

Wednesday, November 15th, 1939.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'South Westminster Dyking District Aid Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act.'"

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of Certain Indebtedness of the City of Enderby."

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta Drainage Act, 1936.'"

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Food Products Minimum Loss Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Report of the Work done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. How many books were loaned out through the Provincial Library mailing service in 1939 and in 1938?

2. Has there been any method of publicizing the Provincial Library mailing service to British Columbia residents?

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

"1. 22,372 volumes in 1938; 23,366 in 1939, up to October 31st. During the period July to October, 1939, circulation was 44 per cent. higher than in the corresponding period in 1938.

"2. Within the last 18 months a poster has been sent to practically every post-office in the Province, and many smaller notices, placed in outgoing books for the purpose, have been handed to neighbours by readers. Every teacher in the Province, except those employed in the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, has been circularized in 1939."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Do School Boards purchasing books from the Text-book Branch of the Department of Education receive the benefit of dealers' discount?

2. Do individual schools, when making such purchases, receive the benefit of dealers' discount?

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

"1. Yes; on all purchases in districts where there are no dealers. In districts where there are dealers, School Boards are not supplied with prescribed text-books, but the Boards may obtain supplementary and reference books at discount from the Text-book Branch.

"2. If schools place their orders to the Text-book Branch through the secretary of the School Board or the Official Trustee, the orders are completed as in No. 1."

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

1. What are the total receipts to date for car inspection under the "Motor-vehicle Act"?

2. What are the total receipts to date from drivers' examinations under the "Motor-vehicle Act"?

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

"1. *Nil*. The only car inspections made by Provincial authorities are those made in check-ups on the road, for which no charge is made.

"2. \$104,971, to November 10th, 1939."

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

1. What quantities of (1) apple pectin, (2) fruit-juices, (3) honey, (4) charcoal, (5) turpentine, and (6) rock-wool were respectively (a) produced, (b) imported, and (c) exported by the industries of the Province during each of the past two years?

2. What action, if any, has been taken by the Department towards establishing new or enlarging the capacity of existing plants for the purpose of building up a home and export trade in these commodities?

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

"1. (1.) Apple-pectin: (a.) No complete statistical information available. (b.) Not separately shown in Dominion trade statistics. (c.) Not separately shown in Dominion trade statistics.

"(2.) Fruit-juices: (a.) Production not separately shown in available statistics; included with numerous other products. (b.) In period April, May, June, 1939, 98,389 gallons of pineapple and grapefruit juice imported through British Columbia ports not necessarily for consumption. Information not available for earlier years. (c.) No record of any exports during 1939; information not available for earlier years.

"(3.) Honey: (a.) 1937, 1,427,475 lb., valued at \$214,121; 1938, 1,583,120 lb., valued at \$234,468. (b.) 1937, from other countries, 647 lb.; from other Provinces, 624,243 lb. 1938, from other countries, 11,241 lb.; from other Provinces, 609,810 lb. (c.) No exportation, but delivery for ships' stores amounted to 1,276 lb. in 1937 and 1,555 lb. in 1938. These statistics are taken from the Agricultural Statistics Report prepared by the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

"(4.) Charcoal: (a.) No production reported in British Columbia. (b.) From foreign countries: Animal charcoal, 1937, 112 tons; 1938, 121 tons. Wood charcoal, 1937, 288 tons; 1938, 212 tons. (c.) No exports reported.

"(5.) Turpentine: (a.) No production reported. (b.) Water-borne imports from foreign countries were as follows: 1937, 174½ tons; 1938, 5,508 tons; additional imports may have entered the Province by rail. (c.) No exports reported.

"(6.) Rock-wool: (a.) No commercial production reported. (b.) No importation from any foreign countries during the first six months of 1939 and information applying to earlier years is not available. The extent of importation from other Provinces is not known. (c.) No exports reported.

"2. Apple-pectin: The Department has not been approached by growers or others for assistance in this connection. The patent rights for the manufacture of pectin are held in Eastern Canada and it is in this area that the larger market exists for pectin for use in jam-manufacture, etc. For such amounts of pectin as are used commercially in this Province it would not be economical under present conditions to encourage further local manufacture.

"Fruit-juices: The Department has built up a considerable file on fruit-juices with particular reference to apple-juice, and through the year has been in touch with the growers and with the holders of patent rights in the United States and elsewhere. While some progress has been made, production has not really passed the experimental stage. If or when a process is found which allows packing and storing of the juice without fermentation or cloudiness, the machinery of the Department is available for home and export markets.

"Honey: The average production of honey per colony of bees in British Columbia is much lower than among producers in other Provinces. Accordingly, British Columbia does

not produce economically sufficient honey to supply its own domestic requirements, and the reason that we import from other Provinces is not one of indifference or inattention to possibilities.

"The prices paid for honey on the British market are ordinarily less than the British Columbia bee-keepers can obtain on their home market, and even if we had a surplus to ship at competitive prices, f.o.b. seaboard, the cost of shipping from British Columbia to the United Kingdom would be excessive compared with the rates available to Eastern Provinces from ports on the Atlantic seaboard.

"The Department has investigated this situation closely during the past year in co-operation with the Provincial Apiarist, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the office of the Acting Agent-General, and the Canadian Trade Commissioners in London and Australia.

"Charcoal: All processes would depend on the commercial outlet for charcoal and investigations have shown that a charcoal industry or a by-product operation producing only one product has not much chance of success. Ordinary charcoal finds limited uses, but the Bureau of Industrial and Trade Extension has in recent months built up an interesting file on the possibilities of manufacture of active carbon from cedar or other sawdust. This has been done in co-operation with the Forest Products Laboratories, Vancouver, the Timber Commissioner in London, the National Research Council, and the holders of patents in Europe and elsewhere. The market is limited, but the file has been reopened since the outbreak of war in view of the possibility of use of a high grade of active carbon in the manufacture of gas-masks.

"Turpentine: The question of the possibility of tapping our trees for gum resins has been raised many times and was investigated by Dr. Harris when he was attached to the Department for research purposes last year.

