale, pay any municipal taxes?
2. If so, in what amounts and to what municipalities?

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

“The Department does not pay direct taxes on this property, but does pay the loan rate of \$50 per annum to the Municipality of Coquitlam on the north-east part of Lot 305, and \$597.72 per annum to the City of Port Coquitlam on D.L. 168, 169, 341, and 343.”

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

In each instance, what constituted the “fruit” as included in the menus given in Votes and Proceedings, November 8th last, pages 4 and 5?

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

“During the period mentioned, at Essondale fruit was supplied to the patients in the female building as follows: Canned peaches, pears, cherries, rhubarb, fresh apples, figs, and prunes. The patients of the male building received canned rhubarb, peaches, fresh apples, figs, and prunes; ice-cream one night. Fruit supplied at the New Westminster institution was the same as furnished to the patients in the infirmary building at Essondale. Fruit is served throughout the year at the evening meal, and the variety is as large as possible and fresh fruit is provided in season.”

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

1. How much money has been paid into the Superannuation Fund?
2. How much money has been invested from money at the credit of the Superannuation Fund, and what is the total amount of securities now held in the Treasury on account of this fund?

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

“1 and 2. See Public Accounts.”

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

What was the total revenue raised from the 7-cent gasoline tax during the years 1936, 1937, and 1938?

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

“See Public Accounts.”

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

During the fiscal year April 1st, 1939, to March 31st, 1940, what were the total licence fees collected by the Government in respect to commercial vehicles in use in the Province of British Columbia?

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

“\$675,573.67.”

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

Are any amounts still available for borrowing purposes under the various Loan Acts, with particulars, as at October 1st, 1940?

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

“Yes.

“Consolidated Revenue and (or) Unemployment Relief—

“ ‘ Loan Act, 1932,’ section 6 (a)	\$4,599.10	
“ ‘ Loan Act, 1933 ’	231,300.90	
		\$235,900.00
“ Highways and Bridges only—		
“ ‘ Loan Act, 1932,’ section 6 (b)	\$175,000.00	
“ ‘ Loan Act, 1935 ’	2,650,000.00	
		2,825,000.00
“ Highways, Bridges, and Buildings—‘ Loan Act, 1939 ’	3,000,000.00	
“ B.C. University Lands Endowment—‘ Loan Act, 1930,’ section 6 (d)	73,590.00	
“ P.G.E. Railway Construction—‘ P.G.E. Construction Loan Act, 1928 ’	2,219,000.00	
“ Land Settlement Board—‘ Loan Act, 1925,’ section 6 (b)	8,213.50	
“ Crown Property Development—‘ Loan Act, 1925,’ section 6 (d)	55,000.00	
“ ‘ Soldiers’ Land Act ’—‘ Loan Act, 1927,’ section 6 (d)	20,000.00	
		\$8,436,703.50

“ ‘ Revenue Act,’ R.S.B.C. 1936—Contingent upon requirements; for refunding of debt or the funding of deficits.

“ ‘ Unemployment Relief Act,’ R.S.B.C. 1936—Contingent upon requirements; for unemployment relief loans from Dominion only.

“ ‘ Doukhobor Lands Acquisition Act, 1939 ’—Contingent upon compensation approved by Lieutenant-Governor in Council under section 2 of Act; \$207,500 borrowed to date.”

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

1. Was any income tax outstanding at December 31st, 1939?
2. If yes, how much?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. \$368,495.24.”

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

1. Did any income tax remain unpaid at December 31st, 1938?
2. If yes, what was the amount?
3. What percentage of income tax unpaid on December 31st, 1938, has been collected to October 1st, 1940?
4. What amount of income tax remains unpaid on October 1st, 1940?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. \$465,517.15.
- “3. 64 per cent.
- “4. \$367,913.36.”

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

1. During the fiscal year April 1st, 1939, to March 31st, 1940, what were the total licence fees collected by the Government in respect of all motor-vehicles in use in the Province of British Columbia?
2. During the same period, what was the total gasoline tax collected from the users of motor-vehicles in the Province of British Columbia?

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

- “1 and 2. See Public Accounts.”

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

What are the present monthly expenses of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board?

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

“Approximately \$1,100.”

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

Has the Province of British Columbia acquired undisputed title to the Kitsilano and Songhees Reserves which are shown as assets on page EE vi. of the Public Accounts, 1939-40?

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

“Yes; to Songhees Reserve. Asset in Kitsilano Reserve consists of amount payable by Dominion Government for all the right, title, and interest of the Province therein.”

