

Monday, February 25th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *D. F. Johnston*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House expresses sincere regret at the death of Colonel the Honourable William Culham Woodward, who was Lieutenant-Governor of this Province from 1941 to 1946, and that Mr. Speaker shall convey to Mrs. Woodward and her family the condolences and deepest sympathy of all the members of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Psychiatric Nurses Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Captain *E. W. McQuarrie*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Lyle Wicks* the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance) presented the Report submitted in accordance with Section 88 (4) of the "Taxation Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," of Refunds and Remissions made under Section 88 (1), (2), and (3) of the "Taxation Act" from January 1st, 1956, to December 31st, 1956.

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

In 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956 what was (a) number of forest management licences issued, (b) total number of acres under forest management licence, and (c) total number of acres under public working circles?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ Total number of management licences issued: 1953, 14; 1954, 19; 1955, 23; and 1956, 23.

“ Productive forest area management licences (acres): 1953, 2,088,350; 1954, 2,788,373; 1955, 4,685,492; and 1956, 4,685,193.

“ Productive forest area public working circles (acres): 1953, 6,000,000; 1954, 8,673,135; 1955, 9,328,447; and 1956, 10,330,153, plus 11,337,257 acres under regulation of cut in fourteen sustained-yield units.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

What was the mileage of reconnaissance and construction of forest access roads from funds appropriated by the Legislature in the following classifications for the years 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956: (a) Preliminary road location, (b) location surveys, (c) construction—(i) right-of-way cleared, (ii) Class 2 subgrade, and (iii) other road construction?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1951: (a) 68, (b) 17, (c) (i) 13.1, (c) (ii) *nil*, and (c) (iii) 12.1.

“ 1952: (a) 109, (b) 74.6, (c) (i) 16.1, (c) (ii) *nil*, and (c) (iii) 12.1.

“ 1953: (a) 100, (b) 52.9, (c) (i) 11, (c) (ii) 14, and (c) (iii) *nil*.

“ 1954: (a) 57.2, (b) 36.3, (c) (i) 12.5, (c) (ii) 9, and (c) (iii) 3.

“ 1955: (a) 66, (b) 37.1, (c) (i) 37.3, (c) (ii) 23.5, and (c) (iii) 3.5.

“ 1956: (a) 67; (b) 62.7, (c) (i) 39.1, (c) (ii) 10.3, and (c) (iii) 24.”

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

What was the amount expended by the British Columbia Government on forest access roads in each fiscal year ended March 31st, 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1955, and in the nine months ended December 31st, 1956?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ Total gross expenditures, Forest Development Fund, were: Fiscal year 1951–52, \$71,986.26; fiscal year 1952–53, \$161,378.25; fiscal year 1953–54, \$365,883; fiscal year 1954–55, \$364,910.47; fiscal year 1955–56, \$439,131.51; and for the nine months to December 31st, 1956, \$958,886.70.”

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

1. (a) How many persons were employed in 1956 on the Federal Government's programme of forest inventory and (b) what was the amount expended in the nine months ended December 31st, 1956, on this work?

2. What is the amount payable by the Federal Government for forest-inventory work in the nine months ended December 31st, 1956?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) 341 and (b) \$918,890.26.

“ 2. \$416,250, approximately.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

In 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956 what was (a) the cubic footage of Crown timber sold, (b) estimated value of aggregate sales, (c) average stumpage rate, (d) highest bid per foot board-measure, and (e) total timber scaled?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“(a) Crown timber sold in cubic feet, sawlogs only: 1953, 461,100,000; 1954, 530,817,905; 1955, 764,812,540; 1956, 802,425,430.

“(b) Estimated value, all products: 1953, \$17,322,931.29; 1954, \$18,938,049.17; 1955, \$40,507,422.12; and 1956, \$55,943,757.66.

“(c) Average stumpage, all species, sawlogs only, per 100 cubic feet: 1953, \$3.56; 1954, \$3.49; 1955, \$5.07; and 1956, \$6.87.

“(d) Highest stumpage price bid per 100 cubic feet: 1953, \$27; 1954, \$25.40; 1955, \$37; and 1956, \$48.

“(e) Total timber scaled, all products converted to cubic feet: 1953, 893,449,262; 1954, 939,276,535; 1955, 1,033,979,733; and 1956, 1,068,733,441.”