"It is generally conceded that the average yield from Western conifers is low as compared to other species such as Southern pine and that commercial utilization under present conditions would not be profitable.

"In addition there is competition from synthetic turpentine manufactured from mineral oils.

"Rock-wool: In co-operation with the Department of Mines, the Bureau of Industrial and Trade Extension has investigated market conditions throughout the building industry for the manufacture of mineral wool from natural deposits of limestone and dolomite. There has also been correspondence with United States interests in regard to possible branch establishment. The Bureau also investigated the commercial possibilities of slag deposits in the manufacture of rock-wool for insulating purposes, and active negotiations with a manufacturing concern in this connection were suspended only on the outbreak of war."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has a Welfare Institutions Board been set up under the "Welfare Institutions Licensing Act"?
2. If yes, who are the members appointed to this Board?
3. (a.) Have any inspections of welfare institutions, as authorized by sections 9 and 10 of the Act, been held by the Board since its inception? (b.) If yes, how many under section 9 and how many under section 10? (c.) Which types of institutions have been inspected?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Mr. P. Walker, Deputy Provincial Secretary (Chairman); Miss I. Harvey, Superintendent of Neglected Children; Dr. J. S. Cull, Acting Provincial Health Officer; Mrs. A. G. Westman, Superintendent of the Industrial School for Girls; Dr. A. S. Lamb, Division of Tuberculosis Control. (Miss L. Holland is Chief Inspector under the 'Welfare Institutions Licensing Act.')

"3. (a.) Yes. (b.) Under sections 9 and 10, 57 (April 1st, 1938, to March 31st, 1939). (c.) Organized institutions (for children, for aged and handicapped, hostels, homes for unmarried mothers), and boarding-homes (for children, for aged and handicapped)."

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

1. Has the attention of the Attorney-General been called to the finding of Commissioner F. A. McGregor that four companies have been parties to the formation and operation of a combine within the meaning of section 2 of the "Combines Investigation Act"?
2. Has the Attorney-General proposed to prosecute in relation thereto?

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

"1 and 2. A report of Mr. F. A. McGregor, Commissioner under the 'Combines Investigation Act,' has just been received, but neither myself nor officials of my Department have had, as yet, an opportunity of perusing and studying same. When this has been done, such action will be taken as the evidence and findings indicate."

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

Thursday, November 16th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Most Rev. *J. C. Cody*, Bishop of Victoria.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return pursuant to the "Public Works Act" concerning the sale of Government property for the year ended October 31st, 1939.

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

1. In connection with the construction of the Island Highway Diversion east of Cobble Hill, has the Government paid any money by way of compensation, severance or otherwise, to: (a) W. H. Stuart, Cobble Hill, Vancouver Island; (b) Margaret Patterson Matthews, Cobble Hill, Vancouver Island?
2. If yes, how much?

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

- "1. (a.) Yes. (b.) Yes.
- "2. To W. H. Stuart, \$432; to Margaret P. Matthews, \$381."

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

1. Was a new ferry constructed for the Kelowna-Westbank service?
2. To whom was the original tender let and for what amount?
3. What was the total cost of the said ferry when completed?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Hamilton Bridge, Western, Ltd.; contract for hull, \$83,533.60.
- "3. \$122,988.51; this cost includes engines and spare parts, naval architects' fees (for alternative designs), construction inspectors' fees, Dominion steamship inspection fees, and contingent expenses."

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

1. When did the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act" come into force in British Columbia?
2. How many strikes took place, how many employees were affected thereby, and how many working-days were lost through strikes in British Columbia in 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, and 1939?
3. How many disputes requiring the services of a Conciliation Commissioner under the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act" were dealt with by the Department of Labour in 1938 and 1939?
4. How were the disputes disposed of?
5. What was the number of trade unions and employees' organizations in the Province in 1937, in 1938, and in 1939?

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

" 1. December 10th, 1937.

" 2. 1935—

Strikes	23
Employees affected	7,321
Working-days lost	140,706

1936—

Strikes	16
Employees affected	5,741
Working-days lost	75,311

1937—

Strikes	16
Employees affected	1,188
Working-days lost	30,022

1938—

Strikes	11
Employees affected	837
Working-days lost	8,236

1939 (to October 31st) —

Strikes	4
Employees affected	928
Working-days lost	8,042

" 3. 20 in 1938; 12 in 1939, as at October 31st.

" 4. In 1938: 14 disputes were settled by conciliation to the satisfaction of employers and employees concerned; 4 were dealt with by a Board of Arbitration; 2 applications were withdrawn.

" In 1939 (as at October 31st): 7 disputes were settled by conciliation to the satisfaction of employers and employees concerned; 1 was dealt with by a Board of Arbitration; 1 is to be submitted to a Board of Arbitration shortly; 3 are at present in the hands of Conciliation Commissioners.

" 5. In 1937 those making returns totalled 336; in 1938 those making returns totalled 352; in 1939 those making returns totalled 382."

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

1. What moneys have been expended upon the West Coast Road (Vancouver Island) beyond Jordan River in the last fiscal year?
2. Was such money expended under contract or otherwise?
3. If under contract, to whom was such contract given?
4. How many men were employed in such work and for how long were they so employed?

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

" Dominion-Provincial works agreement, November 8th, 1938, highway construction.

" 1. \$24,286.68.

" 2. Day-labour.

" 3. Answered by No. 2.

" 4. 162 men; from November 1st, 1938, to April 20th, 1939."

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

1. Has the Government made any arrangement providing superannuation for returned disability veterans employed by the Relief Department?
2. If not, why not?

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

“1. No.

“2. Employment has been deemed to be of a temporary nature and employees are not members of the Civil Service.”

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

1. In how many buildings in the City of Victoria has the Provincial Government rented space?
2. What are the names of these buildings?
3. What departments or branches of departments are housed in each one?
4. What, if any, additional space has been rented during 1939?
5. What is the annual rental cost to the Province in each of these buildings?
6. Why has it been found necessary to rent space outside of the Government Buildings themselves?

