

Friday, March 24th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* made the following statement:—

MACES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There have been five maces in the history of British Columbia: (1) Original mace of Colony of Vancouver Island, (2) makeshift mace used at establishment of Colony of British Columbia, (3) mace of the Colony of British Columbia, (4) first mace used as a Province of the Dominion, and (5) present mace made for the new buildings.

(1) *Original Mace of Colony of Vancouver Island*.—The first Legislative Assembly of the Colony of Vancouver Island was convoked on August 12th, 1856. With the union of the island and mainland colonies on November 19th, 1866, this body was abolished. The mace used during the ten years, however, survived and it was sold at public auction in December, 1936. Shortly thereafter it was acquired by Mr. B. A. McKelvie, who subsequently presented it to the Shawnigan Lake Boys' School.

(2) *Makeshift Mace*.—The mainland Colony of British Columbia was instituted at a ceremony held at Fort Langley, November 19th, 1858, when James Douglas was sworn in as Governor by Matthew Baillie Begbie. Evidently at the last moment the rude makeshift mace was prepared. It subsequently became the property of Sir Henry P. P. Crease and in 1947 was secured by Mr. Noel Booth, Reeve of Langley, who subsequently deposited it for safe-keeping with the Provincial Archives.

(3) *Mace of the Colony of British Columbia*.—The First Session of the Legislative Council of the mainland Colony of British Columbia was formally opened by Governor Douglas at New Westminster on January 21st, 1864. The mace used by this body continued to be used after the union of the island and mainland colonies in 1866 and until the colony became a Province of the Dominion of Canada. This mace cannot be located.

(4) *First Mace of the Province of British Columbia*.—At the opening of the First Session of the First Parliament of British Columbia after Confederation on February 17th, 1872, the newspapers of the day noted the new mace: "It is a very handsome article made of wood, is gilded and about three feet long. It is surmounted by an excellently carved crown and Grecian cross. The carving was executed by Mr. C. Bunting, the gilding by Mr. Keohan and reflects credit on them as first-class workmen." This mace is on display.

(5) *Present Mace of the Province of British Columbia*.—At the time of the building of the new Parliament Buildings—1896 to 1898—it was felt that a new mace would be more in keeping with the dignity of the new building. This mace was made by Winslow Brothers, a firm of art metal-workers in Chicago, and, according to the Public Accounts of 1896-97, they were paid \$150 "for mace and ink-pot covers." It was first used at the opening of the Legislature on February 10th, 1898, which ceremony coincided with official opening of the Parliament Buildings.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1951.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$929,147 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1951.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$371,878 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1951.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1951.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,198,283.75 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1951.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rental and Maintenance of Offices, Buildings, and Grounds, to 31st March, 1951.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,057,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1951.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1951.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grants to Cities with Population in Excess of 15,000, to 31st March, 1951.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs—Patrol, Grants, Expenses, to 31st March, 1951.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Research Services—University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1951.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Okanagan Flood-control—Preliminary Surveys, Rights-of-way, etc., to 31st March, 1951.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gravel-crushing, to 31st March, 1951.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grants to Engineering Associations, to 31st March, 1951.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission—Grant toward Pumping Charges, to 31st March, 1951.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1951.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,734 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1951.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,535 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1951.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$143,694 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Administration, to 31st March, 1951.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Board of Industrial Relations, to 31st March, 1951.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1951.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Labour Relations Board, to 31st March, 1951.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1951.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1951.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,630 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Administration, to 31st March, 1951.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$143,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,179 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1951.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$188,515 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes Office, to 31st March, 1951.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$304,590 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Income Tax Office, to 31st March, 1951.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,210 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Probate and Succession Duties Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$87,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1951.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission—Langford Warehouse, to 31st March, 1951.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Office Furniture and Equipment, to 31st March, 1951.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1951.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$947,870 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, etc., to 31st March, 1951.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$118,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1951.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1951.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1951.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Salary Contingencies (Salaries to be chargeable to Respective Services in 1950-51 Public Accounts), to 31st March, 1951.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office—Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office—Travelling Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, (a) Vancouver—Salaries and Travelling Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator—Salaries and Office Supplies, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$52,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Oakalla Prison Farm—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Women's Gaol—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1950.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds—Salaries and Expenses and Bounties, to 31st March, 1950.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1950.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,430 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, (a) Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,845 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools—Salaries, to 31st March, 1950.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,198 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Vancouver Normal School—Salaries, to 31st March, 1950.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$165 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Victoria Normal School—Salaries, to 31st March, 1950.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Basic and Supplementary Grants, to 31st March, 1950.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveyances, to 31st March, 1950.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$140,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Superannuation Fund, 7%, to 31st March, 1950.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1950.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$208 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts—Salaries, to 31st March, 1950.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$825 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Curriculum—Salaries, to 31st March, 1950.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$480 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Educational Reference and School Service—Salaries, to 31st March, 1950.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of Tests, Standards, and Research—Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes—Salaries and Expenses (Mechanical Tabulation), to 31st March, 1950.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Office Furniture and Equipment (Purchases, Repairs, and Servicing), to 31st March, 1950.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Branch—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