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 5.54 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. N. Clark*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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 5.53 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27th, 1957.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the ' Vancouver Charter ' " have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That, while the Standing Orders in respect of the petition of Minnie Mead May as liquidator of Gibson Mining Company Limited have not been complied with in respect to the filing of the petition and material in support thereof within the time limited for such filing, and that while a deposit of three hundred dollars (\$300) has been paid to the Clerk of the House in lieu of a deposit of six hundred dollars (\$600) as required by the said Orders, and that while the Law Clerk has reported to the Committee that the prayer of the petition and the public notice are at variance with one another, the Committee nevertheless recommends that the Standing Orders be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of C. James Abrams, James J. Behan, John C. Broatch, and others for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Medical Services Association of British Columbia" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company and certain Wholly Owned Subsidiaries" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of John A. Newson, John F. Kelly, John W. Toogood, and others for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to validate the Articles of Association and the By-laws of Point Grey Golf and Country Club Limited and Point Grey Golf and Country Club" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922,'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company Act, 1945,'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corpo-

ration of the City of Victoria" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 26th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Black Ball Ferries Limited for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Powell River-Vancouver Ferry Connections Act'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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 10.25 p.m.

Thursday, February 28th, 1957.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Brigadier *O'Donnell*.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to give Relief to the Gibson Mining Company Limited (Non-Personal Liability) in Liquidation."

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Medical Services Association of British Columbia."

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company and certain Wholly Owned Subsidiaries."

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to validate the Articles of Association and the By-laws of Point Grey Golf and Country Club Limited and Point Grey Golf and Country Club.”

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Murray*—Bill (No. 56) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pacific Coast Fishermen’s Mutual Marine Insurance Company Act, 1945.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew* (on behalf of Mr. *Smith*)—Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.”

On the motion of Mr. *Steady*—Bill (No. 58) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Powell River-Vancouver Ferry Connections Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, Bill (No. 23) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Metaliferous Mines Regulation Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Friday, March 1st, 1957.

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. R. Pilkey*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*—Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pharmacy Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*—Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Physiotherapists and Massage Practitioners Act.’”

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

The debate continued.

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

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

1. What was the total of logs scaled in the Province for each of the months in the years (a) 1955 and (b) 1956?
2. What was the total feet board-measure of lumber sales in the Province for (a) 1955 and (b) 1956?
3. In each year how much was (a) sold within Canada and (b) exported from Canada?
4. What sum of money was received by the Government for timber sales in each month for the years (a) 1955 and (b) 1956?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

"1. (a) January, 206,826,284 board-feet and 19,830,973 cubic feet; February, 230,524,754 board-feet and 23,632,261 cubic feet; March, 273,982,491 board-feet and 30,425,894 cubic feet; April, 298,507,708 board-feet and 36,965,848 cubic feet; May, 317,291,321 board-feet and 30,256,295 cubic feet; June, 320,015,814 board-feet and 32,744,746 cubic feet; July, 356,330,152 board-feet and 37,153,788 cubic feet; August, 327,705,822 board-feet and 44,126,509 cubic feet; September, 355,038,406 board-feet and 53,328,561 cubic feet; October, 307,782,756 board-feet and 48,035,661 cubic feet; November, 205,842,261 board-feet and 38,252,022 cubic feet; December, 268,843,593 board-feet and 34,637,620 cubic feet; total for 1955, 3,468,691,362 board-feet and 429,390,178 cubic feet; total for 1955, both scales converted to cubic feet, 1,033,979,733 cubic feet. (b) January, 157,218,591 board-feet and 30,685,958 cubic feet; February, 158,820,087 board-feet and 35,265,124 cubic feet; March, 201,218,956 board-feet and 37,222,770 cubic feet; April, 239,358,934 board-feet and 44,710,471 cubic feet; May, 281,486,013 board-feet and 40,251,498 cubic feet; June, 323,362,606 board-feet and 37,590,903 cubic feet; July, 334,233,293 board-feet and 47,913,638 cubic feet; August, 314,592,175 board-feet and 51,757,502 cubic feet; September, 288,654,359 board-feet and 56,497,891 cubic feet; October, 324,745,954 board-feet and 53,028,622 cubic feet; November, 275,103,987 board-feet and 43,011,058 cubic feet; December, 236,288,619 board-feet and 39,150,097 cubic feet; total for 1956, 3,135,083,574 board-feet and 517,085,532 cubic feet; total for 1956, both scales converted to cubic feet, 1,068,733,441 cubic feet.

"2. No data available for volume of lumber sales in Province, but statistics for lumber produced are: (a) 4,850,000,000 board-feet and (b) 4,675,000,000 board-feet.