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

“1. The Public Works Department rents space in six buildings on behalf of the Provincial Government.

“2 and 3. B.C. Land Building; tenants, the Law Society of British Columbia. Royal Jubilee Hospital; tenants, Spencer Clinic. Dominion Bank Building; tenants, Department of Municipal Affairs. Belmont Building; tenants, Civil Service Commission, Superannuation Commission, and Labour Department. Weiler Building; tenants, Welfare Department, Forestry Department, and Economics Department. Eight rooms are occupied by the Education Department in the Central Building during the present Session of the Legislature.

“4. The Law Society of British Columbia, B.C. Land Building; Spencer Clinic, Royal Jubilee Hospital; Department of Municipal Affairs, Dominion Bank Building; Education Department, Central Building (during Session only); and one extra room for the Superannuation Commission in the Belmont Building.

“5. B.C. Land Building, \$120; Royal Jubilee Hospital, \$630; Dominion Bank Building, \$1,800; Belmont Building, \$4,008; Weiler Building, \$4,800; and Central Building (during Session of Legislature), \$155.60 per month.

“6. To provide accommodation not available in the Parliament Buildings.”

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

1. Has the Provincial Police jurisdiction on Indian reserves in this Province?
2. Who pays for policing of Indian reserves in the Province?
3. Are there special police appointed to police Indian reserves in this Province?
4. If so, what was the cost to the Province in 1938?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The Province, as far as the Provincial Police are concerned.

“3. Not by the Province.

“4. Answered by No. 3.”

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

What did it cost to construct the guard-rail constructed in 1938 on the Island Highway, Vancouver Island, between Mile 27 and Mile 29?

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

“No guard-rail was constructed between Mile 27 and Mile 29 on the Island Highway during the year 1938.”

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

1. What was the total cost of the Macdonald Report to the Province up to 1939?
2. What are the present monthly expenses of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board?

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

- “1. This question should be addressed to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary.
- “2. This question should be addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Finance.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Friday, November 17th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *N. E. Smith*.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision with reference to the introduction of public Bills by private members:—

Honourable Members,—A question has arisen in the House with respect to public Bills introduced by private members.

Can a point of order be raised on the motion for leave to introduce the Bill, attacking it on the ground that it is not one which may be initiated by a private member, or is leave granted as a matter of course, points of order being raised at a later stage?

Parliament imposes certain restrictions upon private members originating or proceeding with legislation.

Section 52 of the “Constitution Act,” R.S.B.C. 1936, chapter 49, is as follows: “The Legislative Assembly shall not originate or pass any vote, resolution, address, or Bill for the appropriation of any part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or of any tax or impost, to any purpose which has not been first recommended by a Message of the Lieutenant-Governor to the Legislative Assembly during the Session in which the vote, resolution, address, or Bill is proposed.”

Our Standing Order 67 is to the same effect, except that it uses the word “adopt” instead of “originate.”

See also section 54 of the “British North America Act” which is extended to the Provincial Legislatures by section 90 of the same Act.

B.C. Standing Order 76 provides that “Any Bill affecting the Constitution must be introduced by a member of the Government or with the sanction of the Government.”

A careful perusal of the sections and rules above referred to as well as of the numerous authorities on the subject, will show that certain Bills require the Crown's consent while others must be recommended by the Crown.

Speaking in broad terms, Bills affecting the prerogatives, rights, and patronage of the Crown require the Crown's consent, while those involving public expenditure or imposing any tax or impost can only be initiated on the Crown's recommendation.

Failing the Crown's consent or recommendation, it is customary to raise a point of order when the Bill is called for second reading.

Where consent is required, it may be given at any time before the final question for passing the measure is proposed. (*Desjardins*, Quebec Decisions, 249.)

Where, however, recommendation by Message is required, it must precede the introduction of the measure. (*Desjardins*, 231, 387.)

Although the House has power to refuse leave for the introduction of a Bill, in practice leave is granted as a matter of course.

In British Columbia the formal motion for leave is still necessary (S.O. 74). But in England the procedure has been simplified. There the member may now either follow the

old procedure of moving for leave or he may introduce the Bill by simply presenting it at the table, after previous notice but without any order of the House. If he adopts the procedure of simply presenting the Bill at the table it is not necessary for him to present the actual text of his proposal. He may present a form, called a "dummy Bill," upon which is written only the title of the Bill and the name of the member proposing it. (*Redlich*, vol. 3, pp. 86-87.) In this Province, however, no Bill may be introduced in blank (S.O. 75).

The formal nature of the procedure of introduction is indicated in the following quotation from *Redlich*, vol. 3, p. 86: "It is exceptional, save in the case of great Government measures, for the minister in charge to go into much detail in explaining to the House what it is being asked to admit to its deliberations. Even if a full summary is given, it is not customary to have a debate at this stage, unless it is desired to prevent the Bill even from being introduced. Of course, no question of the kind arises on the great majority of Bills. In consequence the preliminary stage generally takes but little time, and is attended with few difficulties. But from time to time the Opposition does take the opportunity of making an attack on some measure . . . when leave is asked to introduce a Bill. . . . If the motion is not treated in this very exceptional way the whole transaction is merely formal; leave is given and a day is fixed for introduction and first reading."

I rule, therefore, that points of order, if any, should be raised, not on introduction, but after the first reading.

In the interest of the prompt dispatch of the business of the House, I respectfully suggest that private members should not attempt to usurp the functions of Government by introducing, without previous discussion with the Government, legislation which, under the Constitution and the Standing Orders, can only be initiated upon the recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor by Message, or can only become law with consent of the Crown. No good purpose is served by so doing. It does not serve to promote discussion of the measures because such measures are almost invariably ruled out of order before any discussion takes place. A private member has, of course, every right to introduce legislation which does not come within the prohibited classes, and my remarks have no reference to Bills which may be properly introduced by private members.