112A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,200.51 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessment Adjustment Act"—Arrears on Dyking Assessments on Lands reverted to the Crown, to 31st March, 1950.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Tuberculosis Control, to 31st March, 1950.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Provincial Infirmaries—Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Medical Services (Administration), to 31st March, 1950.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$275,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Allowances, to 31st March, 1950.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$125,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Hospital Insurance Premiums for Social Allowance Cases (under Sec. 7 of "Hospital Insurance Act"), to 31st March, 1950.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Medical Services and Drugs, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$218,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Child Welfare Division—(b) Maintenance of Dependent Children, to 31st March, 1950.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Boys' Industrial School—Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Girls' Industrial School—Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office—Salaries, to 31st March, 1950.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration—Boards of Arbitration, to 31st March, 1950.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1950.

175A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1950.

207A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Expenses of the Board of Examiners, to 31st March, 1950.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division—Grant to Lower Mainland Planning Area, to 31st March, 1950.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1950.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1950.

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220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1950.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$425,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1950.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds—Expenses: Power, Light, and Water, to 31st March, 1950.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,495,059.36 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1950.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$574,172.50 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1949, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Resolutions considered forthwith and adopted.

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

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of March be received and read a first time.

That the Resolutions be now read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolutions be now read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

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

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$574,172.50 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1949.

3,518,240.87 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1950.

105,558,517.67 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1951.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the said Bill 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. 99) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Mr. *MacDougall* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 24th, 1950.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee has held five meetings.

Certain items of the Public Accounts were examined and answers to the satisfaction of your Committee were given by the Deputy Comptroller-General.

The Chairman of the Liquor Control Board was questioned as to various matters coming within the scope of his administration.

The Executive Director of the Hospital Insurance Service and the present Commissioner were examined. While appreciating the difficulties of initiating throughout the whole Province a scheme such as compulsory hospitalization and certain limitations of the Statute under which it was to function, your Committee is of the opinion that preliminary surveys and planning were inadequate to assure success during the first year of operation, and that lack of co-ordination within the Service contributed to serious confusion and inefficiency.

Your Committee has reason to hope that future administration of the Hospital Insurance Service will prove efficient and adequate to the tremendous task which lies ahead and which is of such vital interest to the people of the Province.

In accordance with the provisions of the "Public Documents Disposal Act," approval was given to the destruction of various documents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. REG. MACDOUGALL, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*) presented the Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the Year 1948.

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Has the Department found any variation to occur on charges per patient per day in different hospitals of the Province?

2. If yes, what is the charge per patient per day during January, 1950, in (a) Vancouver General Hospital, (b) St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, (c) Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, (d) St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, (e) Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, (f) Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson, (g) M.M. Hospital, Rossland, (h) Queen Victoria Hospital, Revelstoke, (i) Grand Forks Hospital, (j) Kelowna Hospital, (k) Quesnel Hospital, (l) Kimberley Hospital, and (m) St. Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook?

The Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*) replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Vancouver General Hospital, \$13; (b) St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, \$9.15; (c) Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, \$9.40; (d) St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, \$9.50; (e) Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, \$7.50; (f) Kootenay Lake Hospital, Nelson, \$9.75; (g) M.M. Hospital, Rossland, \$6.75; (h) Queen Victoria Hospital, Revelstoke, \$7.65; (i) Grand Forks Hospital, \$9; (j) Kelowna Hospital, \$8.10; (k) Quesnel Hospital, \$6.80; (l) Kimberley Hospital, \$8; and (m) St. Eugene Hospital, Cranbrook, \$9.30."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Monday, March 27th, 1950.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Major *C. J. Milley*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act'" a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Status and Rights of Indians in the Province" a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act'" a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act'" a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation and Weekly Holiday Act'" a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to provide for Taxation of the Railway Belt Lands of The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company."

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumer Credit Act.'"

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act.'"

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to provide for the Financing of a Programme of Highway Development and Improvement in the Province."

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act.'"

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act.'"

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Equal Guardianship of Infants Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade Licences Act.'"

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act relating to the Kamloops Memorial Arena and the Kamloops Athletic Hall."

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Cultus Lake Park Act.'"

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Sterling Exchange Act.'"

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.42 p.m.

Monday, March 27th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Consumer Credit Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Status and Rights of Indians in the Province" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to provide for the Financing of a Programme of Highway Development and Improvement in the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Town Planning Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to validate the Articles of Association of Terminal City Club Limited and Amendments thereto" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.42 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. J. Wickens*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to validate the Articles of Association of Terminal City Club Limited and Amendments thereto" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. How much money, if any, was spent on the Alice Arm-Torbrit mine truck-road in 1949?

2. How much money, if any, was spent on the road from Torbrit mine to the power plant on the Clearwater in 1949?

3. (a) Was a salary paid to Gunn Fiva for maintenance of roads in Alice Arm this winter and, if yes, (b) what was the amount?

4. What was the cost of construction, if any, of foot logs and cable across the Kitsault at Alice Arm?

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

"1. \$16,105.01.

"2. \$2,371.83.

"3. (a) and (b) Tractor-hire for snow-removal, \$648.

"4. Basket-ferry maintenance, \$97.51, and foot crossing, \$386.45."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.33 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th, 1950.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *E. J. Hulford*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay Incorporation Act, 1903,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the B.C.F.G. Mutual Hail Insurance Company" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria City Act, 1922,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Status and Rights of Indians in the Province" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to provide for Taxation of the Railway Belt Lands of The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Equal Guardianship of Infants Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade Licences Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to validate the Articles of Association of Terminal City Club Limited and Amendments thereto" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River between Agassiz and Rosedale," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 28th, 1950.

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. 101) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River between Agassiz and Rosedale," 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.27 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River between Agassiz and Rosedale" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Victoria Water District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation and Weekly Holiday Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act relating to the Kamloops Memorial Arena and the Kamloops Athletic Hall" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Cultus Lake Park Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Sterling Exchange Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Status and Rights of Indians in the Province" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. *Turner* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas there are many persons in British Columbia who are in need and who are unable to obtain assistance because they cannot meet the requirements of the "Unemployment Insurance Act" or social service regulations:

And whereas the Dominion Government in 1945 made certain proposals relative to Federal assumption of responsibility for care of employable unemployed, which so far have not been implemented:

And whereas it is essential that assistance be granted to those in need:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge upon the Government the necessity of earnestly considering steps that will result in no deserving person in this Province not being able to obtain adequate assistance when same is required.

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "regulations," and to substitute the following:—

"And whereas the Public Works programme of the Government has been seriously interrupted by severe weather conditions:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government be commended for the provision of the extensive programme of public roads, bridges, and public buildings, and that the Government be urged to proceed with its said programme as soon as weather conditions will permit."