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

1. Is any percentage of the gas tax collected retained by the oil companies of British Columbia?

2. If yes, what did this percentage amount to in 1939?

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

“1. The companies act as collecting agencies for the Government and are allowed 2 per cent. on amount collected.

“2. \$77,859.86.”

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

1. Is James Skinner Deputy Registrar of Voters for the Rossland-Trail Electoral District?

2. If yes, when was he appointed to this post and what is his salary?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. January 1st, 1937; 5 cents per name per annum for each name appearing on the register of voters for the following polling divisions of the Rossland-Trail Electoral District: Annable, Castlegar, Columbia Gardens, Pend-d'Oreille, Trail, and Waneta. Plus \$10 *per mensem* to cover office expenses.”

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

1. Are there deficits in (a) the Civil Service Superannuation Fund and (b) the Teachers' Pensions Fund?

2. If yes, what provision has been made for same?

3. In what assets or securities are the funds of (a) the Civil Service Superannuation Fund and (b) the Teachers' Pensions Fund invested?

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

“1. (a) No and (b) yes.

“2. (b) Bill will be introduced in the House dealing with teachers' pensions.

“3. (a) and (b) The investments made are represented by Dominion direct obligations; Dominion guaranteed obligations; securities issued directly or guaranteed by Canadian Provinces; municipal bonds; and school districts securities.”

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 6.03 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. E. Whitehouse.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Change of Name," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 13th, 1940.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to provide for Change of Name," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 13th, 1940.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 15th, 1940.

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. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 15th, 1940.

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. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Coat of Arms Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 15th, 1940.

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. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented the Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Period ended September 30th, 1940.

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

1. Has a survey been made for a road from Nakusp to Nakusp Hot Springs on the north side of Kuskanax Creek?
2. What is the mileage?
3. What is the estimated cost of constructing this road?
4. Have any expenditures been made on this road this year?
5. If yes, what is the amount of these expenditures?

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

- "1. Yes; in 1916.
- "2. 10.4 miles as surveyed.
- "3. No estimate prepared.
- "4. No.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Was an extension of Bay Street in Nakusp established as a public highway?
2. If yes, at what date?
3. Did the Department of Public Works build this extension?
4. If yes, between what dates and at what total cost?
5. What purpose was served by the extension of Bay Street in this way?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. May 16th, 1940.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. February 20th to April 30th, 1940; \$65, exclusive of compensation under advisement.
- "5. To connect Bay Street with Nakusp-Vernon Highway."

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

1. Has a public highway been established in Parcel 2 of Lot 397, Kootenay District?
2. If yes, has the Department of Public Works made any expenditures on this highway this year and, if so, the amount?
3. What purpose is served by the establishment of this highway?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes; \$1,096.58.
- "3. Improvement in grade and alignment."

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

1. Has a survey been made covering a road from Glenbank to Nakusp Hot Springs?
2. What is the mileage?
3. What is the estimated cost of constructing such a road?

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

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

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

1. Has an inquiry been made by your Department into: (a) The subjects and standards of training advertised as being taught by business colleges, shorthand, typing, and secretarial schools, and similar institutions; (b) the qualifications of staff teachers engaged in such establishments; (c) their scale of pay; and (d) hours of work?
2. Have new or amended regulations been issued during the current year designed: (a) To assure standards of instruction approved by the Department of Education or a similarly qualified body; (b) certified teachers and instructors with approved qualifications; and (c) standards of pay and working-hours for staff members of such institutions?

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

- "1. (a), (b), (c), and (d). Yes.
- "2. (a), (b), and (c). No."

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

1. Did Major Sutton, former District Registrar of the Supreme Court at Rossland, also hold the office of Official Administrator for that district?
2. Does the present District Registrar of the Supreme Court at Rossland also hold the office of Official Administrator for that district?
3. If no, who is Official Administrator at present and what are his qualifications for this position?

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (Attorney-General) replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No.
- "3. James Skinner, of Trail, B.C., who possesses the necessary qualifications to carry out the duties of the office."

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

1. Has a location survey been made on the 150-mile cut-off road leading to the Okanagan between Hope and the road at Allison Pass?
2. If yes, have details of cost of construction been made?
3. If yes, what is the estimate of cost of grading and gravelling the 28 miles yet to be done?

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

- "1. A location has been made between Allison Pass and Hope.
- "2. In part only.
- "3. \$800,000, approximately."

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

1. Did the General Construction Company rent any machinery from the Government during the years 1937, 1938, 1939, and 1940?
2. If so, what was the value of said machinery and what was the rental paid?

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

“1 and 2. Inventory value (average at time of rental), \$76,220; rents paid, \$16,145.86. (NOTE.—Equipment units rented at various rates and for various periods.)”