The following is an extract from *Todd* on Parliamentary Government, 2nd edition, vol. 2, pp. 368-370:—

"It has only been by degrees, since the passing of Reform Acts, in 1832, that it has come to be an established principle, that all important Acts of legislation should be originated and their passage through Parliament facilitated by the advisers of the Crown. The necessity for systematic and enlightened legislation for the improvement of our political and social institutions and for the amelioration of the laws, in accordance with the wants of an advancing civilization, together with the difficulty experienced by private members in carrying Bills through Parliament, have led to the imposition of additional burden upon the Ministers of the Crown, by requiring them to prepare and submit to Parliament whatever measures of this description may be needed for the public good. . . . On the other hand, it should be freely conceded to private members that they have an abstract right to submit to the consideration of Parliament measures upon every question which may suitably engage its attention, subject only to the limitations imposed by the prerogatives of the Crown or by the practice of Parliament. Bearing this in mind, it must be admitted that the rule that all great and important public measures should emanate from the Executive, has of late years obtained increasing acceptance."

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

1. Is the Government still operating the ferry S.S. "Whitesmith" on the Shuswap Lake?
2. If not, has the ferry been disposed of?
3. Who was the purchaser?
4. What price did the Government receive for it?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. Yes.
- “ 3. Mr. A. Griffin.
- “ 4. \$200.”

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

- 1. Was a new launch constructed for the Public Works Department during 1938–39?
- 2. If so, what was the total cost of such launch?
- 3. What is the boat being used for?
- 4. Has the former Public Works Department launch, the “L. and H.,” been disposed of?
- 5. If so, when was she disposed of and at what price was she sold?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. \$35,789.43.
- “ 3. Transportation of Department’s officials on inspection and survey work.
- “ 4. Yes.
- “ 5. July 12th, 1939; traded in to Vivian Engine Works, Ltd., Vancouver, at an allowance of \$3,500 as part payment on engines for new launch. This boat was sixteen years old and was unsafe in the heavy weather met with on the West Coast.”

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

- 1. What total sum was charged by the Forest Branch on account of unburned slash under section 113A (2) of the “Forest Act”: (a) In 1938 and (b) in 1939?
- 2. For what total area of slash were operators exempted by the Chief Forester from disposal of slash under section 113A of the “Forest Act”: (a) In 1938 and (b) in 1939?
- 3. What area of slash unburned in 1938 on account of which penalty was charged under section 113A (if any) was disposed of in 1939, and by whom, Forest Branch or operator?
- 4. What area of slash exempted from disposal in 1938 has been disposed of in 1939?

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

- “ 1. (a.) Nil. (b.) \$1,022.50 on account of 1938 unburned slash.
- “ 2. (a.) No record. (b.) No record.
- “ 3. Disposal of 135 acres by operator authorized.
- “ 4. No record of any such.”

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 5.08 p.m.

Monday, November 20th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Disposition of Deductions made on the Purchase of Cattle with Horns," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 20th, 1939.

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. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposition of Deductions made on the Purchase of Cattle with Horns," 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. *Hart* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 20th, 1939.

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. 46) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 20th, 1939.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 20th, 1939.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions 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. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of Special Timber Licences Nos. 5514P and 11606P," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 20th, 1939.

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. 39) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of Special Timber Licences Nos. 5514P and 11606P," 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.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act respecting Survivorship in Common Disaster" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Innkeepers Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to exempt Members of the Allied Forces from the Operation of certain Provisions of the Mining Laws of the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for Free Grants to Pre-emptors on Active Service" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Libel and Slander Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, and *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting.

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

1. Is there a Board to review relief cases in the Province?
2. If yes, what are the names of the members of the Board?
3. What are their respective salaries?
4. Do they receive expenses?
5. If yes, state the amount received in each case during the year 1938.

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

"1. There is a Board of Review consisting of three Headquarter officials whose duty it is to review investigation reports received from the field. Investigations are made in the first instance by local District investigators. The Board does not travel as a body, but a member or another senior official carries out independent investigations when considered necessary.

"2 and 3. E. M. McConnan, \$185; C. W. Lundy, \$175; and D. Ramsay, \$125.

"4. Not as a travelling Board (otherwise *see* Public Accounts).

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Has the Department of Industries made or guaranteed any loan to any persons or companies in the Province during the last fiscal year?
2. If so, to whom?
3. If yes: (a) What amounts have been granted or guaranteed to each person or company, (b) the terms of such loan, and (c) the rate of interest in each case?
4. What payments have been received by the Government towards the liquidation of such loans?
5. What security for each advance has been received by the Department?

The Hon. Mr. *Asselstine* (Minister of Trade and Industry) replied as follows:—

“1. No.

“2, 3, 4, and 5. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What was the total cost (a) on Dominion account and (b) on Provincial account of the Forest Development Projects (1) in fiscal year 1937–38 and (2) in fiscal year 1938–39 in British Columbia?
2. What amounts have been allotted (a) on Dominion account and (b) on Provincial account for Forest Development Projects in British Columbia for the current fiscal year?

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

“1. See Public Accounts.

“2. \$100,000 for completion of 1938–39 winter programme and \$400,000 for 1939 summer programme. Amounts quoted are gross, the Dominion paying 50 per cent. of contributory expenditures.”

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

1. Has the Department, since the last Session of this House, approached the Dominion Government with regard to a larger appropriation towards the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis amongst the Indian population of the Province of British Columbia?
2. If yes, has the appropriation been increased?
3. If it has been increased, to what extent?

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

“1. Yes, repeatedly and consistently.

“2. No, but it is understood that the Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources has in contemplation arrangements which, if carried out, will largely increase the number of beds available for the isolation and treatment of tuberculosis cases amongst Indians.