On a point of order being raised, the Speaker ruled the amendment to be in order. Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The Speaker delivered her reserved decision on the point of order raised on the 22nd instant by the Hon. Mr. *Kennedy* on the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Harding*:—

Whereas the Committee which has surveyed the financial operation and administration of the "Hospital Insurance Act" was not instructed to report on the social aspects of this Act as it affected the services rendered to the public and the costs to those who paid the required premiums:

And whereas there is widespread dissatisfaction among the public both in regard to the obtaining of hospital services when needed and in regard to the cost of the premiums which are deemed to be too high for a large section of the people who are on low incomes:

And whereas democratic procedure requires that legislation which establishes and regulates an important social service should be surveyed by a body which is responsible to the public and can ascertain the views of the public in regard to the quality and the amount of services rendered and individual ability to pay for such services:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the operation of the "Hospital Insurance Act" be referred to the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education of this Legislature and that said Committee be instructed to hear the views of representative citizens' organizations on the services which have been rendered under the Act during its term of operation and their suggestions for future improvements, and that the Committee report its findings to the Legislature with all possible speed.

Honourable Members,—On Wednesday last, when the member for Kaslo-Slocan moved the motion on the Order Paper in his name under No. 6, a point of order was raised by the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests, who argued that the motion anticipated a matter on which the Government indicated it was taking action and the Government had taken action.

He quoted precedents from our own Speakers' Decisions as follows: Mr. Pooley, Journals, 1905, page 60; Mr. Keen, Journals, 1930, page 136; Mr. Perry, Journals, 1935, page 20.

"A motion must not anticipate a matter already appointed for consideration by the House" (Campion's *May*, 14th edition, page 378).

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in his Speech at the opening of the present Session said, "A Bill will be placed before you seeking amendments to the 'Hospital Insurance Act' with the object of improving its administrative procedures under this Act." Such a Bill has been introduced.

In view of these decisions, which seem to me to be logical and correct in principle, I find that the motion is out of order, and I so rule.

NANCY HODGES, *Speaker*.

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

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

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harding*,—

Whereas by legal enactment the medical profession is given a responsible and privileged position in the treatment of physical and mental ailments of the public:

And whereas rapidly changing techniques in the treatment of illness make many old practices obsolete:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Legislature, the British Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons should require as a qualification for holding a licence to practise that each and every member actively engaged in the profession shall take a postgraduate course not less frequently than every five years.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mrs. *Rolston* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 24th, 1950.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education begs leave to report as follows:—

As nothing was referred to this Committee by the House, it went ahead and held four meetings during the course of the Session.

Dr. Marion Sherman addressed the meeting on "Mental Health, Child Delinquency, and Adult Education."

Col. E. T. Fairey, from the Department of Education, spoke on new methods of education and gave an account of the school system.

A delegation from a professional group of social workers addressed the Committee, and included Mr. Murphy, of the British Columbia Mainland Branch of the Canadian Association of Social Workers, who submitted a brief on the problem of lack of employment for able-bodied unemployed, and Miss Dixon and Mr. Morrow, of the Children's Aid Society, who submitted a brief with reference to the need for a division of correction in British Columbia.

A motion picture entitled "Drug Addicts" was shown under the auspices of the Department of Health and Welfare. Committee members and members of the staffs of Government departments attended the showing. The picture showed drug addicts and the methods used by them in securing supplies, also the damaging effects of the drug on the victims.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TILLY JEAN ROLSTON, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 24th, 1950.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The Select Standing Committee on Agriculture held several meetings and heard representations from the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes conjoined by a representation from the B.C. Federation of Agriculture, and begs leave to report as follows:—

- (1) That in future years the Government allot more funds to the Department of Agriculture to the end that the farmers of the Province may become more efficient and improve the status of their living standard:

- (2) That, to encourage more rural settlement and make for better living for those engaged in agriculture, the Department of Public Works keep the side-roads in as good condition as possible:
- (3) That sufficient funds be supplied to the Game Commission to enable it to carry out a policy of conservation and destruction of predatory animals:
- (4) That the matter of school taxes be reviewed by the Department of Education with the purpose of making equitable distribution among all citizens:
- (5) That the Government review the operation of the "Hospital Insurance Act" with a view to having the Department handling the matter place it in as high and efficient and economical standard as is possible so that the great benefits thereof may be made available to all our citizens at as reasonable a cost as possible:
- (6) That the Government fully investigate the automobile insurance systems as proposed by Mr. *Thomas King*, M.L.A.:
- (7) That hereafter, when it is decided to have daylight saving, the months to change to this idea may conform to the summer school holidays, being, as suggested, from July 1st to Labour Day:
- (8) That the Department of Agriculture assist in the matter of advertising British Columbia seed-potatoes in the test-plots conducted in the State of California:
- (9) That the raising of bulbs be considered as a regular farm activity so that they be not liable for licences or taxes not exacted from other branches of agriculture:
- (10) That, if and when the International Water and Power Commission decides on development on international rivers for power that may be developed in the United States, arrangements be made to bring to British Columbia whatever power it may be economical so to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KING, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.42 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th, 1950.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River between Agassiz and Rosedale" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Private Bills."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" was committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH.

The Chairman of the Committee reported to the Speaker that his decision had been challenged, and that an appeal to the House had been taken from his ruling.

Question proposed—"Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Wismer</i>
<i>Gould</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>MacIntyre</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Ash</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Whisker</i>			

Bill reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

C. A. BANKS,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 29th, 1950.

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. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax 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. *Anscomb* presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Financing of a Programme of Hospital Construction in the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 29th, 1950.

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. 103) intituled "An Act to provide for the Financing of a Programme of Hospital Construction in the Province," 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.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.14 a.m.

Thursday, March 30th, 1950.

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Dean *G. R. Calvert*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act'" was read a second time, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill *Ordered* to be committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 103) intituled "An Act to provide for the Financing of a Programme of Hospital Construction in the Province" was read a second time, and, by leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill *Ordered* to be committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

Whereas there is at the present time a shortage of hospital accommodation which necessitates a reduction of the period in which a patient can be kept in hospital, thereby involving discharge to home or other domicile while nursing attention is still desirable:

And whereas there are many patients suffering from ailments who do not require hospitalization but for whose attention varying degrees of home-nursing service are desirable:

And whereas there are available a large number of qualified practical nurses and others with varying degrees of nursing experience below that of a registered nurse:

And whereas it is desirable for the protection of those patients needing nursing care that the standard of nursing training and the experience of such unregistered nurses shall be standardized upon recognized and approved basis:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature recommend to the serious attention of the Government the desirability of legislation being enacted which will regulate, classify, and standardize the rating of practical nurses and other non-fully-trained nurses for the purpose of establishing and maintaining such standards and for the protection of those qualified in accordance therewith and also to give the public protection against unqualified persons posing as nurses.

Mr. *Welch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "That" in the last paragraph, and to substitute therefor "we commend the Government for the foresighted manner in which it has approached the above problem by the provision of bursaries for student nurses through the Department of Education and by the establishment of the strong committee which is now studying the problem and which is to report recommending necessary action to be taken so that even greater numbers of practical nurses and other nursing personnel may be available."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

Whereas the basic principle of insurance is a common fund from which to compensate the victims of certain hazards:

And whereas insurance is generally accepted by the public as being necessary to prevent financial disaster to the individual or family:

And whereas Part II of the "Motor-vehicle Act" practically requires every owner of a motor-vehicle to carry insurance:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the Government early consideration of the advisability of preparing a plan for an automobile accident insurance service operated by the Government and based upon the principle of compensation

to all who suffer from motor-vehicle accidents, with the exception of those driving vehicles while under the influence of liquor or drugs or with criminal intent or in any other way guilty of gross negligence in the operation of a motor-vehicle.

A debate arose.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order because it involved the expenditure of public funds and dictated Government policy.