"3. Distribution of lumber cut in the Province in 1955: (a) Sold in Canada, 1,359,000,000 board-feet; (b) sold in the United States, 1,504,000,000 board-feet; in the United Kingdom, 600,000,000 board-feet; in other countries, 416,000,000 board-feet; unknown and in stock, 971,000,000 board-feet. Data for 1956 not available.

"4. (a) January, \$1,422,233.82; February, \$1,220,152.76; March, \$1,334,832.28; April, \$1,448,924.58; May, \$1,491,443.14; June, \$1,500,404.10; July, \$1,634,025.05; August, \$1,984,263.03; September, \$2,116,082.80; October, \$2,241,969.38; November, \$2,031,463.60; December, \$1,695,723.92; total for 1955, \$20,121,518.46. (b) January, \$1,603,822.80; February, \$1,586,197.83; March, \$1,621,010.18; April, \$1,791,410.47; May, \$1,856,286.12; June, \$2,155,652.34; July, \$2,346,711.75; August, \$3,236,549.91; September, \$2,622,101.45; October, \$3,018,579.52; November, \$2,773,504.73; December, \$2,366,823.26; total for 1956, \$26,978,650.36."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.34 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5th, 1957.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. J. C. McDonald.

The Hon. W. D. Black (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 4th, 1957.

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 respecting Municipalities," 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 after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. W. N. Chant, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. R. G. Williston (Minister of Lands and Forests)—

Annual Report of the Forest Service, Department of Lands and Forests, for the Calendar Year 1956 (Volumes I and II).

By the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett (President of the Council)—

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

On the motion of the Hon. Lyle Wicks, seconded by the Hon. W. D. Black, it was *Resolved,*—

Whereas the Department of Labour has under its administration the "Indian Inquiry Act":

And whereas there are approximately 2,000 Indian children attending public schools in British Columbia:

And whereas the Indian population in Canada is increasing at the rate of approximately 2 per cent per annum:

And whereas the opportunity to participate in the industrial development and general prosperity of the Province has not been generally available to our native Indians because of lack of training:

And whereas vocational and pre-apprenticeship training for these young people would likely combat the tendency to revert to reservations where there is little opportunity for making a livelihood:

And whereas there appears to be an urgent need for better housing facilities for our native Indians, especially for those who are aged and indigent:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Labour be directed to inquire into problems of welfare, health, and housing as they pertain to the native Indians of British Columbia, giving particular attention to the matter of vocational, technical, and apprenticeship training for our native Indians, and that the said Committee, following consultation with parties concerned, make recommendations to this House in connection with these matters.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5th, 1957.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1957.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Donnell*.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health and Welfare), Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Mines) presented the Annual Report of the Mining Industry of the Province for the Year 1956.

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

Of the Rogers Pass route on the Trans-Canada Highway (a) what is the mileage that will be constructed entirely by the Ottawa Federal Government without cost to the British Columbia Government, and (b) what is the mileage that will be constructed of which the Liberal Federal Government will pay 90 per cent and the Provincial Government 10 per cent?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

"(a) Glacier Park, 32 miles; Revelstoke Park, 7 miles; total, 39 miles; and (b) 34 miles."

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

In 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956 what was the total acreage of Crown lands reserved for (a) Provincial Department of Highways, (b) Provincial Department of Railways, (c) British Columbia Power Company and (or) its subsidiaries, (d) British Columbia Power Commission, and (e) departments of the Federal Government?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

"Procedure followed in the Department in respect to reservation of Crown lands for purposes of some anticipated use or project is to reserve from alienation an area of land sufficiently broad to contain the envisioned need. Such reserve from alienation is normally made in favour of the Crown Provincial rather than a particular department or private entity. The Crown thus retains absolute control of the lands throughout the formative stage of any projected development and the primary purpose of reserve is, of course, to afford adequate scope for survey toward final location and to minimize speculative or nuisance buying.

"Reserve from alienation is effected in one of two ways; namely, by Order in Council or by notation on Departmental maps and records, dependent upon the period it is anticipated the reserve will be required. For example, many thousands of acres are temporarily reserved from alienation in favour of the Crown along the projected routes of highways, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, or over probable hydro-reservoir locations. When projects are fully surveyed and finally located, such reservations are cancelled in favour of formally gazetted highways, grants, etc., which contain the actual areas required.

"Exceptions to the foregoing general procedure are those instances involving needs of only Provincial or Federal authority where specific use or project with actual location is known from commencement and where it is considered undesirable, or not possible due to legal limitations, to proceed to grants or forms of tenure other than formal reservation. Example of this type of use are gravel-pits, building-sites, wharf and float sites, military installations, etc. In such instances, reservation by Order in Council is made in favour of the particular Provincial or Federal department involved. Private entities must necessarily proceed under provisions of the 'Land Act' in the acquire of any lands required and reserves are not established specifically in their favour.