Mr. *Shepherd* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

To what extent did the farmers of the Province avail themselves of the Federal-Provincial free sow distribution policy during 1939?

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

“There is no free sow distribution policy operating in British Columbia. Under the Federal-Provincial assisted free freight policy, 966 sows were distributed to British Columbia farmers during the twelve months, November, 1939, to November, 1940, inclusive.”

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

1. How many pheasants were released by the Game Board this year?
2. How many were released in Chilliwack riding?
3. What was the total cost per bird at the time of release?

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

“1. 14,617.

“2. Chilliwack District, 1,777; Sumas Prairie, 1,720; Matsqui, 517.

“3. \$1.30 per bird, twelve weeks or older; \$1.50 per adult bird.”

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

1. Have any person or persons been retained by the Province in connection with freight rates since January 1st, 1935?
2. If so, (a) what are their names, (b) for what periods were they retained, (c) were they paid fees or expenses, and (d) if yes, in what amounts in each case?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. T. Reid, M.P., *in re* freight rates on feed-grains and mill-feeds for domestic consumption: Expenses to and from Ottawa on appeal to Governor in Council against decision of Board of Railway Commissioners; between October 24th and November 10th, 1936; \$388.15. C. H. O'Halloran, K.C., *in re* rail rates on motor-cars into Vancouver: Counsel fees and expenses attending before Railway Board of Canada, in Vancouver; between November 5th and 9th, 1937; \$118.21.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.39 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19th, 1940.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1939–40 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

1. Are audiometers in use in any school within the Province?
2. Has the Department an audiometer available for use by any school authority on request?
3. If no, is it considering the acquisition of such an instrument?
4. By what means is the degree of hearing impairment estimated by school medical or other authority when an audiometer is not available for the purpose of taking an audiogram so as to decide what facilities will best assist the child with defective hearing in counteracting its infirmity?
5. Does any phase of school medical or educational programme provide for instruction or equipment designed to prevent deafness among pupils?

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

- “ 1. Yes; in Vancouver.
- “ 2. No.
- “ 3. Under consideration.
- “ 4. Children with defective hearing are referred to their family physician for treatment, and if it is considered necessary are then referred to an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist.
- “ 5. General public health educational programmes and school health programmes include instructions and health teaching that will aid in the prevention of certain types of deafness.”

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 10.55 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 20th, 1940.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble to Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Estate of Albert Edward Tulk, Deceased” has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 20th, 1940.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble to Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

Has the warden, deputy warden, or any guard at Oakalla been sent on a tour of inspection of progressively administered institutions of a similar nature in the United States for the ultimate purpose of applying, in British Columbia, methods which are proving to be efficacious in the reclamation of social offenders?

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

"Yes; in April, 1939, the warden of the Oakalla Prison Farm made a survey of prison conditions in the State of Washington."

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

What was the schedule of occupation and recreation at Oakalla covering the full twenty-four hours of each day, November 4th to 10th, inclusive, for male and female inmates respectively?

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

"The schedule of occupation and recreation at Oakalla covering the full twenty-four hours of each day, November 4th to 10th, inclusive, for male and female inmates respectively was the same as that which is in operation at all times and was according to gaol rules and regulations."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

Thursday, November 21st, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *H. V. Hitchcox*.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pearson, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Weir, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act,'" the Hon. Mr. Pattullo rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Weir, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 13th, 1940.

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. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 21st, 1940.

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. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting Poultry and Poultry Products."

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey Grades Act.'"

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act relating to the Nanaimo Civic Arena."

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Rossland."

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Municipal Affairs Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade Licences Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to provide for Change of Name."

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act.'"

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934.'"

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Coat of Arms Act.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act.'"

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

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

1. Has a request been received from the B.C. School Trustees' Association for the Department to prepare a report as to the number of mentally deficient pupils in the Province who would likely be benefited by instruction from specially trained teachers in a Provincial residential institution?

2. Has such a report been prepared or is same in preparation?

3. If not, for what reason?

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

"1. Yes; Inspectors of schools give group and individual intelligence tests to the pupils of the schools in their inspectorates to determine the mental age from which the intelligence quotient of the pupil is computed, and local School Boards may obtain this information from the Inspectors for their districts. In some of the larger centres special classes for mentally deficient children are already in operation and grants are paid by the Government towards the salaries of the teachers of those classes. There are no central residential schools for the accommodation of such children at the present time.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has a public highway been established through the City of Kaslo?
2. If yes, has a bridge recently been constructed on this highway?
3. What is the length of the bridge and what was the total cost?
4. Who supplied the lumber, timbers, and pilings, and what was the total cost?
5. Who supplied the hardware and what was the total cost?