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

That briefs presented to the Cabinet by recognized labour organizations be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Labour and that the Committee be authorized to hear further representations on matters contained therein and report its findings to this House.

Mr. *Smith* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Bennett*,—

That the words “and management” be inserted after the word “labour” in the first line.

A debate arose, and the House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—20.

Messieurs

<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Gould</i>	<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Ash</i>
<i>Whisker</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>

NAYS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Beard</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>McRae</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Welch</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>	

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Turner</i>	

NAYS—32.

Messieurs

<i>Stevenson</i>	<i>McRae</i>	<i>Morrow</i>	<i>Wismer</i>
<i>Finnerty</i>	<i>Turnbull</i>	<i>McDonell</i>	<i>Ritchie</i>
<i>Gould</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Proudfoot</i>
<i>Hendricks</i>	<i>Braden</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Beard</i>
<i>Lundell</i>	<i>MacDougall</i>	<i>Bowman</i>	<i>Ash</i>
<i>Steele</i>	<i>Welch</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>MacLean</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Whisker</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

Whereas Canadian farmers are increasingly concerned over declining markets and the threatened discontinuance of food contracts with the United Kingdom:

And whereas British Columbia producers are faced with a grave problem of finding markets for apples, salmon, eggs, and other British Columbia products:

And whereas the proposal which was considered by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to set up an international commodity clearing-house for the marketing of surplus food products was opposed by the representatives of the Canadian Government at the Food and Agriculture Organization Conference last November:

And whereas the disposal of agricultural surpluses which are not marketable through regular trade channels is a matter which can be solved only by international agreement, preferably carried out through an agency of the United Nations:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature urge the Federal Government to co-operate with other member nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization in exploring all possible ways and means of making food surpluses available in those countries which are in need of them by distributive arrangements made through the Food and Agriculture Organization or an international agency set up under the Food and Agriculture Organization:

And be it further Resolved, That this Legislature urge the Federal Government to implement this policy by extending Canadian credits to the Food and Agriculture Organization or its agency and by making all necessary financial arrangements within Canada to ensure a fair price to Canadian farmers for commodities which are disposed of under this plan.

Mr. *Bennett* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Hope*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "products" in the fourth line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"And whereas a satisfactory solution to this problem is vital to the economy of British Columbia:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature urge the Federal Government to continue to co-operate with the Canadian producers in endeavouring to dispose of all the agricultural and other food surpluses in the best manner possible, and that the Canadian producers be adequately protected through fair floor prices."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

That the Premier file a Return of all correspondence that has passed between himself and (or) any Cabinet Minister and the Aluminum Company of Canada.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turner*,—

Whereas a Dominion-Provincial conference on economic matters has been called for the fall of this year:

And whereas His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor informed the House in the Speech from the Throne that the "Government has indicated its willingness to attend":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature record its opinion that the Government at the fall conference should continue to press for the implementation of the social security and economic proposals which were advanced by the Federal Government at the Dominion-Provincial conference on reconstruction, held in 1945, for the extension of these proposals to meet present-day needs, and in particular for the assumption by the Federal Government of complete responsibility for the maintenance of the employable unemployed.

Mr. *Morrow* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Stevenson*,—

To strike out all the words after the preamble, and to substitute therefor the following:—

“ Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature congratulates the Federal Government on the progress already made in securing the consent of the Provinces to the impletion of the so-called Green Book proposals, and that this Legislature expresses the hope that it will be possible to conclude early arrangements with the remaining Provinces so that the broad programme presented by the Federal Government for these social measures may be carried into effect.”