“3. Answered by No. 2.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21st, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,839,818.54 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1941.
5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,895 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1941.
6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,325 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1941.
7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,299 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1941.
8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,630 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection, to 31st March, 1941.
9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$102,625 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1941.
10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1941.
11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,612 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1941.
12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, International, National, and Provincial Exhibits, to 31st March, 1941.
13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1941.
14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1941.
15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs—Buildings, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1941.
16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,532.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Corporation of City of Victoria, to 31st March, 1941.
17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Interior Provincial Fair Association, to 31st March, 1941.
18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Chilliwack Agricultural Association, to 31st March, 1941.
19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Kamloops Bull Sale, to 31st March, 1941.
20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1941.
21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1941.
22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rodent and Insect Pest Extermination, to 31st March, 1941.
23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1941.
24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Investigations and Extension—Expenses, to 31st March, 1941.
114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,470 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1941.
115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office, to 31st March, 1941.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,975 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mineralogical Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,940 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Assay Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mine-rescue and Training Stations, to 31st March, 1941.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants, to 31st March, 1941.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Oil Exploration in the Peace River Area, to 31st March, 1941.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, etc., to 31st March, 1941.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,190 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* Explosives to assist *Bona-fide* Mineral Prospectors, to 31st March, 1941.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,275 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Incidentals, Miscellaneous Grants, and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1941.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Sampling Plants, to 31st March, 1941.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1941.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,214 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Office, to 31st March, 1941.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$136,785 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, to 31st March, 1941.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,765 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1941.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

By the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*—

Annual Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

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

1. Has any arrangement been made between the Provincial Government and the Federal Government whereby the Federal Government is to maintain and operate the old New Westminster Bridge?

2. If so, what are the details of such arrangements?

3. Has an agreement been made between the Federal and Provincial Governments whereby the Federal Government is to put in a lift-span instead of the present swing-span?

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

1. What was the total production of butter-fat in the Province during 1938?
2. What was the average price paid to producer?

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

- “ 1. Approximately 22,950,000 lb.
- “ 2. Approximately 29.5 cents.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21st, 1939.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,705 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Trade Extension, to 31st March, 1941.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,925 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1941.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,620 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1941.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,646 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,342 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1941.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,653 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1941.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,233.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1941.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,510 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1941.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,189.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1941.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$119,634 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1941.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,932.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1941.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$977,039.94 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1941.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$212,110.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1941.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$226,366.95 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$97,150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1941.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1941.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1941.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds (Bounties, Salaries, and Expenses), to 31st March, 1941.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1941.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, After-care of Youthful Offenders (Salaries and Expenses), to 31st March, 1941.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1941.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$495,057.68 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Salaries, to 31st March, 1941.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,942.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1941.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1941.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$145,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including Administration, Maintenance of Buildings, Launches, Autos, and other Equipment, etc.), to 31st March, 1941.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March, 1941.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance and Cruising, to 31st March, 1941.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1941.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, B.C. Hydrometric Service, to 31st March, 1941.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act" (Chap. 80, 1918), to 31st March, 1941.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1941.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refund of Stumpage deposited with Dominion Government by Homesteaders in Former Railway Belt and Peace River Block prior to Transfer, to 31st March, 1941.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Land Act" and "Revenue Act," to 31st March, 1941.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Publicity, to 31st March, 1941.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,275 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1941.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1941.

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

Mr. Speaker presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ended December 31st, 1938.

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

1. What percentage of land in the Province lies within municipally controlled areas?
2. What percentage of the population lives within municipally controlled areas?

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

- "1. 0.42139 per cent.
- "2. 74.985 per cent. (1931 census)."

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22nd, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to empower the Board of School Trustees of the Trail-Tadanac Municipal School District to levy certain Taxes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 22nd, 1939.

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. 48) intituled "An Act to empower the Board of School Trustees of the Trail-Tadanac Municipal School District to levy certain Taxes," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

On the motion of Mrs. *Jamieson*—Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inferior Courts Practitioners Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 42) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coroners Act.’”

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 62) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Moving Pictures Act.’”

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*—Bill (No. 43) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Credit Unions Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 44) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal-mines Regulation Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Cameron*—Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Cameron*—Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Company Towns Regulation Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 49) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mental Hospitals Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Metaliferous Mines Regulation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 40) intituled “An Act respecting the Semi-monthly Payment of Wages.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 63) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dentistry Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Interpretation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 67) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘New Westminster Relief Act, 1899.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 61) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Boom-chain Brands Act.’”

Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Food Products Minimum Loss Act’” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Weekly Half-holiday Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled “An Act respecting Annual Holidays with Pay,” the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion that Bill (No. 33) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Residence and Responsibility Act’” be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fire Marshal Act’” was committed.

The Chairman reported to Mr. Speaker that a point of order had arisen in the Committee, and that Mr. *LeBourdais* had appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

Question proposed—“Shall the ruling of the Chairman be sustained?”

Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill reported complete with amendments.

To be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Libel and Slander Act’” was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) 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. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'South Westminster Dyking District Aid Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Enderby" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta Drainage Act, 1936'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Poll Tax Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Westminster Parks Act, 1908'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

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

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Disposition of Deductions made on the Purchase of Cattle with Horns."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of Special Timber Licences Nos. 5514P and 11606P" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bruhn*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Anscomb*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Shepherd* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

Whereas during the past few weeks there has been a considerable increase in the retail price of feed-wheat and mill-feeds:

And whereas according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics the supplies of feed-grains in Canada for 1939-40 are greater than a year ago:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an investigation into the price of feed-grains, and to investigate, in particular, any increase in price of recent weeks and the reasons thereof; and to report its findings and recommendations to this Legislature.

The debate continued.

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

To strike out all the words after the word "whereas" in the third line, and substitute therefor the following:—

"By special and competitive local and joint freight tariff on feed-barley, feed-oats, feed-screenings, feed-wheat, fire-burnt grain, grain products, and grain by-products farmers of the lower mainland and Vancouver Island are now enabled to secure feed-grain supplies from Prairie producers and grain by-products from Prairie millers at a reduction in transportation costs:

"And whereas through Farmers' Institutes, co-operative associations, and agricultural organizations car-load purchasing is feasible, practical, and economical:

"And whereas many farmers' organizations are already taking advantage of this method of securing feed-grains and grain by-products at cost:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to make an examination of the operation of Canadian Freight Association Tariff No. 145 and to report its findings and recommendations to this Legislature."