“The following replies to the question, therefore, necessarily refer only to formal Order in Council reservations as per paragraph next above: (a) 1953, 0.072 acres; 1954, 4.75 acres; 1955, 2.46 acres; and 1956, 357.617 acres; (b) and (c) *nil*; (d) 1953, 18.8 acres, and 1954, 1955, and 1956, *nil*; (e) 1953, 351.103 acres; 1954, 1,325.194 acres; 1955, 240.273 acres; and 1956, 905.422 acres.”

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 5.51 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1957.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

In answer to a question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Shelford*, as follows:—

1. What total volume of timber was cut under forest management licences during 1955 in each of the following forest districts: (a) Vancouver, (b) Prince Rupert Coast, (c) Prince Rupert Interior, (d) Prince George, (e) Kamloops, and (f) Nelson?

2. What total volume of timber was cut on timber sales outside forest management licence areas during 1955 in each of the following forest districts: (a) Vancouver, (b) Prince Rupert Coast, (c) Prince Rupert Interior, (d) Prince George, (e) Kamloops, and (f) Nelson?

3. What was the average per hundred cubic-foot stumpage paid on Crown timber within forest management licence areas by forest management licences in each of the six forest districts in 1955?

4. What was the average per hundred cubic-foot stumpage paid on Crown timber outside forest management licence areas in each of the six forest districts in 1955?

5. What was the total revenue from Crown timber cut within all forest management licence areas of the Province during 1955?

6. What was the total revenue from Crown timber cut outside forest management licence areas of the Province during 1955?

The Minister of Lands and Forests stated that in his opinion the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House and thereupon presented such Return.

In answer to a question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Gregory*, as follows:—

In connection with forest management licences:—

1. To whom was each of the licences granted and on what date was each granted?

2. What was the Forest Branch estimate of total timber in each licence at time of granting?
3. Has the estimate of total timber in any licence been revised, up or down, and by what volume?
4. What is the permissive annual cut in the case of each licence and what has been the actual annual cut in each year since granting of the licence for each licensee?
5. What has been the average stumpage negotiated by the Department with each licence-holder in each year since the licence was granted?
6. Have any licences been cancelled or suspended for non-fulfilment and, if so, state.
7. Have there been any cases of warnings or have requirements, after inspection, been imposed on any licence-holder and, if so, state.
8. Is it part of the tenure system that permissive cut shall be met annually?
9. If a licence-holder ceased entirely or greatly reduced annual cut would the Government move to recover the timber?

The Minister of Lands and Forests stated that in his opinion the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House and thereupon presented such Return.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

Thursday, March 7th, 1957.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Padre *H. R. Pike*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

REPORT NO. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 7th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas under Order 97 of the Standing Orders, your Committee was required to report to the House on or before the 6th instant on the Private Bills referred to it:

And whereas your Committee found that it was impossible to report within the time limited as aforesaid as to all Private Bills so referred to it:

Your Committee recommends that Order 97 of the Standing Orders be suspended and that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be extended to March 20th, 1957.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands and Forests) presented the Annual Report of the British Columbia Lands Service of the Department of Lands and Forests for the Twelve Months ended December 31st, 1956.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, March 8th, 1957.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Senior Captain *C. Frayne*.

On the motion of the Hon. *Lyle Wicks* (Minister of Railways), Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pipe-lines Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Nimsick* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Eddie*,—

Resolved, That the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply be amended by adding thereto the following:—

"And that this House regrets that the Budget statement and the accompanying Estimates for the year ending March 31st, 1958, are inadequate because:—

- "(1) They fail to show that the Government is aware of the increased needs of hospital services for the people of British Columbia:
- "(2) They fail to make any provision for increased allowance for old-age pensioners:
- "(3) They fail to make increased sums available for necessary University expansion and in so doing take away the right of the Legislature to apportion the funds of the Province as it so desires:
- "(4) They fail to take advantage of existing legislation which would allow this Province to encourage house-building in British Columbia and thereby offset the drop in house construction in the Province which has created unemployment in our forest industry:

- “(5) The estimate which confiscates the existing Game Conservation Fund to defray normal departmental expenses constitutes a breach of faith with the fishermen and hunters of the Province, who provide these moneys:
- “(6) This Budget, in view of the millions of dollars available in surplus funds, continues an unnecessary tax burden on the people of British Columbia through the fuel-oil tax, and especially the inequitable continuance of the sales tax on such items as natural gas, clothing, household appliances, building supplies for home construction, electricity for domestic use, and home telephones:
- “(7) They fail to provide adequate help and assistance to the agricultural sections of our economy which are now in a hazardous condition:
- “(8) The fiscal policies outlined in the Budget Speech implement, augment, and help the crude and unrealistic tight-money policies of the Federal Government.”