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

"1. A Avenue, between Fifth Street and Sixth Street, City of Kaslo, was classified as an arterial highway.

"2. Yes.

"3. 422 feet; \$9,555.56.

"4. Big Bend Cedar Pole Co., Nakusp; \$4,719.20, f.o.b. Kaslo. Competitive bids were obtained through the Purchasing Agent and the lowest bid accepted.

"5. F. Rushton, Nakusp; \$311, f.o.b. Kaslo. Competitive bids were obtained through the Purchasing Agent and only one tender was received by the closing date."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What is the objective of the Commotion Creek Road in the Peace River Block?
2. What is the construction cost to date?

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

"1. To give access to the Government's drilling operations in the Peace River Area throughout the year.

"2. \$39,905 from Vote 121 (Mines Department), Oil Exploration, Peace River Area."

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

1. Is a ferry being operated to carry traffic across the river connecting Mara Lake with Shuswap Lake, on the proposed Trans-Canada Highway at Sicamous, in the Salmon Arm Electoral District?

2. If so, did the Department of Public Works construct this ferry, and when?

3. Where was this ferry operated before being moved to Sicamous?

4. Was this ferry condemned as unfit for use many years ago?

5. Is this ferry operated by the Government or privately?

6. Does the Government keep the ferry and approaches in repair?

7. Is a toll collected on each car crossing this ferry?

8. If so, what is the amount of toll collected on each car?

9. Who receives the amount collected by way of toll?

10. What was the approximate number of cars crossing this ferry: (a) In July, 1940; (b) in August, 1940?

11. Have surveys been made and soundings taken for a bridge at this crossing?

12. What is the approximate width of the river at low-water stage at the place where the ferry is now being operated?

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

"1. A private ferry is operated over the Shuswap River, at Sicamous, on the highway from Kamloops to Revelstoke via Canoe and Sicamous.

"2. (a) The Department of Public Works constructed the pontoons used at this ferry; (b) about 1925.

"3. The pontoons were used at Squilax Ferry.

"4. No.

"5. Privately.

"6. The pontoons and ferry approaches have been repaired by the Government.

"7. Yes.

"8. Fifty cents.

"9. The ferry operator.

"10. No information available.

"11. Yes.

"12. Approximately 270 feet."

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

1. How many surveys were made for the proposed Nakusp–Arrowhead Road?
2. Which survey, if any, has been adopted?

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

“1 and 2. One preliminary location survey, subject to revision.”

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What was the estimated cost of the new public building at Pouce Coupe?
2. What was the amount actually expended in its construction?

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

“1. \$40,000.

“2. Final settlement not yet made.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Thursday, November 21st, 1940.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 31st, 1940.

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. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. Were any steps whatever taken by the Department of Finance in connection with the suggestion in the Macdonald Report that false returns had been made by the coal companies, and in the result the Province was deprived of income taxes to that extent?

2. If so, what steps were taken?

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

"1 and 2. There is no statement in the Macdonald Report that false returns were made by the coal companies."

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

Is the Civil Service Superannuation Fund actuarially sound?

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

"The Civil Service Superannuation Fund is based on computations of Professor M. A. Mackenzie, the actuary employed to examine the fund."

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 11.25 p.m.

Friday, November 22nd, 1940.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Pike*.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Maitland* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Bruhn*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "That," and insert in lieu thereof the following words:—

"Whereas Canada is at war:

"And whereas the said war requires great expenditures on the part of the people of Canada:

"And whereas the taxpayers in every Province must contribute to greater taxation requirements of the Dominion Government for the purpose of prosecuting the war:

"And whereas no effort has been made in British Columbia to assist the Dominion in meeting the said requirements:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House respectfully requests that before Mr. Speaker do leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply, the Government reconsider the estimates of expenditures which the Minister of Finance proposes to present to this House, with a view to reducing the same."

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—6.

Messieurs

Finland
Eyres

Paton
Bruhn

Maitland

Anscomb

NAYS—35.

Messieurs

<i>McGeer</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Leary</i>
<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hunter</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>Telford</i>

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

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

1. What has been the total cost to the Government to date of the Camp Lister Soldiers' Settlement Scheme, including interest, administration, and other charges?
2. What is the total revenue the Government has derived from the said scheme?
3. How many settlers are now on the land, as owners or purchasers?

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

- " 1. \$690,393.13 (not including interest, as project not charged therewith).
- " 2. \$136,757.37.
- " 3. 56."