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

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

That a Return be filed with the Legislature of the two reports of Mr. H. M. Cassidy, former Director of Social Welfare, entitled "Report of the Director of Social Welfare, July 1st, 1934, to January 31st, 1939," and "Reorganization of British Columbia Health and Welfare Services—A Report with Recommendations."

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary of the names of all those engaged under his Department in the administration of welfare in the Province, with their respective salaries.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1938, together with the Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1939.

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

1. What appropriation was made last year for the Hope to Princeton Highway?
2. Has a completed survey been made of the mileage between Hope and Allison Pass?
3. If so, what is the estimated cost of completing the road from: (a) Hope to Skagit Bluffs, (b) Skagit Bluffs to Mile 52 at Allison Pass?
4. What is the estimated cost of completing the grade from Hope to Princeton?
5. Has any change been made or contemplated in the location of the present road between Princeton and Allison Pass?
6. If so, what changes are proposed and what is the approximate cost?
7. What expenditure has been made on the road between Princeton and Allison Pass: (a) In 1937, (b) in 1938?
8. How much has been expended to date on the Hope to Princeton Highway?

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

"1. \$11,700.

"2 and 3. No.

"4. Estimate based on reconnaissance is under \$1,075,000.

"5 and 6. No major change.

"7. (a) \$25,132.51; (b) \$1,807.01.

"8. \$573,992."

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

1. What percentage of land in the Province suitable for farming is being used?
2. How much is under cultivation?

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

"1. According to a submission presented to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations by the Government of the Province of British Columbia, it is estimated that 16,515,908 acres of land are suitable for pasture and grazing and 4,240,912 acres of land are suitable for tillage, making a total of 20,756,820 acres.

"2. The total area of farms is estimated at 3,542,000 acres, of which 779,288 acres are under cultivation."

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

1. What, if any, jurisdiction has the Provincial Government in regards to setting of dumping duty dates in relation to agricultural products entering this Province?

2. What agricultural products are protected?

3. What are the dates and rates of protection?

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

"1. Not within the jurisdiction of this Province.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22nd, 1939.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1941.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,190 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs to 31st March, 1941.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1941.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1941.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, (a) Text-book subvention, (b) Forms for Secretaries of School Boards, Programmes of Study, Manuals of School Law, Wall Maps, Pupils' Report Cards, etc., to 31st March, 1941.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,373 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Schools, to 31st March, 1941.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,190 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1941.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$113,984 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1941.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,627 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal Schools, to 31st March, 1941.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,531 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1941.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,370,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1941.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$165,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Erection of New Buildings, Maintenance and Repairs of School Buildings, Special Aid to School Districts, and Desks for Rural Schools, etc., to 31st March, 1941.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March, 1941.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Schools Tests: High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1941.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$115,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1941.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1941.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1941.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Official Trustee, Community School Districts, to 31st March, 1941.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference—Remuneration, fees, and expenses, to 31st March, 1941.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1941.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Radio Broadcasts, to 31st March, 1941.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Curriculum Revision and Educational Supervision, etc., to 31st March, 1941.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1941.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$426,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1941.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1941.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,645 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1941.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1941.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$43,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1941.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1941.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$78,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1941.

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

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

What was the total cost of the Macdonald Report to the Province up to 1939?

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

“See Public Accounts, 1934–35 to 1938–39, inclusive.”

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

1. What crockery equipment was purchased in 1937, 1938, and 1939 in: (a) Essondale Mental Hospital, (b) New Westminster Mental Hospital, (c) Provincial Home for Incurables (Marpole), and (d) Industrial School for Girls?
2. Were tenders called?
3. If so, from what firms?
4. What method was used for calling said tenders?
5. Has Buscombe & Co., Ltd., Vancouver, been furnished with tender forms or ever been asked to tender or quote on crockery, glassware, and silverware requirements for any of the above during the periods 1937, 1938, and 1939?
6. Has the Government ever advertised for this equipment in the press?
7. Has the Government, during the past three years, purchased crockery, etc., without tenders for the above-mentioned institutions?

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

1. What examinations, if any, have been held as provided for in section 4, chapter 39, R.S.B.C. 1936, during the past year?
2. How many appointments, if any, have been made during the past year to positions covered by the Act of persons: (a) Who have passed Civil Service examinations; (b) who have not passed such examinations?

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.40 p.m.

Thursday, November 23rd, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. W. McLean*.

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

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting Annual Holidays with Pay," Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 22nd instant:—

Honourable Members,—The Honourable the Premier has raised a point of order respecting Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting Annual Holidays with Pay."

Standing Order 67 provides that it shall not be lawful for the House to adopt or pass any Bill for the appropriation of any impost to any purpose which has not first been recommended to the House by Message of the Lieutenant-Governor.

Section 4 of the Bill provides that the Board of Industrial Relations constituted under the "Male Minimum Wage Act" may direct that employees shall be entitled to such holidays as the Board in its discretion may order. Such an order must, under section 5, provide for payment of wages during the period of the holiday. It follows that if the Bill were to become law, any order made by the Board would inevitably result in an impost upon a section of the public, namely, employers of labour. Under Standing Order 67, above referred to, it is not within the competence of a private member to introduce a Bill of this nature.

Members of the Opposition have argued that I cannot assume that the Board would make an order, as section 4 is permissive only. In answer to this I would point out that section 5 is not permissive, and I can not assume the Act would never be invoked. They argue further that it can not be assumed that employers would pay more if obliged to give holidays

with pay than they would pay if no holidays were given. It seems to me, however, that it is impossible to escape the conclusion that an order of the Board would impose an added financial burden on the employer.

I therefore rule that the Bill is out of order in the hand of a private member.