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion to amend out of order, giving his reasons as follows:—

The operative words of this motion are, in effect, “That this House regrets that the Estimates are inadequate,” and then deals with several cases in which more money could be spent. It does not state that it is “the opinion of this House” that the Estimates are inadequate. It definitely states that the Estimates are inadequate and it regrets that fact. The only result of the passing of such an amendment would be that the Estimates must be increased.

However, the Crown is never granted more money than it asks for, and any suggestion of increasing the Estimates must come on message from the Crown. This is definitely covered in section 54 of the “British North America Act” as accepted by section 10 of the Terms of Union when British Columbia came into Confederation, and also by our own “Constitution Act,” section 52, and, further, by our own Standing Order No. 67.

For this reason I hold the motion out of order.

Mr. *Strachan* appealed from the ruling of the chair.

The House divided.

The ruling of the chair was sustained on the following division:—

Yeas—37.

Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>	<i>Steady</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Roche</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Richter</i>			

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the Condensed Statement of Accounts of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company as at December 31st, 1956.

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following question:—

What is the number of pieces of equipment purchased in 1955 and 1956, and what was the amount of purchase contract price for each of the following classification of equipment: (a) Locomotives, (b) switch engines, (c) snow-ploughs, (d) cabooses, (e) cranes, (f) trucks, bulldozers, etc., (g) passenger-cars, and (h) freight-cars (all types)?

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

	" 1955.		" 1956.	
	" No.	" Unit Contract Price.	" No.	" Unit Contract Price.
"(a) Locomotives.....	3	\$184,306	8	\$190,400
"(b) Switch engines.....	Nil	-----	Nil	-----
"(c) Snow-ploughs.....	Nil	-----	1	31,500
"(d) Cabooses.....	Nil	-----	Nil	-----
"(e) Cranes.....	1	9,845	2	22,918
"(f) Trucks.....	55	2,416*	14	2,811*
" Bulldozers.....	1	18,174	2	20,675*
"(g) Passenger-cars.....	Nil	-----	7	187,170*
"(h) Freight-cars:				
" Flats.....	75	8,082	150	8,624
" Gondolas.....	50	7,887	50	8,680
" Box cars—second hand.....	20	600	25	600
" Air dumps.....	10	14,905	Nil	-----
" Hoppers.....	Nil	-----	45	8,100*
" Refrigerators.....	Nil	-----	10	16,443

" * Average."

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

1. Has the Pacific Great Eastern Railway bought a new private car for the use of the president and senior officials within the last twelve months?

2. If so, when was it bought, how much did it cost, and how many times has it been used to this date?

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

" 1. Not a new one but a used one.

" 2. Purchased in August, 1956, at a cost of \$80,632.25; used seven times to date."

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following questions:—

1. In 1956, what was the total of loaded cars carried on this railway?

2. Of this total, how many were for (a) construction material for the railway itself and (b) pipe for the gas pipe-line?

3. How many cars of (a) logs and lumber and (b) agricultural commodities were carried in 1956?

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

" 1. 41,771.

" 2. (a) 489 and (b) 2,949.

" 3. (a) 25,926 and (b) 326."

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

1. What was the total cost of the opening ceremony of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. Was the cost of the inaugural trip carried by the railway or the Government?
3. How many passengers were on board?
4. How many of the passengers were (a) present or former members of the Legislative Assembly; (b) representatives of the press; (c) officers, directors, or employees of the railway company; and (d) other than those enumerated in (a), (b), and (c), who were they, and why was each one invited to make the trip?

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

“ 1. \$22,420.

“ 2. Railway.

“ 3. 288.

