

## Thursday, February 2nd, 1928.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Report of the Commissioner on the economic conditions in certain irrigation districts in the Province.

To lie upon the table.

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* presented a petition from the Provisional Liquidator of the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, praying that direction be given that a neutral engineer, W. Wentworth Bell, Esq., C.E., be at liberty to do certain things.

Mr. *Bryan* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver and others, that legislation be enacted for the purpose of providing for building and other restrictions on a boulevard in the said city, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Dr. *Winch* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

### REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM.

February 2nd, 1928.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The representatives of the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and associates laid certain recommendations bearing upon the development of the agricultural industry before this Committee on February 2nd. After careful consideration your Committee respectfully submits the following:—

(1.) *Noxious-weed Problem*.—It is recommended that an active campaign of an educational and publicity nature be carried on through the Department of Agriculture to lead to and awaken a greater sense of responsibility in the control of noxious weeds throughout the Province. They recommend the Department to circularize all agricultural organizations, particularly within municipal areas, to enable them to assist in this work. Also that all field officers of the Department be instructed to include this subject in their lectures.

(2.) *Sheep Industry*.—We recommend further encouragement be given to the extension of the sheep industry and desire to point out the very satisfactory increase in sheep throughout the Province. The first District Sheep Fair in the Province was organized and held on Vancouver Island last year, being a gratifying success.

(3.) *Amendment to the "Sheep Protection Act."*—We recommend that the word "may" should be changed to read "shall" in section 17 (1), line 1, of the "Sheep Protection Act," 1926-27, it being desirable in our opinion that it shall be clearly shown that it is compulsory rather than optional to pay for damages under this Act. Therefore, line 1 should read: "The Council of any municipality shall provide for the licensing of all dogs."

(4.) *Oriental Problem*.—The following resolution was submitted and is endorsed: "That consideration be given to measures to be taken to solve the problem of the encroachment of the Oriental into every line of industrial activity in British Columbia, particularly through the further issuance of statistical records as well as other means; and that measures be taken to convince and awaken interest in other Provinces as well as the Federal authorities in this very serious question."

Your Committee believe the report on Oriental activities within the Province presented to the Legislature in 1927 provided valuable information, and similar reports should be prepared

for the purposes of comparison, as such records would indicate any further inroads by the Oriental.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. WRINCH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. Have any applications for loans from the Land Settlement Board been received from residents in the Constituency of Cowichan-Newcastle; and, if so, how many?
2. Have any of such applications been allowed; and, if so, how many?

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

- "1. Yes. Fifteen.
- "2. Yes. Eleven."

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

1. Is the Provincial Bureau of Information again functioning?
2. If so, since when?
3. Who is in charge of such Bureau and at what salary?
4. What staff is employed in connection therewith and at what cost per month?
5. What is the nature of the activities of the Bureau?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, on behalf of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April 1st, 1925.
- "3. R. J. Hartley; \$210 per month.
- "4. Four in all; \$593.50.
- "5. Replying to requests by mail and otherwise for information respecting British Columbia, its natural resources, production, opportunities, manufactures, statistics, highways, tours, hunting, and fishing; preparing, revising, and editing pamphlets, bulletins, and other literature for this purpose; supplying Provincial literature to the office of the Agent-General in London and to the Canadian emigration agents in the United States and abroad; distributing information concerning the Province to delegates to conventions meeting in British Columbia; collection and arrangement of Provincial statistics and preparation of a Provincial year-book; writing and placing of advertising for the Department of Finance; publication of the British Columbia Public Service Bulletin."

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

In connection with the "Gauthier Inquiry" and Vote 2 of the Public Accounts:—

1. Are there any further sums to be paid in connection with this inquiry?
2. If so, what are the details of: (a) Amounts; (b) to whom paid or (c) to be paid; and (d) for what services?

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

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

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

In connection with the "Carlow Inquiry" and Vote 2 of the Public Accounts:—

1. Are there any further sums to be paid in connection with this inquiry?
2. If so, what are the details of: (a) Amounts; (b) to whom paid or (c) to be paid; and (d) for what services?

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

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

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

In connection with the "Campaign Funds Inquiry" and Vote 2 of the Public Accounts:—

1. Are there any further sums to be paid in connection with this inquiry?
2. If so, what are the details of: (a) Amounts; (b) to whom paid or (c) to be paid; and (d) for what services?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Were tenders invited for the new lighting system in the Legislative Chamber?
2. If yes, from what firms or individuals were tenders received, what were the amounts of the several tenders, and to what firm or individual was contract awarded?
3. If system was installed under a trial agreement, what was the nature of such agreement?
4. If the lighting fixtures are accepted by the Department, what will the cost be to the Province?

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

"1. Not publicly advertised.

"2. Designs and prices submitted by Northern Electric Co., Ltd., Vancouver, also Hume & Rumble, Ltd., of Vancouver. Northern Electric Co., Ltd., figure being lowest, and design being considered best, was accepted. Northern Electric Co., Ltd., \$7,632; Hume & Rumble, Ltd., \$8,100. Both prices included fixtures, taking down old fixtures, rewiring, and new distribution panel-box.

"3. Northern Electric Co., Ltd., tender guaranteed satisfaction of fixtures and requisite amount and distribution of illumination to approval of Department.

"4. \$7,632."

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

1. In connection with the survey of the West Coast Road on Vancouver Island, what surveys are or were on this work up to this date?
2. Who hired the labourers and others engaged thereon and where were they hired?
3. Were any labourers or others engaged on this work brought over from the mainland of the Province?
4. How long did the survey take and is it complete?
5. What was the cost thereof?

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

"1. A survey party in charge of G. B. Whitehead.

"2. All the staff engaged by locating engineer.

"3. One instrument-man transferred temporarily from staff in Vancouver.

"4. Survey now in progress.

"5. See answer to No. 4."

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

1. Did the Province of British Columbia send an exhibit to the Royal Agricultural Exhibition for the Winter Fair, Toronto, in November last? If so, what was the cost of the exhibit?
2. Who was in charge of the exhibit?
3. What was his salary?
4. What was the amount of his expenses?
5. Between what dates was he employed?

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

"1. Yes. \$12,256.27.

"2. C. Lemax.

"3. \$450 per month.

"4. \$2,179.51.

"5. April 15th, 1927, to January 15th, 1928."

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

1. Have any representations been made to the Department to extend the Vancouver Island Highway: (a) To Tofino from Port Alberni, and (b) from Campbell River to Sayward?
2. If yes, what type of road is it proposed should be constructed in each case?
3. What are the estimates of costs in connection with these works respectively?

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

"1. (a.) Yes. (b.) Yes.

"2. Usual standard for this type of road.

"3. (a.) Estimate made by R. D. McCaw, B.C.L.S., in 1913, \$678,810; this is subject to revision. (b.) Approximately \$200,000, exclusive of bridges, subject to revision in final location."

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

With reference to the question *re* costs of rebuilding old Cariboo Road (*Journals*, 1926-27, page 69):—

1. Did the Canadian Pacific Railway or the Canadian National Railway contribute towards the cost of rebuilding the portions of the old Cariboo Road alleged to have been destroyed by the construction of the railways? If so, how much?

2. If not, what steps have the Government taken to force contribution towards such rebuilding from these companies?

3. Have the final negotiations referred to by the Minister in his answers been complete? If yes, what were the results?

4. If such negotiations have not yet been completed, did the Prime Minister or the Attorney-General take up the matters referred to with the railway companies, or with the Federal authorities while in Ottawa attending the recent Dominion-Provincial Conference?

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

"1. Canadian Pacific Railway Company has paid so far \$15,000; the management of the Canadian National Railways has this matter under consideration.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Not complete. (*See* answer to No. 1.)

"4. In view of representations made by the Minister of Public Works and the Premier at a conference here with Sir Henry Thornton it was not necessary to take the matter up at Ottawa in the manner suggested."

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

1. Has a survey been made by Department of Public Works for the extension of North Thompson Highway?

2. If so, will construction start this year?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes."

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

1. Have any steps been taken toward erection of a bridge over the Little Thompson River at Squilax?

2. Is it the intention of the Government to provide a traffic-bridge at this point?

3. If so, what arrangements have been made toward such end?

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

"1 and 2. Matter receiving the attention of the Department.

"3. Answered by Nos. 1 and 2."

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

1. Has the Government considered the necessity of providing improved Court-house accommodation at Victoria?

2. Will provision be made in the Estimates this Session to this end?

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

"1 and 2. Now under consideration."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Department of Public Works to complete the highway from Aleza Lake to McBride and the Alberta boundary?
2. Are efforts being made to secure the use of approximately 20 miles of abandoned Grand Trunk Pacific Railway grade between Red Pass and the Alberta boundary?
3. Will construction on this highway be proceeded with this year?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes; this was taken into consideration when preparing the whole scheme.
- "3. Yes."

Dr. *Wrinch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Is the high-level bridge at Hugwilget, near New Hazelton, safe for general traffic?
2. Has same been inspected by an independent registered professional engineer?
3. If so, what is his report and will same be submitted to this House?
4. Has the Government examined any other possible sites for a bridge that might serve the public for the traffic which now passes over the present bridge?
5. Has the Minister of Public Works or his deputy made any announcement as to which of the possible sites will be adopted for the new bridge?
6. Will the Government state now at which site it intends to erect the new bridge and when is it proposed to start work on same?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Report tabled.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. No; it is the intention of the Government to replace during this year present high-level bridge with a modern structure in the same location.
- "6. See answer to No. 5."

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

1. Were any alterations made to the building now used as a Liquor Store at Mission City during the year 1927?
2. Were tenders called for, for this work?
3. If so, what tenders were received, what was the amount of each tender, and to whom was the contract awarded?