Section 7 of the Bill confers powers on the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Even if the Bill were otherwise in order this section could not be allowed to stand without the consent of the Crown. (*See B.C. Journals, 1932, page 75.*)

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker.*

Mr. H. E. Winch appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

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

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—33.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Bryan</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Paton</i>			

NAYS—7.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Burns</i>	<i>Telford</i>
<i>Tupper</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>

Bill (No. 19) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Food Products Minimum Loss Act ' " was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

On the motion by Mr. Guthrie that Bill (No. 42) intituled " An Act to amend the ' Coroners Act ' " be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>			

NAYS—33.

Messieurs

<i>McGrath</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Bryan</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Bull</i>			

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inferior Courts Practitioners Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Company Towns Regulation Act,'" the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act'" a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,485 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1941.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,310 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,965 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,440 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Safety Branch, Lumber Industry, to 31st March, 1941.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,220 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Employment Service, to 31st March, 1941.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,260 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Reorganization of Employment Service, to 31st March, 1941.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1941.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Gray* presented a Report of Oil Survey in the Peace River District, 1919. To lie upon the table.

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

Are records available for each of the past three years showing the number of nurses entering for training in the respective hospitals throughout the Province; also, the number who discontinued training during their first, second, or third year and the reason for same?

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

“No official records are available, but information obtained from the Registered Nurses' Association of British Columbia on this subject is on file in the Provincial Secretary's office.”

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

1. Who printed the voters list for the Vancouver Centre by-election?
2. How many names were on said list?
3. How much was paid per line?
4. What was the total cost of said list?

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

- “1. The Sun Publishing Co., Ltd.
- “2. 19,528.
- “3. 14 cents.
- “4. \$3,133.34.”

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

1. Who printed the voters list for the Cranbrook by-election?
2. How many names were on said list?
3. How much was paid per line?
4. What was the total cost of said list?

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

- “1. The Cranbrook Courier.
- “2. 4,509.
- “3. 12½ cents.
- “4. \$596.25.”

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

1. Who were the owners of Special Timber Licences 5514P and 11606P when said licences expired?

2. What are the names and addresses of the said owners?

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

- “1. Registered owners: Wm. Tytler; J. R. Morgan, Ltd.
- “2. Wm. Tytler (Estate), care of London & Western Trusts Co., Ltd., 801 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, B.C.; J. R. Morgan, Ltd., 409 Credit Foncier Building, Vancouver, B.C.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.51 p.m.

Thursday, November 23rd, 1939.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries to 31st March, 1941.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,715 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department to 31st March, 1941.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1941.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,212 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1941.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$47,475 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Libraries, to 31st March, 1941.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1941.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,155 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1941.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,915 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1941.

133. *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, 1941.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,645 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1941.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,000 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, 1941.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1941.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to Canteen Fund Trustees, to 31st March, 1941.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1941.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$420,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act"—Government contributions to Superannuation Fund, to 31st March, 1941.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,055 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1941.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,292.04 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Welfare Branch (including Administration of "Mothers' Allowances Act"), to 31st March, 1941.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, In Aid of Destitute Poor and Sick, to 31st March, 1941.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Burial of Indigents, to 31st March, 1941.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$124,295 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Child Welfare Branch (including Administration of "Infants Act"), to 31st March, 1941.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$959,805 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Hospitals, to 31st March, 1941.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$136,988 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Board of Health, Office of the Secretary, to 31st March, 1941.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,255 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Board of Health, Provincial Laboratory (Institute of Preventive Medicine), to 31st March, 1941.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,615 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Board of Health, Vital Statistics Division, to 31st March, 1941.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$594,860.35 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Tuberculosis Control, to 31st March, 1941.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,356 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Venereal Disease Control, to 31st March, 1941.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,144,853 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1941.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,589 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1941.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$77,075 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Industrial Schools, to 31st March, 1941.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$54,716.10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Infirmary, Marpole, to 31st March, 1941.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,354 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Home for the Aged, to 31st March, 1941.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,585 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Special Health and Welfare Services, to 31st March, 1941.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, In Aid of Resident Physicians, to 31st March, 1941.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,760 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Grants to Charitable Associations, etc., to 31st March, 1941.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Grant from the Crown in Aid of Organization under the "Health Insurance Act," to 31st March, 1941.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospitals Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*—Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Naturopathic Physicians Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*—Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Registry Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 71) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey Grades Act.’”

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

That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries to investigate the possibility of commercial fishing in the lakes of the Province and to report its findings to this Legislature.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*, seconded by Mrs. *Jamieson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House instruct the Select Standing Committee on Printing to investigate the matter of supplies furnished to members of the Legislature by the King’s Printer and report thereon to this Legislature.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 23rd, 1939.

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. 70) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sheep Protection 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.12 p.m.

Friday, November 24th, 1939.

HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *A. E. deL. Nunns*.

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

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act,’” Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 23rd instant, as follows:—

Honourable Members,—The Honourable the Premier has raised a point of order with reference to Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act.’”

The present section 13 (e) of the "Public Schools Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, chapter 253, provides that it shall be lawful for the Council of Public Instruction from time to time, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to conduct and maintain a school for the deaf and the blind children of the Province.

Section 2 of the Bill under consideration seeks to authorize the Council of Public Instruction, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to provide sight-saving classes for children threatened with blindness and to admit to these schools children so threatened, as well as those who are totally blind.

It seems likely that this extension of the present service would require an additional expenditure of public money. Without deciding this, however, I must find section 2 of the Bill out of order on the ground that it confers additional powers on the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and so requires the sanction of the Crown.

By section 3 of the Bill, the Boards of School Trustees of municipal school districts are given power to provide educational facilities for deaf and blind children and those threatened with blindness, either through the establishment of schools and sight-saving classes or through monetary assistance to enable such children to attend Provincial schools established for the purpose. If this section of the Bill were to become law it would be the duty of the School Boards to carry out its provisions (*see* section 47 (1) of the "Public Schools Act"). The result would unavoidably be an increase in school taxes in municipal school districts and an increased contribution for school purposes to those districts from the Provincial Treasury. Section 3 of the Bill, therefore, under Standing Order 67 could only be introduced by Message of the Lieutenant-Governor.