On a point of order being raised, the Speaker ruled the amendment to be in order.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas by Order in Council 251/38 governing “ Hospital Act ” regulations, section 5 (a) and (b) :—

“(a) No person may attend or treat patients who are inmates of a hospital, or in any way avail himself of the facilities for medical practice in such hospital, unless he is a member in good standing of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, or being a member of some other medical association, is vouched for by a member of the College, and unless he holds a permit from the Board of Management to practise medicine in that hospital:

“(b) The Board may at any time and from time to time, and without assigning therefor any reason, refuse, alter, modify, suspend, revoke, or cancel any permit applied for from or issued by it, and may again renew the same”:

And whereas such regulations are discriminatory against legalized practitioners of osteopathic, naturopathic, and chiropractic treatment who are not members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia or of some other medical association vouched for by a member of the College:

And whereas under the existing regulations persons under treatment by such aforesaid practitioners are thereby denied the benefits of hospital facilities:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the consideration of the Government the desirability of amending the foregoing regulations in the following manner:—

That section 5 (a) of the “ Hospital Act ” regulations as now constituted be cancelled and re-enacted as follows:—

“(a) No person may attend or treat patients who are inmates of a hospital, or in any way avail himself of the facilities for medical practice in such hospital, unless he is a member in good standing of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, or, being a member of some other medical association, is vouched for by a member of the College, or is a member in good standing of the osteopathic, naturopathic, or chiropractic professions, and unless he holds a permit from the Board of Management to practise medicine or the remedial treatment of human ailment in that hospital”:

And that section 5 (b) be amended by adding, after the concluding word “ same,” the words “ any practitioner legalized to treat human ailment denied use of hospital facilities may appeal to the Provincial Secretary, whose decision shall be final.”

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Calder* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas no minority section of Canadians should be debarred from the enjoyment of the rights and responsibilities of full citizenship:

And whereas any discrimination is repugnant to democratic principles and British justice:

And whereas subsection (13) of section 92 of the "British North America Act" places civil rights as an exclusive power of Provincial Legislatures:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommends to the consideration of the Government the advisability of introducing "An Act to protect Certain Civil Rights" to be known as "The British Columbia Bill of Rights":

And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government in its deliberations on the advisability of introducing said Act should consider, amongst others, the inclusion of right to freedom of religion, right to free expression, right to free association, right to freedom from arbitrary imprisonment, right to employment, right to engage in occupations, right to own and occupy property, right of access to public places, right to membership in professional and trade associations, and right to education.

Mr. *MacDougall* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smith*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "justice" in the fourth line thereof, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House continue to guard rigorously our ancient liberties under the rule of law whereby there is assured to all citizens the right to personal freedom, freedom of discussion, the right of public meeting, and equality of all citizens before the law."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

Whereas it is in the best interests of citizens of the Province that the Liquor Act and regulations made thereunder should be of such a nature as to encourage temperance and see that the consumption of liquor in public places is under circumstances and conditions most conducive to a reasonable and civilized manner:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature recommends to the Government consideration of the advisability of referring to a Select Standing Committee of this House the necessary instructions to enable it to (a) investigate liquor production and distribution costs and consumption methods in the Province, (b) investigate the situation relative to the operation of the present British Columbia Liquor Act, and (c) ascertain the views of interested persons and organizations on matters appertaining to liquor distribution and consumption:

And be it further Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee be empowered to make recommendations to the House relative to any changes deemed advisable in the Liquor Act or regulations in the public interest for the purpose of encouraging temperance and having liquor consumption in public places under proper conditions and environment.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3.40 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.52 p.m.

Thursday, March 30th, 1950.

FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Edwin Keary DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Laws Declaratory Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act."
- (No. 3) An Act to amend the "Stock-brands Act."
- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "Milk Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Trust Companies Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Municipal Superannuation Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Coloured Gasoline Tax Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1928."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Probate Fees Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Jury Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Mining Tax Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to amend the "Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922."
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Horse-racing Regulation Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Children of Unmarried Parents Act."
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "New Haven Act."
- (No. 20) An Act respecting the Maintenance of Dykes in the Province.
- (No. 21) An Act to co-operate with the Government of Canada and other Public Authorities in the Provision of Housing.
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Fisheries Act."
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Railway Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures.
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Clinics of Psychological Medicine Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Mental Hospitals Act."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Welfare Institutions Licensing Act."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to borrow the Sum of Ten million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Police and Prisons Regulation Act."
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "King's Counsel Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Trustee Act."
- (No. 35) An Act authorizing The Corporation of the City of Kamloops to convey certain Lands to the Crown.

- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Notaries Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Tuberculosis Institutions Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Department of Lands and Forests Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "University Endowment Lands Administration Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."
- (No. 45) An Act relating to certain School Debts of the City of North Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver and to validate an Agreement respecting Same.
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Boiler Inspection Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Fire Marshal Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to incorporate the Vancouver Foundation.
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the "Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia Act."
- (No. 52) An Act to amend "The Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay Incorporation Act, 1903."
- (No. 53) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 54) An Act to incorporate the B.C.F.G. Mutual Hail Insurance Company.
- (No. 55) An Act to amend the "Victoria City Act, 1922."
- (No. 56) An Act to amend the "Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Annual Holidays Act."
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Hairdressers Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Corporation Income Tax Act, 1949."
- (No. 64) An Act to provide for Taxation of the Railway Belt Lands of The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company.
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Hospital Insurance Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Hospital Act."
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 68) An Act to amend the "Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Co-operative Associations Act."
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 71) An Act respecting the Establishment of Pension Fund Societies.
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Public Libraries Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Greater Vancouver Water District Act."
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Consumer Credit Act."
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Electric Power Act."
- (No. 79) An Act authorizing an Inquiry into the Status and Rights of Indians in the Province.
- (No. 80) An Act to provide for the Financing of a Programme of Highway Development and Improvement in the Province.
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Conditional Sales Act."
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Petroleum and Natural Gas Act."

- (No. 83) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
 (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
 (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Town Planning Act."
 (No. 86) An Act to amend the "Greater Victoria Water District Act."
 (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Equal Guardianship of Infants Act."
 (No. 88) An Act to amend the "Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act."
 (No. 89) An Act to amend the "Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922."
 (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Wills Act."
 (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Trade Licences Act."
 (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation and Weekly Holiday Act."
 (No. 93) An Act relating to the Kamloops Memorial Arena and the Kamloops Athletic Hall.
 (No. 94) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
 (No. 95) An Act to amend "The Cultus Lake Park Act."
 (No. 96) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
 (No. 97) An Act to amend the "New Westminster Sterling Exchange Act."
 (No. 98) An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Vancouver.
 (No. 100) An Act to validate the Articles of Association of Terminal City Club Limited and Amendments thereto.
 (No. 101) An Act respecting the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River between Agassiz and Rosedale.
 (No. 102) An Act to amend the "Amusements Tax Act."
 (No. 103) An Act to provide for the Financing of a Programme of Hospital Construction in the Province.

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

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

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

Then the Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this, the First Session of the Twenty-second Parliament, I desire to express appreciation of the attention which you have given to the numerous matters submitted for your consideration.

My Government's decision to enter into agreement with the Dominion Government for the purpose of constructing low-cost housing and the provisions that have been made by the Legislature in regard thereto should materially assist the people to alleviate the existing housing shortage.

The enactment of legislation assuring a continuation of my Government's programme of public works, as well as provision for the financing of the Trans-Canada Highway, should prove of great benefit in the development of the Province.

Amendments to several Acts affecting hospital services, I feel sure, will assist those charged with the responsibility of administration and enable them to improve and strengthen the service which already has been so beneficial to the people.

Likewise, the financial provisions made for the construction of new hospitals and additions should alleviate the shortage of hospital accommodation which presently exists.

I am gratified to note that a substantial reduction in the amusement tax has been implemented.

The power granted my Government to negotiate an agreement for the transfer of the Provincial Police to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police not only should result in substantial savings, but should bring about valuable improvements in policing methods by the unification of law-enforcement work.

These and many other measures should inure to the well-being of the citizens.

I thank you for the supplies so generously granted for the Public Service.

In relieving you of your labours, I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. Mr. *Straith* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, Provincial Secretary) then said:—

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

NANCY HODGES, *Speaker.*

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