The Hon. Mr. *Manson*, on behalf of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. For remodelling premises: Robt. MacRae, \$1,138; R. P. Wardrop, \$1,152. Awarded to Robert MacRae. In addition: Electrical work, W. J. Windebank, \$34; glass sign, The David Hall Sign Co., Ltd., \$18."

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

1. Are the landing-slips used in operation of the Brentwood-Mill Bay Ferry, Vancouver Island, the property of the Provincial Government?
2. Is use of these wharves, or slips, restricted to the ferry operators?
3. By whom is such ferry operated?
4. Under what terms and conditions is operations of this ferry authorized?
5. Were tenders invited for such toll-ferry privilege?
6. If yes, what tenders were received?
7. How often during the year ended December 31st last was the Malahat Drive declared closed to traffic?
8. How many days in aggregate, during 1927, was the said Malahat Drive so closed?
9. During such closings of the Malahat Drive has the original Victoria-Nanaimo Trunk Road at all times been open and in safe condition for use alternatively?

10. What arrangements are made by the Department to afford facilities of access to medical and other emergent services for the permanent residents of Bamberton during closures of the Malahat Drive?

11. Was the tariff of toll charges in connection with use of the Brentwood-Mill Bay Ferry submitted to and approved by the Department?

12. Is any arrangement operative for reductions or rebates of toll charges when use of the public highways by through vehicular traffic is impossible or prohibited?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Cascade Freighting & Towing Co., Ltd.

"4. Terms and conditions set out by Order in Council No. 717, 1924.

"5. Yes.

"6. One; Cascade Freighting & Towing Co., Ltd.

"7. From May 2nd to 6th, 1927, owing to tarviating; from June 7th to 9th, 1927, owing to bridge-repairs; from October 5th to 8th, 1927, owing to blasting; from November 14th to 24th, 1927, owing to blasting, for light traffic; November 29th, 1927, owing to blasting, for general traffic.

"8. Light traffic, 23 days; general traffic, 29 days.

"9. No official information as to condition of old road at all times; the Malahat Road having been built to replace same.

"10. Every possible facility accorded by Department in cases of emergency.

"11. Yes.

"12. No."

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

1. What steps have been taken in relocation of the main highway between Spences Bridge and Merritt?

2. What are: (a) The costs of surveys and engineering in connection therewith; and (b) estimated costs of the proposed changes, including bridge-construction incident thereto?

3. Have any contracts been awarded in connection with this work?

4. If so, were tenders invited, what bids were received, and what action was taken there-upon?

5. How many new bridges are provided for in the relocation survey, and what are the nature and cost thereof respectively?

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

"1. Relocation on highway between Merritt and Spences Bridge at 3-mile slide, 3 miles east of Spences Bridge, length  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile; relocation at Canford, 12 miles west of Merritt, length 4,200 feet.

"2. (a.) Survey cost, \$160, engineering supervision by Assistant District Engineer, Yale District; part of his duties. (b.) Change at 3-mile slide, \$48,500, including bridges; change at Canford, \$7,800.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Two new bridges at 3-mile slide diversion, Howe trusses, trestle approaches, concrete piers and abutments. Cost of two bridges, \$45,000."

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

1. What is the estimated total of unemployed wage-workers as at January 1st instant: (a) In Vancouver; (b) in Victoria; and (c) elsewhere in British Columbia?

2. What steps (if any) have been taken to relieve or reduce such unemployment?

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

"1. Unplaced applicants at the various Provincial Government branches of the Employment Service of Canada shows: (a) 1,204; (b) 510; (c) 522.

"2. By opening-up of works wherever possible and by canvass of employers."

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. How many applications have been received for old-age pensions in British Columbia?
2. How many have been granted: (a) Full pension; (b) partial pension?
3. How many have been rejected?
4. What have been the reasons for rejection?
5. What is the estimated cost per year under the present Act and regulations?
6. What would be the estimated annual cost to British Columbia if the age-limit were reduced to 65?

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

"1. 3,208.

"2. 2,254: (a) 1,435; (b) 819.

"3. 106.

"4. Excess income, 17; applicant not yet 70 years of age, 21; resident children able to support as required by 'Parents' Maintenance Act,' 6; applicant not resident in Canada for twenty years immediately preceding application, 47; applicant not resident in British Columbia for past five years, 15; total, 106.

"5. To British Columbia, \$300,000.

"6. To British Columbia, \$650,000."

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

1. What quantities of butter were imported into British Columbia from foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
2. What quantities of butter were exported from British Columbia to foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
3. What quantities of fresh vegetables were imported into British Columbia from foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
4. What quantities of fresh vegetables were exported from British Columbia to foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
5. What quantities of fresh fruit were imported into British Columbia from foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
6. What quantities of fresh fruit were exported from British Columbia to foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
7. What quantities of canned vegetables and fruit were imported into British Columbia from foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
8. What quantities of canned vegetables and fruit were exported from British Columbia to foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
9. What quantities of eggs were imported into British Columbia from foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
10. What quantities of eggs were exported from British Columbia to foreign points in 1925, 1926, 1927?
11. What quantities of hay were imported into British Columbia from foreign points in 1920, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927?
12. What quantities of hay were exported from British Columbia to foreign points in 1920, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927?

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

"1. 1925, 65,595 lb.; 1926, 2,756,987 lb.; 1927, not available.

"2. No exports outside of small quantity going out as ship's stores.

"3. 1925, value \$510,531; 1926, value \$366,677; 1927, not available. (Impossible to state quantity. Customs returns only give values.)

"4. 1925, 3,976,000 lb.; 1926, 5,891,790 lb.; 1927, not available. (Including shipments to Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.)

"5. 1925, 9,945,918 lb.; 1926, 7,864,780 lb.; 1927, not available.

"6. 1925, 21,986,635 lb.; 1926, 35,634,279 lb.; 1927, not available. (Including shipments to Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.)

"7. 1925, 5,064,289 lb.; 1926, 5,412,497 lb.; 1927, not available.

"8. 1925, 1,309,429 lb.; 1926, 1,129,094 lb.; 1927, not available.

"9. 1925, 152,513 dozen; 1926, 53,886 dozen; 1927, not available. (Cleared at British Columbia ports for distribution at points east of British Columbia boundary.)

"10. 1925, 30,900 dozen; 1926, 45,150 dozen; 1927, not available. (Exports to other Canadian Provinces, not included in above, aggregate 1,132,620 dozen for 1926 and 2,940,000 dozen for 1927.)

"11. 1920, 23,887 tons; 1924, 6,602 tons; 1925, 8,449 tons; 1926, 5,002 tons; 1927, not available.

"12. 1920, 115 tons; 1924, 153 tons; 1925, 7 tons; 1926, 12 tons; 1927, not available."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

## Friday, February 3rd, 1928.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented the Report of the Civil Service Commissioner for the Year ended March 31st, 1927.

The petition from the Provisional Liquidator of the Westholme Lumber Company, Limited, praying that direction be given that a neutral engineer, W. Wentworth Bell, Esq., C.E., be at liberty to do certain things, was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*January 27th, 1928.*

*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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a Return pursuant to section 10, chapter 165, R.S.B.C. 1924, "Iron Ore Supply Act."

To lie upon the table.



With the leave of the House, the Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper of to-day in the name of Mr. *Hayward*:—

1. In the Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Public Schools of British Columbia, 1925-26, is there an item under the heading "Industrial Education," grants in aid of, \$39,348.45?
2. In the Fifty-sixth Annual Report is there a similar item for \$54,177.36?
3. To what persons, schools, or societies were these "grants in aid" given, and for what purpose in each case?

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

1. Has one W. H. Boothroyd been appointed Government Agent at Nanaimo?
2. When and where was said Boothroyd first employed by the Government?
3. Is said Boothroyd a British subject by birth or by naturalization?
4. If by naturalization, what is date of his certificate of naturalization?
5. What is said Boothroyd's age?
6. Is he a returned soldier?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Nicola, June 20th, 1917.
- "3. Birth.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. 48.
- "6. No."

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

1. What was the total expenditure in connection with the case of one Leech, allegedly murdered on the west coast of Vancouver Island?
2. Were any persons employed as special investigators in connection with this case who are not attached to any police service?
3. Is this case still under investigation?

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

- "1. Expenditure not segregated as to cases.
- "2. Yes; one man sworn in as special constable on account of his familiarity with Indian dialects."

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

1. What area of forest land within the Province has been definitely dedicated to future forest production?
2. What areas have been set aside as parks within Provincial jurisdiction? Give the extent of each area?
3. How many Assistant Forest Rangers were carried during the present winter? Is it desirable to keep some of these men on the pay-roll for twelve months instead of for the fire season?
4. How many special fire foremen were employed and kept in training by the Department during the past fire season? Is it the intention to increase this number?
5. Did results obtained in aeroplane patrol in the Kootenay District last year justify the continuation of this phase of the work?

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

- "1. 5,860,000 acres.
- "2. Stratheona Park, 828 square miles; Mount Robson Park, 760 square miles; Garibaldi Park, 260 square miles; Kokanee Park, 100 square miles; Mount Assiniboine Park, 20 square miles.
- "3. Part 1: Five. Part 2: Yes, when circumstances warrant.
- "4. Part 1: Five. Part 2: Yes.
- "5. Yes."

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

1. Was a contract for an electric generating-set for Tranquille Sanatorium awarded in year ending March 31st, 1927?
2. Was the contract awarded to the lowest tenderer?
3. If not, why not?

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

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

Mr. *Wallinger* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

Referring to the "Complex Ore Process Aid Act":—

1. What work has been done under this Act during the years 1925, 1926, and 1927?
2. What has been the cost of this work, outside of the salaries of operators?
3. What plant has been used in these operations?
4. What was the cost of this plant?