For the reasons stated above I must find the Bill out of order.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Company Towns Regulation Act,'" Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 23rd instant, as follows:—

Honourable Members,—Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Company Towns Regulation Act'" encroaches upon the Crown's prerogative to a degree that is surprising in so short a Bill.

Section 2 imposes duties upon the Minister of Lands and upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. It limits the power which section 3 of the present Act gives to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to alter or revoke an order declaring an area a "company town." Whereas the power to declare an area a "company town" is now permissive, section 2 of the Bill makes the exercise of that power obligatory under certain conditions.

Section 3 of the Bill, if enacted, would deprive His Majesty, his servants and agents, and the general public of access to the company town wharf, wharf facilities, approaches, and ways. It imposes upon the Minister of Lands the duty of selecting a percentage of the lands, comprised in a company town area, for reconveyance to the Crown, and provides that the lands so reconveyed shall be offered for sale or lease.

I must rule the Bill out of order in the hands of a private member. (1 S.D. 20; 54; 61. 1931 B.C. Journals 128. *Desjardins*, Quebec Decisions, 231, 247, 335, 379, 383.)

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1941.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,820 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1941.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,625 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Probate and Succession Duties Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$83,566 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$132,612 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,050 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, 1941.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$669,892 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1941.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1941.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 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, 1941.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Suitors' Funds Deposits, to 31st March, 1941.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent Extra-municipal School Taxes, to 31st March, 1941.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1941.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grant to City of Greenwood, to 31st March, 1941.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grant to City of Rossland, to 31st March, 1941.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Recoverable Expenditure, "Soldiers' Land Act, 1918"—Houses, South Vancouver, to 31st March, 1941.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$131,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1941.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1941.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1941.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,630 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1941.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$322,548 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1941.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$190,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1941.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,048 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1941.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,119,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1941.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 24th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922'" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 24th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

Your Committee calls the attention of the House, as is required by Standing Order 113, to an amendment by your Committee, which it deemed to be in the public interest to insert, providing powers to the city council to indemnify certain officials where involved in any inquiry under certain sections of the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT NO. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 24th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906,' and the 'Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906, Amendment Act, 1929'" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The reports were read and received.

Mr. *Leary* presented the First Report of the Special Committee on the "Provincial Elections Act," appointed on the 7th instant, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 24th, 1939.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee on the "Provincial Elections Act" begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee has met on three different occasions and has by unanimous vote decided to recommend certain necessary amendments to the "Provincial Elections Act" which will be presented for your consideration during this present Session of the Legislature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. S. LEARY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize an Agreement to be entered into between the Commissioners of the Surrey Dyking District and The Corporation of the District of Surrey," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 24th, 1939.

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. 76) intituled "An Act to authorize an Agreement to be entered into between the Commissioners of the Surrey Dyking District and The Corporation of the District of Surrey," 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:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to acquire certain Lands," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 24th, 1939.

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. 72) intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to acquire certain Lands," 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. *Asselstine* presented the Annual Report on the Trade of British Columbia for the First Six Months of 1939.

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

1. What amount was paid by the Government to oil companies in British Columbia for collecting the tax on gas for the year 1938?
2. What did they pay the same oil companies for tax collected on fuel-oil?

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

- " 1. \$73,192.19.
" 2. \$5,972.86."

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

1. Was an inquiry ordered into conditions relating to disputes between theatre-owners and projectionists in the moving-picture industry in British Columbia during the year 1937?
2. If so, when was such inquiry held?
3. Who was the Commissioner?
4. How many days did the Commissioner sit?
5. What was the recommendation of the Commissioner with regard to the necessity of employing more than one projectionist in each theatre?
6. What was the cost of the said inquiry?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. January 9th to August 9th, 1937.
- " 3. James M. Coady, barrister-at-law, of Vancouver.
- " 4. Fifteen days, plus inspections, conferences, etc.
- " 5. See report tabled in the House on December 1st, 1937.
- " 6. \$1,679.95."

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

1. What contracts were let during the year 1938 on the Kingsgate-Radium Highway work?
2. Were public tenders called for?
3. If public tenders were not called for, what system was adopted?

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

- " 1. One.
- " 2. No.
- " 3. Tenders were invited from representative contractors in terms of agreement with the Dominion Government."

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

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

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

" Approximately \$1,000 per month."

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 5.52 p.m.

Friday, November 24th, 1939.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1941.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, British Columbia-Yukon-Alaska Highway—Preliminary Survey, to 31st March, 1941.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$439,954 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1941.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs, to 31st March, 1941.
170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1941.
171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,022 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1941.
172. *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, to 31st March, 1941.
140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$89,205 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Administration, to 31st March, 1941.
3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1940.
21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1940.
- 24A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,030.73 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Special Grants in Aid of Exhibitions, to 31st March, 1940.
27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1940.
28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1940.
34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1940.
36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1940.
50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Schools, to 31st March, 1940.
55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1940.
56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Erection of New Buildings, Maintenance and Repairs of School Buildings, Special Aid to School Districts, and Desks for Rural Schools, etc., to 31st March, 1940.
58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Tests: High School and Senior Matriculation Examinations, to 31st March, 1940.
59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1940.
60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1940.
- 83A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,328.55 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905," to 31st March, 1940.
86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1940.
106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1940.
112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940.
116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1940.
120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, etc., to 31st March, 1940.
129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Libraries, to 31st March, 1940.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,255 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Child Welfare Branch, to 31st March, 1940.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$265,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Hospitals, to 31st March, 1940.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1940.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial Schools, to 31st March, 1940.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, The Provincial Infirmary, Marpole, to 31st March, 1940.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Resident Physicians, to 31st March, 1940.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$340,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

161A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Bridge Patrol, to 31st March, 1940.

167A. *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, to 31st March, 1940.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Trade Extension, to 31st March, 1940.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$288,186.04 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1939, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, 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. 39) intituled "An Act to provide for the Reinstatement of Special Timber Licences Nos. 5514P and 11606P."

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. 46) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Three million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified."

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.10 p.m.