“ 4. (a) Three former members of the Legislative Assembly—Mr. H. G. T. Perry, Mr. Herbert Anscob, Mr. Jack Loutet—also invited, but unable to attend were Mr. John Hart and Mr. Byron I. Johnson; the Legislature was dissolved, therefore there were no ‘present’ members. (b) Forty-four members of the press, radio, and television; additional members of the press and radio participated at ceremonies along the way, but did not ride the full distance with the inaugural trains. (c) Twelve. (d) Mayors of Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, North Vancouver, and Prince George (or their representatives); Reeves of North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond (or their representatives); Aldermen of Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, and Prince George; Councillors of the aforementioned municipalities; Chairmen of the Village Commissions of Squamish, Lillooet, Williams Lake, and Quesnel; other members of the Village Commissions of the aforementioned villages; presidents, secretaries, and other representatives of Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of all the aforementioned cities, municipalities, and villages; and Dawson Creek and Fort St. John; representatives of other leading railways in both Canada and the United States with which the Pacific Great Eastern Railway does business (these gentlemen assisted in providing additional equipment, rode in their own business cars, and provided their own meals); others participating included representatives of leading companies and corporations shipping freight via or otherwise doing commercial business with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway; some leading industrialists and business-men interested in the operation of the railway; representatives of contractors doing construction work for the railway, and pioneer residents of districts through which the railway passes.”

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

1. What is the total value of contracts let on the Oak Street Bridge?
2. Approximately how much has been spent to date, including land purchase and approaches?
3. When will this bridge be completed and what is estimated cost, including land purchase and approaches?
4. What total recovery has been made to date from sale of homes purchased for right-of-way and to what account are such sums credited?

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

“ 1. \$4,169,144.15.

“ 2. \$5,962,187.94 (Oak Street and Middle Arm).

“ 3. Will be completed July, 1957; estimated cost, Oak Street and Middle Arm, \$9,000,000.

“ 4. \$65,290 (Oak Street and Middle Arm); British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority (Oak Street and Middle Arm Construction Account).”

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

1. What is the total value of contracts let on the Middle Arm Bridge?
2. Approximately how much has been spent to date, including land purchase and approaches?
3. When will this bridge be completed and what is estimated cost, including land purchase and approaches?
4. Was there a Federal offer of 50 per cent of the cost of this structure and, if it was refused, why?
5. Will there be a toll-gate at this bridge?
6. Is it the intention of the Government on completion of the Oak and Middle Arm Bridges to remove the Marpole Bridge?
7. Will this two-lane structure adequately carry the traffic to Vancouver International Airport?

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

- “1. \$737,116.10.
- “2. See No. 2, Question 60.
- “3. See No. 3, Question 60.
- “4. No; a Federal Government offer of 50 per cent was never received.
- “5. No.
- “6. Policy will be announced in due course.
- “7. Yes.”

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

1. In the year 1956, what sum was collected for arrears in 5-per-cent Provincial sales tax and from how many accounts?
2. Were prosecutions undertaken in any case?
3. If so, how many?

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

- “1. \$1,424,424.44; approximately 3,300.
- “2. Yes.
- “3. Forty-two.”

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

1. What are the present posts in Government employ or Pacific Great Eastern Railway employ occupied by one Einar M. Gunderson and what is the salary paid for each post occupied?
2. In the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1956, what total sum was paid to Mr. Gunderson by way of salary and expenses?
3. From March 31st, 1956, to December 31st, 1956, what total sum in salary and expenses was paid Mr. Gunderson?
4. When did Mr. Gunderson resign the general managership of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and what were the reasons for his resignation?

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

- “1. Executive vice-president and director, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company; salary, \$1,150 per month; director's fee, \$100 per month; member Bridges and Highway Toll Authority, no salary.
- “2. \$638.71.
- “3. \$11,538.70.
- “4. September 30th, 1956; Mr. Gunderson's appointment as general manager was temporary only.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Prime Minister the following questions:—

1. What is the biggest load of freight that can be carried by a freight-train on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. What is the biggest load carried on the railway so far, on what date was it carried, and of what did it consist?
3. How many tons of (a) asbestos and (b) sulphur had been carried on the railway up to December 31st, 1956?
4. Can the railway haul cars of all types and sizes used in North America and, if not, what cars cannot be hauled and why?

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

- “ 1. Maximum allowable is seventy cars.
- “ 2. Seventy cars in 1956, consisting of carloads of various commodities; the largest single carload weighed 152.5 tons, consisted of a diesel engine, and was carried on Pacific Great Eastern Railway line in December, 1956.
- “ 3. (a) and (b) None.
- “ 4. Yes; all types and sizes can be hauled.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following questions in respect to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway:—

1. In 1956, how many days' service were cancelled because of rock-blasting in construction of the Howe Sound Road?
2. Was the railway compensated in any way for such loss and, if so, how?
3. What is estimated loss to the railway in 1956?
4. What agreement exists between the railway company and the contractor to cover the cost of double handling of rock?
5. If no such agreement, what arrangement or what extras are being paid the contractor to cover cost of double handling of rock?
6. Has the railway company moved any rock from its rails or has it had to replace rails after impact?
7. Who carries the cost of such unanticipated work?