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

- "1. None.
- "2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What was the total liability of the Province in respect to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway on January 1st, 1917?
2. What is the total liability of the Province in respect to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway on January 1st, 1928?

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

"1. Re *Pacific Great Eastern Railway*.—Total liability of Province in respect of Pacific Great Eastern Railway on January 1st, 1917, was:—

"For principal—

Guaranteed stock .....	\$20,160,000.00
Advance, 1916 'Loan Act' .....	1,319,366.86

"For interest paid on—

Guaranteed stock, 1915 .....	\$316,916.80
Guaranteed stock, 1916 .....	737,809.47
	1,053,826.27
Interest on loans under 1916 'Loan Act' .....	59,200.00

Total liability on January 1st, 1917 .....	\$22,592,393.13
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" Plus interest at 4½ per cent. per annum on .....	\$15,313,371.86
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" Plus interest at 5 per cent. per annum on .....	500,000.00
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" Plus interest at 6 per cent. per annum on .....	4,800,000.00
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	\$20,913,371.86
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"No interest has been charged on interest paid on guaranteed stock.

"On January 1st, 1917, there had been paid out of the Consolidated Revenue of the Province \$1,113,026.27; all other payments from 1912 to June, 1915, had been paid out of capital, which in the aggregate amounted to \$1,021,647.60.

"Between September 1st, 1912, and February 2nd, 1914, the Company sold \$14,234,805 of 4½-per-cent. guaranteed stock in London, from which the net sum of \$13,231,241.02 was received. The difference, \$1,003,563.98, represents discounts, underwriters' commissions, brokerage, exchange, and expenses—under authority of Order in Council approved November 16th, 1914, the balance of the guaranteed stock—namely, \$5,925,125—was pledged to the Union Bank with authority to sell at not less than 8 per cent. discount for loan of \$4,800,000 bearing interest at

6 per cent., during the whole period interest earned on bank deposits amounting to \$215,738.42. The securities were sold May 10th, 1926, at 92.50 and proceeds applied in retiring note and reducing amount for interest paid thereon. The whole of the proceeds, both for guaranteed stock and bank loan, was spent by December 24th, 1915, last payment being part of Certificate No. 41. After this date advances were made under authority of 'Loan Act, 1916,' on July 2nd, 1916, \$819,366.86 from proceeds of sale of 4½-per-cent. debentures dated July 1st, 1916, net proceeds being \$750,000 and discount \$69,366.86, and on August 29th, 1916, Treasury bill \$500,000 bearing interest at 5 per cent.

"Borrowing-power *liability* available under 1916 'Loan Act,' \$5,208,570.45.

"On January 1st, 1928, the total liabilities of the Province in respect to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was:—

"Principal—

For guaranteed stock .....	\$20,160,000.00
For direct obligation bonds and Treasury bills .....	13,539,020.00

Total liabilities for principal .....	\$33,699,020.00
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"Liabilities incurred in connection with debt prior to January 1st, 1917, \$22,592,393.13:

Interest on guaranteed stock .....	\$8,875,582.51
Interest on loan, 1916 'Loan Act,' prior to January 1st, 1917 .....	666,241.00
Interest on guaranteed note and note repayment .....	1,453,233.52
	10,995,057.03

"Liabilities for interest and operation since January 1st, 1917, on \$5,208,570.45, since borrowed under 1916 'Loan Act' .....

1,874,667.48

"Interest on \$4,302,300 borrowed under authority 'Loan Act, 1920' .....

2,094,241.50

"Interest on \$3,786,000 debentures on authority 'Loan Act, 1921' .....

1,535,897.57

"Advanced to cover damage by floods—

Principal .....	\$152,184.02
Interest .....	45,377.28
	197,561.30

"Advanced to cover loss in operation and purchase of equipment—

1922-23—Principal .....	\$337,222.50
Interest .....	90,558.06
	427,780.56
1923-24—Principal .....	\$285,000.00
Interest .....	60,828.88
	345,828.88
1924-25—Principal .....	\$399,551.19
Interest .....	64,307.73
	464,158.92
1925-26—Principal .....	\$300,000.00
Interest .....	37,057.53
	337,057.53
1926-27—Principal .....	\$350,000.00
Interest .....	24,641.10
	374,641.10
1927-28—Principal .....	\$400,000.00
Interest .....	8,499.70
	408,499.70
1927—Loan .....	\$45,000.00
Interest .....	152.87
	45,152.87

Total liability, January 1st, 1928 .....	\$52,799,564.44
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## " Summary—

Liabilities, January 1st, 1917 .....		\$22,592,393.13
Carrying charges since paid out of Consolidated Revenue to sustain this debt .....		9,882,030.76
		<u>\$32,474,423.89</u>
Capital, interest charges, and expenditures for construction, equipment, floods, and loss in operation paid out since January 1st, 1917—		
For capital by loans .....	\$13,296,687.45	
For interest out of revenue .....	5,504,806.55	
For loss in operation, equipment, etc., out of revenue ....	2,412,983.41	
		<u>\$21,214,477.41</u>
Less debenture loans paid off .....	889,336.86	
		<u>20,325,140.55</u>
Total liability as at January 1st, 1928 .....		<u>\$52,799,564.44</u>
Loan paid off, July 1st, 1926 .....	\$819,336.86	
First instalment on second loan, January 12th, 1927 .....	70,000.00	
Sinking fund on hand against direct liability, December 31st, 1927 .....	1,315,543.89	
Sinking fund on hand, guaranteed stock, December 31st, 1927 .....	723,400.27	
		<u>\$2,928,281.02</u>

"Out of capital borrowings up to January 1st, 1917, amounting to \$21,354,171.86, only \$16,410,804.85 was spent on construction up till the time the Government took over the line on February 22nd, 1918, the remainder being spent for interest, discounts, etc., general expenses, and general administration.

"Out of total borrowings since that date, amounting to \$13,296,687.45, the sum of \$12,081,749.25 has been spent on construction, the remainder for betterments and loss in operation and purchase of equipment. All interest charges on borrowings both prior and since January 1st, 1917, have been paid out of Provincial revenue receipts."

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

1. When did name of William Harry Boothroyd first appear on voters' list for Merritt Polling-station of Yale Electoral District?
2. Did said Boothroyd take an affidavit in Form 1 of the "Provincial Elections Act" at Merritt, B.C., wherein he swore that he was a British subject by birth?

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

- "1. Voters' list of 1920.
- "2. Yes. Affidavit dated June 28th, 1920."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Monday, February 6th, 1928.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver and others, that legislation be enacted for the purpose of providing for building and other restrictions on a boulevard in the said city, and for other purposes, was received.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

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

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM.

February 6th, 1928.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petitions.

No. 1—Corporation of the City of Victoria.

No. 2—Corporation of the City of Vancouver.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Dr. *Wrench*, the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture was adopted.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria."

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, 1927-28, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act."

With the leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Barrow* presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Jones*:—

1. What acreage was under crop in lands classed as "A," "B," "C," "D," "E," "F," "G," and "H" in the Sumas Reclamation Area, respectively?
2. What quantity of produce was produced from each class respectively?
3. What was the cost thereof and what was the amount realized from the sale?
4. What percentage of the crop was damaged (if any)?

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

1. Were tenders called for the dam and pumping-station at Sumas?
2. If yes, who tendered and what was amount of each tender?
3. What firm did the work?
4. Was the work done by contract or was it done on a cost-plus basis?
5. If work was carried out on a cost-plus basis, what was the total amount paid to contractor?
6. On what date was work commenced and on what date was it completed?

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

"1, 2, 3, and 4. See Journals, November 8th, 1923, pages 33 and 34.

"5. \$549,369.17.

"6. McGillivray Creek dam (eastern section) commenced January, 1922; completed May, 1922. Main dam (western section) commenced August 30th, 1922; closed to hold out flood-water, March 29th, 1923. Pumps and pumping-station completed October, 1923."

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

1. What is the rental paid for the premises occupied by the Liquor Vendor's store at Invermere?
2. From whom are the premises rented?
3. Who is the registered owner of the said premises in the Land Registry Office?

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

"1. \$25 per month.

"2. Hotel Invermere, Limited (monthly tenancy).

"3. Certificate of Encumbrance No. 9781, Land Registry Office, Nelson, dated October 9th, 1925, showed registered owner as follows: Hotel Invermere, Limited, registered in Indefeasible Register, Vol. 3, Fol. 49, No. 1661r."

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

1. Was one W. H. Boothroyd at any time a Stipendiary Magistrate stationed at Merritt, B.C.?
2. Were any complaints ever received regarding conduct of said Boothroyd as Stipendiary Magistrate from the police or others?
3. What was the nature of said complaints (if any)?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No record can be found of any complaint.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. What work was done during 1926-27 and until December 31st last in improvement of the Lakeshore Road through the Okanagan Valley?
2. What were the surveying and engineering costs incident thereto, and what is the estimated cost of carrying the betterment operations to completion?
3. Were any tenders invited in connection with this work; and, if so, what bids were received and what action taken thereupon?
4. Did contract or contracts (if any) contain any provision prohibiting or regulating sub-letting?
5. What portion of the work (if any) was done by day-labour and at what cost?

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

"1. Widening, cutting off rock points, improving dangerous curves.

"2. None. Work laid out by District Engineer. Estimated cost of further improvements, \$10,000.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. All work done by day-labour. Cost fiscal year 1926-27, \$9,222.45; cost April 1st, 1927, to December 31st, 1927, \$15,000."

Mr. *Wallinger* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. On what date was A. B. Buckworth appointed to the position of General Manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. For what period were his services retained and what salary did he receive?
3. Prior to his appointment as General Manager, what experience did he have in railway operation, construction, and general management?
4. On what date was T. Kilpatrick appointed to the position of General Manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
5. For what period were his services retained and what salary did he receive?
6. Prior to his appointment as General Manager, what experience did he have in railway operation, construction, and general management?
7. On what date was Robert Wilson appointed to the position of General Manager of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
8. For what period were his services retained and what salary does he receive?
9. Prior to his appointment as General Manager, what experience did he have in railway operation, construction, and general management?