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

1. What has been the total cost to the Government to date of the Merville Soldiers' Settlement Scheme, including interest, administration, and other charges?
2. What is the total revenue the Government has derived from the said scheme?
3. How many settlers are now on the land, as owners or purchasers?

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

- " 1. \$704,377.96 (not including interest, as project not charged therewith).
- " 2. \$224,920.48.
- " 3. 115."

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

1. Has the Department of Public Works built a machinery warehouse in New Denver this year?
2. If yes, was the warehouse built by contract or by day-labour?
3. If by contract, what was the contract price?
4. If by day-labour, what was the total cost of the labour?
5. What quantity of lumber was used in the warehouse?
6. Who supplied the lumber and what was the total cost?
7. Who supplied the hardware and what was the total cost?

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

- " 1. A repair-shop was built at New Denver this year.
- " 2. Day-labour.
- " 3. See answer to No. 2.
- " 4. \$2,943.60.
- " 5. 44,479 feet.
- " 6. Big Bend Cedar Pole Co., Ltd.: Lumber, \$1,220.23; shingles, \$213.75; windows and doors, \$335. W. W. Powell & Co., Ltd.: Lumber, \$12.32.
- " 7. Frank Rushton, hardware, \$679.63; G. T. Stores, hardware and electrical fittings, \$359.65; H. V. Dewis, pipe, \$68. Total cost, \$7,419.03."

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

1. What has been the total cost to the Government to date of the Oliver Reclamation Scheme, including interest, administration, and other charges?
2. What is the total revenue the Government has derived from the said scheme?
3. How many settlers are now on the land, as owners or purchasers?

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

" 1. \$3,885,319 (this figure does not include interest, as project has not been charged therewith).

" 2. \$771,383.

" 3. 3,100 population on 560 holdings."

Mr. *Eyres* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

How many charges were laid during 1939 against motorists under the "Motor-vehicle Act" and "Highway Act" on the Trans-Canada Highway in the Chilliwack riding?

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

" 'Motor-vehicle Act,' 101; 'Highway Act,' 57."

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

1. Has a public highway been established between Brouse and Wilson Lake in the Kaslo-Slocan Electoral District?
2. If yes, on what date was this highway established?
3. Was any part of this highway built before it was established as a public highway?
4. If yes, was any part of this highway built (a) by the Department of Public Works and (b) by other parties?
5. Was any work done by the Department of Public Works on this highway in 1939?
6. If yes, how much and what was the cost of such work?
7. Was any work done by the Department of Public Works on this highway in 1940?
8. If yes, between what dates, how much, and at what total cost?
9. Are there any timber limits tributary to this highway, or through which this highway runs?
10. If yes, who owned these limits (a) in 1939 and (b) in 1940?
11. If part of the highway was built by other parties, did the Government take over this part?
12. If yes, from whom and what was the consideration?

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

" 1. Yes.

" 2. (a) By entry, pursuant to section 9 of the 'Highway Act,' April 21st, 1939; (b) by Gazette, October 17th, 1940.

" 3. Yes.

" 4. (a) No; (b) yes.

" 5. Yes.

" 6. 0.7 mile; \$815.

" 7. Yes.

" 8. April 23rd to September 30th; 1.5 miles; \$2,179.76.

" 9. Yes.

" 10. (a) Timber Licence No. 7318P, Big Bend Cedar Pole Co.; (b) Timber Licences Nos. 7318P and 7319P, Big Bend Cedar Pole Co. There is also approximately 73,500,000 F.B.M. of Crown timber tributary to this road.

" 11. Yes.

" 12. Big Bend Cedar Pole Co. No consideration paid."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Friday, November 22nd, 1940.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act.'"

On the motion of Mrs. *Jamieson*—Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey Grades Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Rossland" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Municipal Affairs Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade Licences Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Superannuation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Coat of Arms Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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 10.22 p.m.

Monday, November 25th, 1940.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *John Turner*.

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

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting Poultry and Poultry Products" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

What was the cost in 1940 of oiling the Big Bend Highway?

The Hon. Mr. *Leary* (Minister of Public Works) replied as follows:—

"\$27,690.14."

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

1. Upon what date was the amount in Public Accounts ended March 31st, 1939, Vote 159, page EE 286, for \$4,922.53 expended?

2. If for furniture, in what offices was the furniture required?

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

"1. March 31st, 1939.

"2. The major portion of the furniture was left in the offices vacated by the Health Insurance Commission and taken over by the Department of Public Works for the joint use of the Departments of Provincial Secretary, Lands, Labour, and Trade and Industry. A portion of the remaining furniture has been distributed among other Government offices in Victoria as need arose and the balance is in the regular store at Headquarters."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.