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

- “ 1. Six (passenger service).
- “ 2. No.
- “ 3. Nil.
- “ 4. None.
- “ 5. Not known by railway.
- “ 6. Yes.
- “ 7. Contractor.”

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

1. (a) Is it necessary for legless persons to personally import the two-seat special chairs which they require and (b) are they required to pay Federal excise and sales tax plus Provincial sales tax on these importations?
2. Are imported Braille books for the blind subject to Federal excise and sales tax plus Provincial sales tax?

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

- “ 1. (a) Not known; (b) Federal taxes not known, Provincial social services tax not payable.
- “ 2. Federal taxes not known; Provincial Social Services tax payable.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following question:—

In 1956 what were the following costs of operation on the southern extension of the railway, Squamish to Vancouver: (a) Transportation, (b) maintenance (including rail depreciation), (c) switching costs, (d) *per diem* costs, (e) barges and slips depreciation, (f) rented-barge transportation cost, (g) maintenance of slips, (h) barge switching costs (both ends), (i) marine insurance, (j) cargo rates, and (k) interest charges?

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

“(a) Transportation, \$260,505; (b) maintenance (including rail depreciation), *nil* (line under construction); (c) switching costs—Vancouver, \$76,776, and North Vancouver (included under (a)), \$13,937; (d) *per diem* costs not segregated; (e) barges and slips depreciation, \$23,000; (f) rented-barge transportation costs, \$329,980; (g) maintenance of slips, \$11,803; (h) barge switching costs (Vancouver included under item (c), Squamish not segregated); (i) marine insurance, \$10,406.25; (j) cargo rates, \$19,195.70; and (k) interest charges, \$108,661.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following questions:—

1. What was the total amount of property taxes paid by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the municipal corporations through which the railway passes?

2. What was the total amount of school taxes paid to school districts by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway through which that railway passes or collected from holders of land leases of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

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

“1. \$2,165.58.

“2. (a) \$299.78 paid direct by Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to school districts, and (b) \$6,093.17 paid direct by lessees to school districts.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following questions:—

1. Did the board of directors authorize the purchase of one or more new barges, and, if so, was it or were they ordered after calling tenders?

2. What ship-building company was the successful bidder, and what was the amount of each tender received by the board?

3. If a barge or barges were not ordered by the board, were tenders called, and, if so, who was the successful bidder, what was the amount of the accepted tender, and what is the date of delivery requested by the board?

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

“1. No.

“2 and 3. *See* No. 1.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Prime Minister the following questions:—

1. Has the Pacific Great Eastern Railway discontinued sleeping- and parlour-car accommodation?

2. What other railways in North America offer only Budd-car or similar passenger accommodation on runs as long as seventeen hours?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. No information.”

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

1. What was the net cash return to the Government of the \$40,000,000 debentures negotiated by the Premier and sold in the United States?
2. On what dates were these bonds sold and in each case (a) what was total commission paid, (b) what was interest rate, (c) what was effective rate of interest, and (d) what was the total loss in exchange?

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

- “ 1. None.
- “ 2. June 26th, 1956; (a) British Columbia Power Commission, \$225,000; Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, \$112,500; British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority, \$112,500; (b) 3¾ per cent; (c) and (d) not known.”

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

1. What is the total value of contracts let on the Nelson Bridge?
2. Approximately how much has been spent to date?
3. When will the bridge be completed and what is estimated cost, with approaches, upon completion?

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

- “ 1. \$3,397,513.09.
- “ 2. \$2,203,198.19.
- “ 3. Anticipated to be completed October, 1957; estimated cost, \$4,000,000.”

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

1. What is the total value of contracts let on the Kelowna–Westbank Bridge?
2. Approximately how much has been spent to date?
3. When will this bridge be completed and what is estimated cost at completion?
4. In the calendar year 1956, what was the total revenue from the three ferries from Westbank to Kelowna?

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

- “ 1. \$5,104,063.50.
- “ 2. \$1,422,533.53.
- “ 3. Anticipated about middle of 1958; estimated cost, \$8,000,000.
- “ 4. \$204,773.20.”

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

1. In what capacity did one James Allison represent or collaborate in representing the Province of British Columbia in England and on the European Continent in the year 1955?
2. What compensation was paid Mr. Allison and from what departmental appropriation was the payment made?

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

- “ 1 and 2. None.”

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

What was the amount of money collected by the Province by way of gasoline taxes, motor and licence fees, in each of the years 1949 to 1956, inclusive?