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

- "1. July 29th, 1920.
- "2. Until January 31st, 1923, \$6,000 per annum.
- "3. Manager, Spokane and B.C. Railway.
- "4. February 1st, 1923.
- "5. Until February 24th, 1927; \$4,500 per annum.
- "6. Superintendent of Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Revelstoke, 1901 to 1912; Superintendent of Bridges for Government of Province of British Columbia, August 15th, 1915, to January 31st, 1923.
- "7. March 22nd, 1927. Appointed Executive Assistant. Position of General Manager abolished.
- "8. \$5,000 per annum.
- "9. 1913 to 1918 in the service of Foley, Welch & Stewart, railway contractors. From May 6th, 1918, to July 28th, 1920, Auditor; from July 29th, 1920, to date, Comptroller; from July 29th, 1920, to March 21st, 1927, Assistant General Manager."

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

1. Was any crib-work or protection-work done during the year 1927 on the portion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway paralleling Anderson and Seton Lakes?
2. If yes, was such protection-work built of wood or concrete?
3. Was the cost of such work charged to capital or current account?
4. What did the work cost?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Wood.
- "3. Operating expenses.
- "4. \$8,547.61."

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

1. Have any steps been taken toward construction of a road from Corbin into the Flathead country?
2. If so, what costs have been incurred on surveys, etc., and what is the estimated cost of the proposed road?
3. What route for same is favoured, and when is it expected that construction will be undertaken?

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

- "1. Yes. Survey made in 1910 and reconnaissance since that date.
- "2. \$515. Estimated cost based on preliminary survey, \$120,000, townsite to boundary. This subject to revision on final location.
- "3. Construction generally, along line of preliminary location, is under consideration."

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

1. Has the resurfacing of the Nelson-Ymir Road been completed?
2. If yes, when?
3. If not, why not?
4. If yes, what is the cost thereof?
5. What has been the total cost to date of the Nelson-Ymir Road?

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

"1. No. Three miles still to be gravelled.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Work has been progressively carried out from year to year and will be completed this season.

"4. Answered by No. 1.

"5. Nelson-Ymir construction, including engineering, \$195,565.81; bridges, \$10,747.50; spent since construction on widening and gravelling, \$23,105.51; total, \$229,418.82."

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

1. What survey or construction work was done during 1926-27 to the end of the year on reconditioning the road from McGillivray, Fernie District?
2. What were costs of same, and what is the estimate of expenditure necessary to put this road in condition to satisfactorily meet the demands of modern traffic?
3. Have any tenders been invited in connection therewith; and, if so, what are the details of bids received and action taken thereupon?
4. Do tenders (if any) contain provision for the prohibition or regulation of subletting?
5. If any part or parts of the work were done by day-labour, what were the costs of same?

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

"1. Construction started from Corbin end towards McGillivray; 7½ miles completed. Survey to Interprovincial Highway at Mile 27.6 east of Fernie was made.

"2. 7½ miles cost \$26,300; five bridges cost \$6,900; spent for clearing, 1925-27, \$10,200; total cost to date, \$43,400. Estimated expenditure to complete same to Interprovincial Highway approximately \$36,000.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. See answer to No. 2."

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

1. Has any request been made for a Federal aid towards the cost of construction of the West Coast Road extensions on Vancouver Island; and, if so, to what extent and under what conditions?
2. What replies have been received from the Federal authorities (if any)?

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

"1. Not on any particular road.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What progress was made during 1926-27 and up to December 31st last in completion of the Vernon-Edgewood Road?
2. Has change of location between Mile 34 and Monashee Mine been considered?
3. If yes, has proposed change of location been surveyed and estimate of cost to complete road made?
4. If yes, what is cost of survey and estimated cost of said change of road when completed?
5. Has a survey been made of present road between Mile 34 and Monashee Mine and estimate of completed cost given?
6. If yes, what is cost of survey and estimated cost of road when completed?
7. Has any consideration been given to the number of settlers served by the present road as compared with proposed change of road?
8. If yes, what is the comparison?



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

"1. Reconnaissance surveys made to investigate possible routes and after that location survey made of route adopted.

"2. Yes.

"3. Change of location has been surveyed, but plans and estimate have not been completed.

"4. Cost of surveys, \$3,576.99; estimate not completed.

"5. Reconnaissance survey was made of present road between M.P. 34 (Cherryville) and Monashee Pass and used in the comparison mentioned in answer to question No. 1.

"6. Cost of this survey not kept separate nor detailed estimate made. Advantages of route adopted so obvious relative to gradients, alignment, materials in road-bed, etc., that it would not warrant expense of estimate on present route.

"7. Yes.

"8. Three resident settlers on present road and two on proposed road."

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

1. Have any steps been taken toward hard-surfacing the main road connecting Chilliwack with the Pacific Highway?

2. If so, what arrangements have been made to this end?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Preparation of subgrade and plans, etc., prepared for diversions and general improvement preparatory to paving."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.49 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 7th, 1928.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Peck* moved, seconded by Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*,—

That the humble Address proposed to be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be amended by adding thereto the following words: "but this House nevertheless regrets that Your Honour's Government has persisted in its previous policy of refusing Cabinet representation to Greater Vancouver, although that great industrial and populous area has been without representation in the Government for over six years."

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Crcery</i>	<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	

## NAYS—25.

## Messieurs

<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>McDonald</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Munn</i>			

## PAIRS :

## Messieurs

*Kennedy* *Sloan*

The main motion was carried on the following division :—

## YEAS—26.

## Messieurs

<i>Creery</i>	<i>Munn</i>	<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>Neclands</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>McDonald</i>	<i>Kergin</i>
<i>Browne</i>	<i>Colley</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Odlum</i>	<i>McPherson</i>	<i>Barrow</i>
<i>Stoddart</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>
<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>		

## NAYS—18.

## Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Haycard</i>	<i>Peck</i>	<i>Jones</i>
<i>Wallinger</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Davie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>
<i>Catherwood</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>
<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>	<i>Woodward</i>
<i>Lyons</i>	<i>Coventry</i>		

## PAIRS :

## Messieurs

*Kennedy* *Sloan*

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented the Interim Report of the Royal Commission under the "Inquiries Act," chapter 104 of the "Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906," relating to the claim of the Province of British Columbia to the reconveyance of certain lands conveyed by the Province to the Dominion pursuant to paragraph 11 of the Terms of Union.

To lie upon the table.

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

1. Is it proposed to do away with the high-level bridge crossing the Bulkley River at New Hazelton?
2. If yes, what is the reason therefor?
3. Have any protests been received against such action? If so, from whom?
4. Has anybody asked for the change of location; and, if so, whom, and are they all residents of the district?
5. If not, how many are not?

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

- "1. Yes; and a modern structure at this point will be substituted.
- "2. The structure unsafe for loads in excess of 4 tons.
- "3. Petition received from a number of local residents objecting to any change of site.
- "4. Yes; a petition from property-owners and residents of the Skeena and Kispiox Valleys to the number of thirty-eight.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province at January 1st, 1928?
2. What was the amount of sinking funds at said date?
3. What was owing to the Canadian Bank of Commerce and other banks (if any) by way of overdraft or borrowed on Treasury bills at January 1st, 1928, with particulars?
4. If Treasury bills issued, when do these fall due?
5. What amounts are still available for borrowing purposes under various Loan Acts, with particulars, as at January 1st instant?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

" 1. Gross debt, including Treasury bills .....	\$81,318,061.00
Less sinking funds .....	\$16,693,125.49
Less revenue-producing debt .....	17,378,892.00
	34,072,017.49
Net debt as at January 1st, 1928 .....	\$47,246,043.51
" 2. Answered by No. 1.	
" 3. General purposes .....	\$100,000.00
Pacific Great Eastern Railway .....	359,800.00
British Columbia University .....	17,000.00
Roads and Bridges .....	251,708.00
Buildings .....	64,000.00
Land Settlement Board .....	32,371.00
'Soldiers' Land Act' .....	20,109.00
Conservation.....	20,312.00
	\$865,300.00
" 4. May 1st, 1928.	
" 5. Consolidated Revenue—	
'Loan Act, 1916' .....	\$220.00
'Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)' .....	450,000.00
	\$450,220.00
'Industries Loan Act, 1920' .....	1,000,000.00
B.C. University—	
'University Loan Act, 1920' .....	\$33,000.00
'Loan Act, 1927' .....	250,000.00
	283,000.00
P.G.E. Construction—	
'P.G.E. Construction Loan Act, 1920' .....	\$165.65
'P.G.E. Construction Loan Act, 1921' .....	365,080.80
'Loan Act, 1927' .....	455,000.00
Buildings—	\$20,246.45
'Loan Act, 1922' .....	6,772.00
'Loan Act, 1923' .....	854.15
'Loan Act, 1927' .....	890,000.00
	897,626.15
'Soldiers' Land Act'—'Loan Act, 1927' .....	80,000.00
Land Settlement Board—'Loan Act, 1925' .....	8,213.00
Highways and Bridges—'Loan Act, 1927' .....	1,319,769.00
Conservation—	
'Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)' .....	\$84,128.00
'Loan Act, 1922' .....	45,000.00
	129,128.00
B.C.E. Railway—'Loan Act, 1921' .....	93,000.00
' Crown Property Development Act '—'Loan Act, 1925' .....	75,000.00
	\$5,156,202.60 "
	\$5,156,202.60 "

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

1. Is one David Lewis acting as Assessor at Nanaimo?
2. When was he appointed?
3. What is his salary?
4. Is he paid any extra allowance?
5. What amount has been paid said Lewis for travelling expenses since date of his present appointment to date?
6. What amount was paid A. Forrester for travelling expenses during the last sixteen months he acted as Assessor at Nanaimo?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. September 1st, 1926.
- "3. \$150 per month.
- "4. \$15 per month. Appointment to Nanaimo temporary, \$15 as living allowance pending final decision as to permanent appointment. Former Assessor getting \$175 per month.
- "5. \$1,684.55.
- "6. \$618.95."

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

1. What sums have been borrowed by the Government since January 1st, 1927?
2. From whom in each case borrowed and under what authority?
3. What rate of interest is carried on its face by each such loan?
4. When are loans repayable in each case?
5. What were actual costs of such loans in each case, inclusive of discounts and commissions?
6. Have borrowed moneys been fully expended; and, if not, how much in each case remains available?

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

"1. *For Refunding Purposes* (under authority of the 'Revenue Act,' R.S.B.C. 1924)—

4½-per-cent. 2-year Debentures maturing January 25th, 1929, yielding 4.73 per cent., sold at 99.564 per 100 to syndicate composed of: Bank of Montreal; First National Bank, New York; Redmond & Co.; Hallgarten & Co.; Solomon Bros. & Hutzler; Hanson Bros. & McLeod; Young & Weir & Co. (Refunding \$2,000,000 5-year 6-per-cent. Bonds matured July 15th, 1926, and \$1,000,000 5-year 6-per-cent. Bonds matured August 16th, 1926, temporarily taken up by Treasury Bills).....	\$3,000,000.00
4-per-cent. 2-year Debentures maturing September 25th, 1929, yielding 4.60 per cent., sold at 98.86 per 100 to syndicate composed of: A. E. Ames & Co.; Royal Bank of Canada; and Wood, Gundy & Co. (Refunding \$3,000,000 3-year 4½-per-cent. Debentures matured on July 12th, 1927, temporarily taken up by Treasury Bills) .....	3,000,000.00
Total refunding .....	\$6,000,000.00

"*New Borrowings*—

Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1925' .....	\$2,100,000.00
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1924' .....	250,000.00
Under authority of 'B.C. University Loan Act' .....	650,000.00
	\$3,000,000.00

4½-per-cent. 2-year Debentures maturing January 25th, 1929, yielding 4.73 per cent., sold at 99.564 per 100 to syndicate composed of: Bank of Montreal; First National Bank, New York; Redmond & Co.; Hallgarten & Co.; Solomon Bros. & Hutzler; Hanson Bros.; and McLeod, Young & Weir & Co.

Under authority of 'B.C. University Loan Act'.....	\$250,000.00	
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1923' .....	705,000.00	
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1925' .....	275,000.00	
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1927' .....	1,770,000.00	
		\$3,000,000.00
4½-per-cent. 30-year Sinking Fund Debentures maturing Sep- tember 25th, 1957, yielding 4.66 per cent., sold at 97.23 per 100 to syndicate composed of: A. E. Ames & Co.; Royal Bank of Canada; and Wood, Gundy & Co.		
Under authority of 'P.G.E. Construction Loan Act, 1921' .....	\$263,000.00	
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1921' .....	47,000.00	
		310,000.00
4½-per-cent. 15-year Sinking Fund Debentures maturing November 1st, 1942.		
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1922' .....	\$188,000.00	
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1924' .....	332,000.00	
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1925' .....	60,000.00	
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1927' .....	110,000.00	
		690,000.00
4½-per-cent. 30-year Sinking Fund Debentures maturing November 1st, 1957, or \$1,000,000 yielding on an average of 4.66 per cent., sold at 97.60 per 100 to syndicate com- posed of: A. E. Ames & Co.; Royal Bank of Canada; and Wood, Gundy & Co.		
Under authority of 'Loan Act, 1927' .....		1,000,000.00
4-per-cent. 30-year Sinking Fund Debentures, maturing De- cember 1st, 1957, yielding 4.424 per cent., sold at 92.69 per 100 to syndicate composed of: A. E. Ames & Co.; Royal Bank of Canada; and Wood, Gundy & Co.		
		\$8,000,000.00
To retire in part outstanding Treasury Bills as at January 1st, 1927 .....		4,182,722.00
Or a new borrowing by way of Debentures now fully expended of .....		\$3,817,278.00
From the proceeds of Treasury Bills sold at par to The Canadian Bank of Commerce on a 4.75-per-cent. basis under authority of the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921,' the 'British Columbia University Loan Act, 1920,' and 'Loan Acts, 1922 and 1927,' payable on May 1st, 1928 .....		557,800.00
Total gross borrowings from January 1st, 1927, to January 1st, 1928 .....		\$4,375,078.00
<i>Less—</i>		
Payment of first instalment due on Seral Debenture issue		
E.V. on June 29th, 1927 .....	\$210,000.00	
Instalment on mortgage on B.C. House, London .....	9,700.00	
		219,700.00
Total net borrowings from January 1st, 1927, to January 1st, 1928, now fully expended .....		\$4,155,378.00

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

1. What work was done during 1926-27 and up to December 31st last on construction of a road south from Nakusp?
2. What were the surveying and engineering costs incident thereto, and what is the Department's estimated construction costs?
3. Were any tenders invited in connection with this work; and, if so, what bids were received and what was the amount of each tender?
4. What firm did the work?
5. Did contract or contracts let (if any) contain provisions prohibiting or regulating subletting?
6. What (if any) portion of the work was done by day-labour, and at what cost?
7. Was any portion of the work sublet?

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

- "1. Completing construction of 7 miles of road; 2¾ miles day-labour cost \$23,594.94 and 4¼ miles contract \$20,256.55.
- "2. Engineering costs, 1926-27, \$3,880.24; estimated cost of entire 21½ miles, including gravelling, \$191,000.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. L. H. Rawlings & Co., Nakusp.
- "5. Yes, as to regulations.
- "6. Answered by No. 1.
- "7. No information."

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

1. What work was done during 1926-27 and until December 31st last on construction of a road from New Denver and Sandon to Kaslo?
2. What were the surveying and engineering costs incident thereto, and what is the estimated construction cost?
3. Were any tenders invited in connection with this work; and, if so, what bids were received and what was the amount of each tender?
4. Did contract or contracts let (if any) contain provisions for the prohibition or regulation of subletting?
5. What (if any) portion of the work was done by day-labour, and at what cost?
6. Was any portion of the work sublet?

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

- "1. 1926-27, opening up 3 miles; 1927-28, 6½ miles.
- "2. Engineering costs, \$298.20; total estimated construction cost, road and bridges, \$55,000.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. All day-labour; costs 1926-27, \$4,865.79, and 1927-28, \$14,658.09.
- "6. No."

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

1. How many copies of the Financial Minister's Budget Speech were printed by the King's Printer during the years 1925, 1926, and 1927?
2. What was the cost of printing for each of the above years?

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

- "1. 1925, 10,000 copies; 1926, 12,500 copies; 1927, 12,500 copies.
- "2. 1925, 40 pages, no cuts, \$800. Total number of impressions, 33,000. No inserts, no postage.
- "1926, 53 pages, 4 cuts, \$1,336. This price includes mailing. Total number of impressions, 57,750. No inserts.
- "1927, 60 pages; in addition, 2 eight-coloured charts, 2 large tabular charts. Also 250 extra copies each coloured chart, \$1,783; cuts (2 sets coloured plates), \$207; total, \$1,990. This price includes mailing. Total number of impressions, 302,210. Number of inserts, 4."

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

1. What work was done during 1926-27 and to the end of the year on construction of the Slocan City-Silverton Road?
2. What were the surveying and engineering costs, and what is the Department's estimated total construction cost?
3. Were any tenders invited in connection with this work; and, if so, what bids were received and what was the amount of each tender?
4. Which firm was awarded the contract?
5. Did contract or contracts let (if any) contain any provision prohibiting or regulating subletting?
6. What (if any) portion of the work was done by day-labour, and at what cost?
7. What sum of money has been expended on this work as at December 31st, 1927?
8. Was any portion of the work sublet?

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

"1. 1926-27, road completed from Silverton to connection with 10-Mile Road and start made on rock bluffs at Slocan City. April 1st to December 31st, 1927, construction between 10-Mile Road and Slocan City.

"2. Resident engineering costs, \$7,292.40; total estimated cost, exclusive of gravelling, \$240,000.

"3. Yes.

"4. L. H. Rawlings & Co., Nakusp.

"5. Yes, as to regulating subletting.

"6. 1926-27, day-labour, \$13,908.

"7. Expended on L. H. Rawlings contract to December 31st, 1927, \$122,244.39.

"8. No information."

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

1. What sum of money (if any) has been spent in advertising British Columbia in British and foreign papers since August, 1927?
2. Was any advertisement placed by the Government in the Confederation issue of any Canadian papers during June and July, 1927?
3. If so, in what newspapers?
4. What was the cost of such advertisement?
5. Did any of these advertisements contain the Budget Speech (or any part) of the Finance Minister delivered at the Session of 1927?

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

"1. Canadian Gazette and Canadian Progress, London, \$300; Canada, London, \$224. Agent-General has some advertising in Old Country paper including the above. Outdoor America, Chicago, August to December, inclusive, \$112.95; Outdoor Life and Recreation, Denver, August to January, inclusive, \$105.84.

"2, 3, and 4. Victoria Times, \$2,910.80; Vancouver Star, \$1,250; Vancouver Sun, \$1,298.40.

"5. Some use was no doubt made in advertisements in Confederation special issues of financial facts contained in the Budget Speech."

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

1. What is the total number of employees of the Liquor Control Board in British Columbia?
2. What number of these are ex-service men?
3. How many men are employed in the Liquor Control Board stores in Vancouver City?
4. How many of these are ex-service men?