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

- “ See Public Accounts for the years 1949 to 1956, inclusive.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

On how many occasions since the inaugural run of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway have (a) passenger-trains and (b) freight-trains been delayed by rock-slides, what was the date of each, and what was the duration of the delay?

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

“(a) Passenger-trains delayed five times as follows: September 30th, delayed 1 hour 18 minutes at Mile 34.5; November 15th, delayed 1 hour 45 minutes at Mile 36.4; December 10th, cancelled due to slides between Horseshoe Bay and Britannia; and January 30th, delayed 1 hour 8 minutes at Mile 30. (b) Freight-trains delayed three times as follows: January 7th, cancelled due to slide at Mile 117; February 15th, delayed 2 hours 25 minutes at Mile 52; and February 19th, delayed 1 hour 50 minutes at Mile 135.”

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

In each year during which a Federal-Provincial tax rental agreement has been in force, what sum of money was paid to this Province pursuant to the agreement?

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

“See Public Accounts for the years 1942 to 1956, inclusive.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following question:—

What was the tonnage of revenue freight carried by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in 1956 for the following commodity classifications: (a) Agricultural products, (b) animals and animal products, (c) mine products, (d) forest products, (e) manufactures and miscellaneous freight, and (f) total tons revenue freight?

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

“(a) Agricultural products, 11,202 tons; (b) animals and animal products, 5,660 tons; (c) mine products, 9,862 tons; (d) forest products, 903,371 tons; (e) manufactures and miscellaneous freight, 275,957 tons; and (f) total tons revenue freight, 1,229,746.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—35.

Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Roche</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>	<i>Steacy</i>	

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

Gregory
Gibbs
Squire

Eddie
Gargrave
Dowding

Uphill
Nimsick
Haggen, Mrs.

Harding
Strachan
Turner

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Friday, March 8th, 1957.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—32.

Messieurs

Campbell
Lundell
Smith
Shirreff
Sharp
Matthew
Newton
Richter

Tisdalle
Bruch
Shantz
Reid
Price
Corbett
Brown, Mrs.
Chetwynd

Kiernan
Williston
Bennett
Bonner
Black
Carnell
Roche
Bryan

Steady
Murray
Robinson
Westwood
Chant
Peterson
Martin
Wicks

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

Gregory
Gibbs
Squire

Eddie
Gargrave
Dowding

Nimsick
Harding

Strachan
Turner

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Sommers
Shelford

Haggen, Mrs.
Uphill

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,491,378 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1958.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

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

That the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, February 7th, be amended by inserting after the words "a debate arose," in the fourth paragraph on page 7, in lieu of the words set out in the Votes and Proceedings of Friday, February 8th, the following:—

"In the debate Mr. *Strachan* raised a point of order, namely, that the principal motion was not in order in that the House had no knowledge that a vacancy existed.

"The Attorney-General informed the House that an Order in Council had been passed on February 7th, 1956, rescinding the appointment of Lieutenant-Commander *Jamieson* as Sergeant-at-Arms.

"Mr. Speaker overruled the point of order.

"The ruling of the Speaker was sustained.

"Mr. *Gregory* rose to a point of privilege while Mr. *Strachan* was in possession of the floor.

"Mr. Speaker ruled that a point of privilege be not raised while another member has possession of the floor.

"When Mr. *Strachan* had relinquished the floor, Mr. *Gregory* rose on a question of privilege, namely, that the passage of the Order in Council referred to by the Hon. the Attorney-General constituted an infringement by Her Majesty of the supremacy of Parliament.

"Mr. Speaker then put the motion, which was agreed to."

Mr. Speaker made a statement, as follows:—

Honourable Members,—A member is moving to have the Votes and Proceedings of the 7th instant corrected or amended. In a debate he made a claim to privilege while another member had possession of the floor. The Speaker may not take cognizance of what was said by a member thus improperly interrupting, unless, of course, unparliamentary words were used.

When this member was recognized and started speaking, he did not raise the question of privilege. He was therefore presumably speaking to the question. On a claim of privilege by a member, the member must first state what the particular privilege is, then the Speaker must rule whether or not it is a matter of privilege, subject, of course, to an appeal to the House.

If it is held that it is a matter of privilege, then the member gives the facts and arguments in respect thereto and follows it by a motion. Ordinarily this motion is withdrawn, unless it is the intention that action be taken by the House.

No such procedure was followed; consequently there was no claim for privilege before the House and, as publisher and editor of the Journals, I could not see that any entry therein was called for.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

And then the House adjourned at 9.15 p.m.