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

"1. 301, consisting of 287 males and 14 females.

"2. 121.

"3. 79.

"4. 34."

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

1. What is the total amount of arrears of income-tax as of December 31st, 1927?

2. What was the total amount written off as non-collectable during twelve months ending December 31st, 1927?

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

"1. Total amount of income-tax outstanding as at December 31st, 1927, \$1,021,925.19.

"2. Total amount of income-tax written off as non-collectable during twelve months ending December 31st, 1927, \$9,178.24."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

## Wednesday, February 8th, 1928.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That out of respect to the memory of the late Right Reverend Dr. Leslie Clay, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, whose funeral is to be held this afternoon, Mr. Speaker do suspend the sitting of the House until half-past three o'clock to-day.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to such Order, suspended the sitting of the House until the hour named.

Mr. *Colley* presented a petition from J. L. Dunlop, Joseph Bulward, A. B. Reamsbottom, and others in the Kamloops, Yale, and Salmon Arm Electoral Districts, protesting against the extension of the "Produce Marketing Act," or that certain electoral districts should be excluded therefrom.

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

### REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 7th, 1928.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been strictly complied with, inasmuch as the notice has not been published for the full period required by the Rules.

No. 3—The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver, A. S. Billings and others.

Your Committee recommends that the Rules be suspended to enable the petitioners to proceed with the Bill without payment of double fees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Bryan*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to perpetuate certain Building Restrictions in certain Portions of District Lot 550, in the City of North Vancouver, which front on Grand Boulevard in said City" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.



Dr. *Wrinch* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 7th, 1928.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The Committee considered further matters already presented by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and associates, and on Friday, February 3rd, and to-day, February 7th, gave special study to the following resolution:—

Re *Federal Farm Loans Act*.—"We recommend the Legislature consider the advisability of bringing the Province under the provisions of the 'Canadian Farm Loan Act, 1927.' The Federal Act appears to provide wider borrowing privileges and perhaps lower interest rates. We feel that close examination should be made so that if the opportunity exist advantage can be taken of the same. There is no doubt that a more suitable system of loaning would be invaluable to the agricultural industry."

In addition to the representative of the Advisory Board, C. E. Whitney-Griffiths, your Committee called in Colonel Latta, of the Land Settlement Board, and F. W. Laing, Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, and were supplied with copies of the Federal Act as well as the Report of the Senate of Canada Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, Session of 1926, and passed the following resolution:—

"That we adopt the principle of the Federal Farm Loan Act and introduce legislation accordingly."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. WRINCH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

*Lieutenant-Governor*.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1921,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*February 8th, 1928.*

*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. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1921,'" 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. Dr. *MacLean* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

*Lieutenant-Governor*.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*February 8th, 1928.*

*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. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921,'" 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. Dr. *MacLean* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session),' " and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 8th, 1928.*

*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. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session),' " 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. *Manson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 8th, 1928.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Optometry Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Resolution.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

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

That this House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie moved, seconded by Mr. Leary,—

Whereas the forest wealth of British Columbia is one of our greatest natural resources :

And whereas in the past few years there has been a great increase in the demand for our forest products :

And whereas it would appear that the next decade will bring an even greater demand for our forest products :

And whereas it is of paramount importance to conserve this valuable asset as far as possible :

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Forestry be directed to investigate, during the present Session, this important problem, hear all necessary evidence, and report to the House their findings in regard to forest conservation.

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

Mr. Kergin moved, seconded by Mr. I. A. Mackenzie,—

Whereas the northern half of the Province of British Columbia and the whole of the Yukon Territory are bounded on the west by Alaska from 54° 40' north latitude to the Arctic Ocean, a distance of approximately 1,300 miles :

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is bounded on the west by that part of Alaska known as the "Panhandle" from the 54° 40' north latitude in a north-westerly direction to the 60th parallel of north latitude, a distance of approximately 600 miles :

And whereas said Panhandle of Alaska is in width approximately 30 miles, and acts as a barrier and is detrimental to the development of the northern half of this Province :

And whereas as a result of friendly diplomatic overtures between the Dominion of Canada and the United States previous differences of opinion in respect to the Alaskan-Canadian boundary were formally adjusted by the Alaska Boundary Tribunal on October 20th, 1903 :

And whereas we believe it would be in the interests of both the United States of America and Canada that a readjustment of the Alaskan-Canadian boundary be made :

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that negotiations should be opened between the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America having in view a readjustment of the Alaskan-Canadian boundary.

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

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

Mr. Davie moved, seconded by Mr. Peck,—

Whereas the Parliament of Canada, by an Act assented to on March 31st, 1927, enacted certain provisions dealing with the subject of old-age pensions :

And whereas it was by the said Act provided that the Canadian Government pension authority would make payment of a pension to such persons who, *inter alia*: (1) Had attained the age of 70 years; and (2) were not in receipt of an income of as much as \$365 per year :

And whereas the payment of the said pension to any person is by the said Act conditioned upon: (a) The right of the said pension authority to make the interest of any pensioner in his or her dwelling-house subject to be realized upon for the repayment to the said pension authority

of the amount of all payments made to such pensioner, together with interest on such payments at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum compounded annually; and (b) the right of the said pension authority to recover out of the estate of any deceased pensioner, as a debt due by the said pensioner to the pension authority, the sum of the payments made to such pensioner, together with interest on such payments at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum compounded annually:

And whereas the said provisions of the said Act have in effect: (1) The virtual pauperization of all successful applicants for an old-age pension; (2) the denial of a pension to any persons who, not having reached the age of 70 years, are nevertheless by reason of premature old age entitled to a pension equally with persons who have reached the age of 70 years; and (3) the granting of aid in many cases only out of the assets which the pensioner may be able to furnish, thus pauperizing such pensioner's dependents:

And whereas the aforesaid conditions are inimical to the interests of many persons who should be entitled to apply for old-age pensions as well as to the interests of their dependents:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly, endeavouring to represent the just cause of the aged persons of this Province and of their dependents, humbly petition the Canadian Government to alter the said Act so as to provide: (a) That the dwelling-house of any pensioner shall not be subjected to the repayment of any amounts paid to such pensioner by said pension authority; (b) reduction of the pension age from 70 to 65 years; (c) that an applicant for a pension shall be entitled to same regardless of such applicant's income up to an amount of at least \$365 per annum; and (d) exemption of the estate of a pensioner from repayments to the pension authority of amounts paid by way of pension in all such cases where such pensioner leaves him surviving any dependent.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be conveyed to the Secretary of State for Canada the foregoing Preamble and Resolution.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. *Twigg* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for the production of: (a.) The brief or briefs prepared and used by or on behalf of the Government of British Columbia in the inquiry before Mr. Justice Martin. (b.) All correspondence between the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Canada during the life of the Government in regard to the said inquiry both before and after the same took place.

A debate arose.

With the leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Stoddart*, the following motion was withdrawn:—

Whereas the Cariboo, in which Quesnel is an important factor, has had its development seriously retarded for many years by two factors, namely: (a) The lack of rail connection with Prince George and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway; and (b) the uncertainty as to the future of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway:

And whereas lack of completion of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George is seriously hindering development within the area traversed by the said Pacific Great Eastern and beyond:

And whereas an aggressive railway policy has already greatly assisted the said railway by increasing both freight and passenger traffic and reducing operating loss:

And whereas powerful interests are even now at work with the intention of diverting Northern British Columbia business from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway:

And whereas the Government has stated that it will complete the railway if private interests do not acquire it:

And whereas we see no immediate prospect of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway being taken over by private interest or transcontinental lines:

Now the Quesnel Board of Trade, in general meeting, formally goes on record as urging the Government to complete the said railway to Prince George without any further delay, in the

strong belief that such action will bring prosperity to the Cariboo, cause the immediate development of natural resources, produce additional freight and passenger traffic, aid in the upbuilding of Coast points, and be of general benefit to the Province.

Mr. *Poolcy* moved, seconded by Mr. *Twigg*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence passing between the Premier or other Minister of the Crown with any person or corporations dealing with any proposal for the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pooley*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill be submitted to the House at this Session of the Legislature providing for the amendment of the "Provincial Elections Act," so as: (a) To do away entirely with absentee voters' ballots and votes; (b) to allow any elector to vote at any polling division within the riding upon whose list of voters his name appears; (c) to make provision for the taking of an advanced poll for certain classes of voters and under proper restrictions.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

With reference to the items of arrears of taxes, \$1,728,617.38, in current assets, Public Accounts, March 31st, 1927, what was the amount of arrears due on: (a) Real property; (b) personal property; (c) income; (d) any other item?

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

"(a.) Real property .....	\$957,578.20
(b.) Personal property .....	236,656.55
(c.) Income .....	512,728.17
(d.) Mineral .....	\$12,240.74
Special survey .....	204.65
Acreage tax on unworked Crown-granted mineral claims .....	9,201.81
Noxious weeds .....	7.26
	21,654.46
	\$1,728,617.38"

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

What contracts and other work (if any) were undertaken by the E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, in connection with the University buildings and grounds other than the Science Building, library, and semi-permanent buildings and power-house, giving particulars with amounts paid on each contract or other work?

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

"See Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1925, page 35, and Public Accounts, 1926-27."

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

1. What is the total amount paid to E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, for construction of the semi-permanent buildings and power-house at the University?
2. What sub-contracts (if any) were let in connection with construction of semi-permanent and power-house buildings, giving particulars?
3. What amount (if any) was paid to E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, for furnishings and equipment for the semi-permanent and power-house buildings, giving particulars?

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

"1 to 3. See Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1925, page 35, and Public Accounts, 1926-27."

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

1. With reference to the item of water rentals, \$109,097.90, as accounts receivable in Public Accounts, March 31st, 1927, give particulars where levied and the amounts?
2. What sums have been collected since April 1st, 1927?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. Name, location, and amount as follows:—

Vancouver Western & Burrard Power Co., Vancouver .....	\$53,574.76
Vancouver Island Power Co., Victoria .....	4,646.40
West Kootenay Power & Light Co., Ltd., Rossland .....	38,568.43
Corporation of the City of Kamloops, Kamloops .....	207.10
Canadian Collieries, Ltd., Victoria .....	892.25
Silversmith Mines, Ltd., Sandon .....	85.00
Corporation of the City of Revelstoke, Revelstoke .....	143.65
Corporation of the City of Alberni, Alberni .....	15.25
Nanaimo Electric Light & Power Co., Nanaimo .....	114.80
Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co., Anyox .....	1,584.16
Corporation of the City of Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert .....	253.05
Canadian Mines Merger, Ltd., Kaslo .....	13.00
Chilliwack Electric Co., Ltd., Chilliwack .....	6.00
Vancouver Kraft Mills, Ltd., Port Mellon .....	69.16
Big Bay Lumber Co., Ltd., Georgetown Mills .....	72.00
Corporation of the City of Nelson, Nelson .....	459.39
East Kootenay Power Co., Ltd., Fernie .....	5,669.46
Nakusp Electric Light & Power Co., Ltd., Nakusp .....	52.50
Cork-Province Mines, Ltd., Kaslo .....	35.00
International Electric Co., Stewart .....	25.25
Wallace Fisheries, Ltd., Prince Rupert .....	49.00
Wallace Fisheries, Ltd., Alberni .....	79.25
Wallace Fisheries, Ltd., Vancouver .....	55.50
Wallace Fisheries, Ltd., Victoria .....	28.00
M. S. Davys, Kaslo .....	47.97
Dunwell Mines, Ltd., Stewart .....	34.25
Galena Mining & Milling Co., New Denver .....	10.00
Engineer Gold Mines, Ltd., Atlin .....	194.00
Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Golden .....	2,113.32

"2. \$108,984.43 has been collected since April 1st, 1927."

\$109,097.90

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

1. Have any moneys been paid to the E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, for commission on their contract for the Science Building at the University?
2. If yes, how much?
3. Were tenders called for electrical installation at the Science Building? If yes, who tendered and the amount of each tender?
4. Whose tender was accepted and what was the amount of the contract?
5. What was the total amount paid for the electrical installation?
6. Were tenders called for heating and ventilating the said building? If so, who tendered and the amount of each tender?
7. Whose tender was accepted and the amount of the contract?
8. What was the total amount paid for heating and ventilating?
9. Were tenders called for the plumbing of the said building? If so, who tendered and the amount of each tender?
10. Whose tender was accepted and the amount of the contract?
11. What was the total amount paid for the plumbing installations of the said building?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1 to 11. See Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1925, page 35, and Public Accounts, 1926-27."

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

1. Have steps been taken toward replacement of the Skookumchuck Bridge, Cranbrook District?
2. What have been the preliminary costs in connection therewith, and what is the estimate of construction cost, inclusive of engineering?
3. Have any contracts been let in connection therewith?
4. If so, were tenders invited, what bids were received, and what action taken thereupon?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

- " 1. Bridge built.
- " 2. Estimated cost of bridge, inclusive of engineering, \$6,000.
- " 3. No.
- " 4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Did the Government receive plans and specifications or an estimate from Major Swan for a bridge to cross the Capilano River in West Vancouver?
2. If so, what was the estimated cost?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

" 1 and 2. This bridge under the jurisdiction of the municipalities."

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

1. *Re* answers to questions, November 7th, 1923, *re* Science Building (question 8): Did the Purchasing Department issue requisitions for the purchase of materials in connection with the contracts for the heating and ventilating, electrical installation, and the plumbing, in connection with said building, to save sales-tax?
2. If so, what sum of money was saved to the Government by way of sales-tax on above-mentioned purchases?
3. What amount was paid to E. G. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, for interest and charges on moneys advanced by the company to the Government in connection with contracts and other work at the University of British Columbia?
4. What was the rate of interest paid to said company?
5. What rate of interest was being paid by the Government at the time the Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, were being paid interest charges on the moneys advanced to the Government?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

" 1 to 5. *See* Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1925, page 35, and Public Accounts, 1926-27."

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

1. What contracts (if any) were entered into during the fiscal years 1923-24 and 1924-25 respectively for the clearing of land in the Point Grey area?
2. Who were awarded contracts, giving date of acceptance, and what is the amount of each contract; if on unit basis, state approximate total in each case?
3. What is the total amount paid on each contract, to include (if any) extras and additional work?
4. What is the date of final payment on each contract?
5. Were tenders called for the work? If so, what was amount of each tender, and in what newspapers were the advertisements published, with dates?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

" 1 to 5. *See* Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1925, page 35."

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

1. Did the E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, do any work in connection with what is known as the University Townsite development?
2. If so, give particulars of the work and the amount paid to the company in each case?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

" 1 and 2. *See* Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1925, page 35."

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

1. What sum was voted for the purpose of the tobacco-growers in 1927?
2. Was the expenditure of this sum made under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture?
3. How much of the grant was spent in field supervision?
4. Was the Department of Agriculture responsible for the appointment of the fieldmen?
5. Is it the intention of the Government to appoint fieldmen this year?
6. If so, how soon will these appointments be made?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

- "1. \$6,000.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. All.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. In time to supervise field operations for coming year."

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

1. What amounts (if any) were paid to E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, in connection with the construction of the Science Building, other than commission provided for under original contract, giving particulars?
2. What is the total amount (if any) paid to E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, for furnishings and equipment on the Science Building, giving particulars?
3. What is the total amount paid to E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, for construction of the Library Building at the University?
4. What amount (if any) was paid to E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited, for furnishings and equipment for the Library Building, giving particulars?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1 to 4. See Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1925, page 35, and Public Accounts, 1926-27."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

## Thursday, February 9th, 1928.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by Mr. Pooley, it was *Resolved*,—

That out of respect to the memory of the late Hon. W. R. Ross, whose funeral is to be held this afternoon, Mr. Speaker do suspend the sitting of this House until half-past three o'clock to-day.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to such Order, suspended the sitting of the House until the hour named.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*

*February 9th, 1928.*



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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Parks 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. *Pattullo* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith amendments to Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 9th, 1928.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend the Bill as follows:—

Insert the following as subsection (2) of section 2:—

"(2.) Said section 23 is further amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

"(3.) Where, during the renewal term of any lease renewed under subsection (1), the Minister of Lands is of opinion that the holder of the lease has developed a mine on the lands held under the lease, and is mining coal, petroleum, or natural gas therefrom, the Minister of Lands may give to the holder a notice requiring the holder to make application for and obtain a Crown grant pursuant to section 24 within sixty days from the giving of the notice; and if the holder fails or neglects to apply for and obtain the Crown grant within the time stated in the notice, the Minister of Lands may cancel the lease and all rights of the holder thereunder."

Add to said Bill the following section:—

"4. The amendments of said chapter 162 enacted by this Act shall apply retrospectively to every lease the original or renewal term of which had not expired on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1928, and to every lease in respect whereof the three months' period within which an application to purchase may be made pursuant to section 24 of said chapter had not expired on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1928; and in the case of such leases applications either for renewal under section 23 of said chapter or for purchase under section 24 of said chapter, as those sections are amended by this Act, may be made subsequent to the expiration of such term or period; but no application for renewal or for purchase in the case of any such lease made after the expiration of such term or period, as the case may be, shall be received or acted upon unless the application is duly made and filed with the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or the Minister of Lands before the expiration of thirty days after the coming into force of this Act."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Kerwin* on February 8th, as follows:—

Whereas the northern half of the Province of British Columbia and the whole of the Yukon Territory are bounded on the west by Alaska from 54° 40' north latitude to the Arctic Ocean, a distance of approximately 1,300 miles:

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is bounded on the west by that part of Alaska known as the "Panhandle" from the 54° 40' north latitude in a north-westerly direction to the 60th parallel of north latitude, a distance of approximately 600 miles:

And whereas said Panhandle of Alaska is in width approximately 30 miles, and acts as a barrier and is detrimental to the development of the northern half of this Province:

And whereas as a result of friendly diplomatic overtures between the Dominion of Canada and the United States previous differences of opinion in respect to the Alaskan-Canadian boundary were formally adjusted by the Alaska Boundary Tribunal on October 20th, 1903:

And whereas we believe it would be in the interests of both the United States of America and Canada that a readjustment of the Alaskan-Canadian boundary be made:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that negotiations should be opened between the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America having in view a readjustment of the Alaskan-Canadian boundary.

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

Resolution agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* on February 8th, as follows:—

Whereas the forest wealth of British Columbia is one of our greatest natural resources:

And whereas in the past few years there has been a great increase in the demand for our forest products:

And whereas it would appear that the next decade will bring an even greater demand for our forest products:

And whereas it is of paramount importance to conserve this valuable asset as far as possible:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Forestry be directed to investigate, during the present Session, this important problem, hear all necessary evidence, and report to the House their findings in regard to forest conservation.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "That," in the first line thereof, be deleted, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof: "the Hon. the Minister of Lands be requested to submit to this House, at the very earliest moment possible, a report in writing, giving full details of the steps (if any) that have been taken by the Government to conserve the forest wealth of this Province, and the results that have accrued, in order that this Legislature may direct the Standing Committee on Forestry to investigate this important subject, if, after due consideration of the report of the Minister of Lands, such a course be deemed advisable."

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

With the leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Burde*, the following motion was withdrawn:—

Whereas the Government at Ottawa has amended the fishery regulations of the Province of British Columbia whereby the fishermen of the Province who troll commercially are prohibited from using more than one line, and from trolling within prohibited purse-seine areas, and from trolling for a weekly period of forty-eight hours:

And whereas the trolling fishermen in this Province are in active competition with the fishermen who are engaged in using purse-seines, drag-seines, and salmon-traps:

And whereas the trolling fishermen in this Province are also in active competition with the trolling fishermen in the American fleets, who use as many lines as they desire and whose fishing in the open sea is unrestricted:

And whereas the before-mentioned restriction would be disastrous to the trolling fishermen of this Province:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State, or other proper official at Ottawa.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pooley* on February 8th, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence passing between the Premier or other Minister of the Crown with any person or corporations dealing with any proposal for the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

The debate continued.

With the leave of the House the motion was withdrawn.

Mrs. *Smith* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. What was the amount of electrical power developed in British Columbia in each of the years 1916 and 1926?
2. What additional electrical power is under development at the present time?

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

“1. Hydro-electric power installed in 1916, 288,130 horse-power; in 1926, 460,562 horse-power.

“2. Approximately 410,000 horse-power.”

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

1. What was the total numerical strength of the Provincial Police Department as at December 31st last?
2. What proportion of such Force is exclusively engaged in secret-service work?
3. What was the total expenditure on such Provincial Police Force (approximately) for the year ended December 31st last?
4. What proportion of such sum is incidental to secret-service work?
5. Are operatives, or any of them, jointly directed or controlled by officials of the Police Department and the Liquor Control Board?

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

“1. 238, including all branches—namely, Headquarters Branch, Criminal Investigation Branch, Motor-vehicle Branch, Accounts Branch, Game Branch—and including probationers, special constables (temporary), and female stenographers.

“2. All members of the Force can be called upon for secret-service work at any time.

“3. Total Provincial Police expenditure approximately \$540,117.45, together with amounts received by Provincial Police from the Liquor Control Board for work done enforcing ‘Government Liquor Act.’

“4. Answered by No. 2.

“5. No; but the closest co-operation exists between the Liquor Board and the Provincial and Municipal Police.”

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

1. What aggregate quantity of Crown Scotch whisky has been purchased, ordered, or contracted for by the Liquor Control Board up to December 31st last?
2. At what price per case, respectively, for the three brands of such whisky?
3. Where and by what firm or distillery is such Crown whisky manufactured?

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

“1. 200 quarter-casks.

“2. Purchased in bulk as follows: 1 Crown, 22s. 6d. per proof gallon; 2 Crown, 25s. per proof gallon; 3 Crown, 27s. per proof gallon; exclusive of freight, insurance, handling, and Customs duties (f.o.b. United Kingdom port).

“3. Whyte & McKay, Ltd., Glasgow; Macdonald, Greenlees, Ltd., Leith; and Hill, Thomson & Co., Edinburgh.”

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

1. What is the total sum of profits made by the Government from permits and Liquor Stores from the commencement of Government control to September 30th, 1927?
2. What is the total sum paid to municipalities up to January 1st, 1928, out of said profits?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. See Annual Reports of Liquor Control Board and Balance-sheet for the six months ending September 30th, 1927, tabled on January 24th, 1928.

"2. \$5,911,591.23."

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

1. Was the North Vancouver Detachment of Provincial Police closed in 1924?
2. Has the detachment been reopened?
3. If so, who is the Provincial Police and Game Warden appointed?
4. When was he appointed?
5. Is he a returned soldier?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. John Moir.

"4. January 1st, 1925.

"5. No."

Mr. Pooley asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. How many mining claims have been located within the limits of Strathcona Park?
2. Have records been allowed on all such claims; and, if not, on how many to December 31st last?
3. How many mineral claims within the limits of this Provincial park were recorded during the last past year?
4. Who located the claims (if any)? And in whose name are they now held?

The Hon. Mr. Sloan replied as follows:—

"1. No information as to locations; sixty-five claims recorded to December 31st, 1927.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Twenty-one.

"4. Name of claim, locator, and present owner as follows:—

Atkinson; D. W. Atkinson; D. W. Atkinson.

Barrett; Frederick S. Barrett; Frederick S. Barrett.

Cross; Margaret Cross; Margaret Cross.

Cross No. 2; James Cross; James Cross.

DuBois; Joseph DuBois; Joseph DuBois.

DuBois No. 2; Leontine DuBois; Leontine DuBois.

Daly; Wm. H. Daly; Wm. H. Daly.

Elinor; Margaret E. Atkinson; Margaret E. Atkinson.

Hardy; Geo. H. Hardy; Wm. Stanley Patrick.

Knight; Geo. H. Knight; Geo. H. Knight.

Luck; Albert H. Luck; Albert H. Luck.

Locke; Preston Locke; Preston Locke.

McDonald; Daniel L. McDonald; Albert H. Luck.

McQuaig; Ike Greenlaw; Ike Greenlaw.

Norman; Cecil N. Williams; Cecil N. Williams.

Pitcher; Evelyn Pitcher; Evelyn Pitcher.

Minerva; James McK. Law; James McK. Law.

Roland; Roland DuBois; Roland DuBois.

Sutton; John Sutton; John Sutton.

West; Lamont G. West; Lamont G. West.

Wakeman; A. J. Wakeman; A. J. Wakeman."

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

1. Has the ferry formerly operated at Mission City been repaired or reconstructed?
2. If so, in what way and to what extent?
3. Were tenders called for this work?
4. If so, what tenders were received and what was the amount of each tender? To whom was the contract awarded?
5. Where is it intended to operate said ferry?
6. Is this work now completed?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Under-water hull remodelled, redecked, and generally overhauled.
- "3. Yes, for remodelling.
- "4. B.C. Marine Engineers & Shipbuilders, Ltd., \$8,500; Burrard Dry Dock Co., Ltd., \$11,450; Victoria Machinery Depot Co., Ltd., \$17,511. Contract awarded to B.C. Marine Engineers & Shipbuilders, Ltd.
- "5. This is a matter of policy.
- "6. Yes."

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

1. What acreage has been cleared in the University endowment lands at Point Grey?
2. What has been the cost up to January 1st, 1928: (a) Clearing; (b) grading; (c) roads; (d) pavements; (e) cement walks; (f) curbing?
3. What is the total number of lots offered for sale in the subdivision?
4. How many have been sold?
5. What is the value of lots sold?
6. What amount of cash has been received for lots sold?
7. Has the Government an agent for selling the lands? If so, whom?
8. What has been the cost of selling the lots—either salaries or commissions?
9. Has the Government an office building in the area? If so, what has been the average monthly and annual cost of keeping the same?
10. What was the cost of such office building?
11. What has been the total cost of planning, developing, and operating this area since its commencement to January 1st, 1928?
12. What have been the total receipts in cash received from this area to January 1st, 1928?

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

- "1. 390 acres.
- "2. (a) Clearing, \$262,134.31; (b) grading property, \$9,062.36; (c) subgrading roads, \$82,100.45 for 55,000 lineal feet; (d) pavements, \$200,663.68 for 91,000 square yards; (e) cement walks, \$24,473.10 for 141,716 square feet; (f) curbs and gutters, \$60,898.85 for 65,525 lineal feet.
- "3. Unit No. 1, 243; Unit No. 2, 106.
- "4. Forty-seven lots sold and thirty-eight lots leased, not including some eighteen agreements cancelled for non-performance.
- "5. Value of lots sold under existing agreements, \$96,111; value of lots leased under existing agreements, \$94,410.
- "6. Net amount from sales, including interest, \$69,151.07; net amount from leases, including interest, \$7,995.98.
- "7. Yes. Resident Engineer and Agent, Major McPherson.
- "8. It is not practicable to apportion the time actually spent on sales, as general administration is carried on in same office. Total amount paid as commissions to registered real-estate agents is \$8,697.27.
- "9. No. Office quarters rented in a business block situate on Unit No. 1 and owned by H. R. Budd, C. Tweedale, and G. L. T. Sharpe. Monthly rental last year, \$110. This year increased accommodation is required and monthly rental will be \$160.
- "10. See No. 9.
- "11. Total expenditure to January 1st, 1928, including loans, refunds, and commissions, is \$1,439,145.28.
- "12. Total gross revenue to January 1st, 1928, including repayments on loans, is \$133,046.48."

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

1. Was a sixteen-page folder with foreword "British Columbia Invites You," directing attention to British Columbia opportunities for investors and settlers, prepared by the several departments of the Government?
2. If yes, what was the cost of preparation and printing?
3. How many copies were printed?
4. How many were supplied to the Provincial Bureau of Information?
5. How were these distributed?
6. How many were supplied to the Agent-General, London, for distribution?
7. What disposition was made of any remainder?
8. What quantity remains available for distribution?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$2,077.48.
- "3. 9,600.
- "4. Two.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. None.
- "7. (a) 200 (pages 1-16) distributed; (b) 1,000 (pages 13-14, Big Game of B.C.) to Provincial Game Warden.
- "8. 9,400 less 1,000 of pages 13-14."

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

1. Did the Government institute a system of checking automobiles in the Province by issuing stamp certificates?
2. If so, what was the cost?
3. How many certificates were issued?
4. How many have been used?
5. Has the said system been abandoned, and why?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Cost not determinable as work done by Provincial Police in the course of their duty, with the addition of some special constables.
- "3. 75,000.
- "4. 19,591, approximately.
- "5. No."

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

1. What sums have been borrowed and fully expended for road-building purposes from January 1st, 1917, to March 31st, 1927?
2. What sums have been borrowed and fully expended for road-building purposes from April 1st, 1927, to January 1st, 1928?
3. What sums have been received by the Provincial Government from the Federal Government since April 1st, 1917, for road-building purposes?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

- "1. See Public Accounts.
- "2. Borrowed for roads and bridges, \$2,680,231, fully expended.
- "3. \$1,251,955, in accordance with provisions of 'Canada Highways Act, 1919.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.