

Friday, November 26th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon S. G. Wickens.

On the Order being called for the notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. *Telford*, as follows:—

Whereas it is considered to be the first responsibility of any Government to adopt every possible means at its disposal to facilitate efficient, constructive, and worth-while legislation in the best interests of the masses; and

Whereas the serious economic state of people to-day is of such a character as to make it imperative for any Government not to leave anything undone that might further the introduction of the best possible legislation; and

Whereas it has been the practice of all our Governments in the past to call Parliament into session without providing the elected representatives with any official information regarding the nature and extent of the proposed legislation, new or amended, likely to be brought up for consideration at the session; and

Whereas much mature valuable information and considered opinions could be obtained which could, and undoubtedly would, prove exceedingly helpful in shaping the proposed legislation to the best public advantage, or in bringing about its withdrawal if considered unwise:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House appoint a special Committee to investigate the possibility and feasibility of adopting such a procedure in connection with all proposed legislation to come before each Session of this House.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 24th instant, as follows:—

Honourable Members,—With reference to motion No. 9, the point was raised by the Honourable the Premier that it is out of order.

The Resolution seeks the appointment of a special Committee to do certain things.

Mr. Speaker Perry in a decision appearing in the Journals of the House, 1st Session of 1936, at p. 38, ruled on the following Resolution: "Resolved, That this House appoint a Committee to make a survey of the housing needs of British Columbia and to draw up a housing plan for the Province." The motion had been objected to on the ground that it would entail public expenditure. Mr. Speaker Perry held that the Resolution was so worded as to make it possible for the Committee to bring in a report not entailing public expenditure, and therefore he could not assume that report of the Committee would involve the expenditure of public money and he held the motion in order.

Mr. Speaker Pauline applied similar reasoning in a decision reported in Speaker's Decisions, Vol. II., at p. 25.

If the motion now under consideration had not included the request for the appointment of a Committee, it would be flagrantly out of order. The questions now arise, does the request for a Committee save the motion, and is every motion which asks for the appointment of a Committee to be considered in order, when but for such request it would be rejected?

I think that the answer depends on the wording of each individual motion. If, as Mr. Speaker Perry said in his decision quoted above, the motion is in order if the terms of reference render it possible for the Committee to bring in a report which could be received by the House, then it seems to follow that the motion will be rejected if the terms of reference preclude the bringing in of a report other than one that is out of order.

It seems to me that the words in the Resolution "all proposed legislation" are fatal to it. The Committee would be bound to report either that it is not feasible to submit all proposed legislation to members before the Session (in which case the investigation would be fruitless), or that it is feasible. The latter report would be distinctly out of order and could not be received by the House. It would strike at the foundations of parliamentary procedure. It would be an interference with the right of the Lieutenant-Governor to introduce money bills by Message at any time during the Session as provided by Standing Order 67 and the "Con-

stitution Act." It would interfere with the right of the Government and every private member to introduce a Bill at any time during the Session, and with the right of individuals to petition the Legislature for a Private Act. It would involve a change in the Constitution which, under Standing Order 76, can only be brought about by a Bill introduced by a member of the Government or with the sanction of the Government.

The motion is out of order.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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

Question proposed—" Shall the Chair be sustained? "

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—36.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—6.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>		

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1939.

41. *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, 1939.

42. *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, 1939.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,600 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, 1939.

44. *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, 1939.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1939.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,410 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1939.

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, 1939.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1939.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1939.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Schools, to 31st March, 1939.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,240 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1939.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,815 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1939.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,205 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal Schools, to 31st March, 1939.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,409 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1939.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,280,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1939.

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 Fifth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 26th, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has considered Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Lumbermen's Fidelity Life Insurance Company," and recommends that the same be not further proceeded with, and that the fees paid by the promoters be refunded.

Your Committee gave the fullest consideration to the evidence submitted in support of the preamble and to all the sections and clauses of the Bill.

The "Insurance Act" and the "Companies Act" appear to have had little consideration in relation to the Bill as submitted by the House to your Committee. Out of a total of twenty-nine sections in the Bill your Committee found thirteen requiring almost complete redrafting, and nine to be deleted, leaving only seven sections that might be approved, including title and formal sections.

For the above reasons (Standing Order No. 115 requiring reasons) your Committee reports that the preamble of the said Bill has not been proved to its satisfaction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 26th, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, Act, 1900'" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 26th, 1937.

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. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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 respecting Private Welfare Institutions," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

November 26th, 1937.

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 respecting Private Welfare Institutions," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

November 26th, 1937.

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. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Provincial Infirmarys," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 26th, 1937.

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 'Provincial Home for the Aged 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. *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 Grading of Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 26th, 1937.

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. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Grading of Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey," 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. *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 Grading of Beef," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 26th, 1937.

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. 45) intituled "An Act respecting the Grading of Beef," 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. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Monday, November 29th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the Order being called for the notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. *Telford*, as follows:—

Whereas it is recognized that all liquor sold in this Province passes under the control of the Government during some period of its disposal; and

Whereas it is at least questionable that the consumption of alcoholic liquors is in the best physical, mental, and moral interests of our adult population, let alone our youth; and

Whereas it would seem undesirable under such circumstances to have the consumption of these liquors urged upon any consumer in any manner through which the Government might benefit in any way; and

Whereas advertising costs add unnecessarily to the already exorbitant price of liquors:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommend to the Government that it consider the advisability of prohibiting all advertising of liquors in any manner, shape, or form in this Province.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 24th instant:—

Honourable Members,—A point of order was raised with reference to motion No. 23.

This motion, if passed, to be effective would require the introduction of a Bill for the purpose of amending section 55, subsection (2), of the "Liquor Control Act" which, as it stands, permits the advertising of liquor by certain persons. The motion dictates Government policy and in effect is a direction to the Government to bring in a Bill. (See Mr. Speaker Perry's decision at p. 82 of the Journals of the House, 2nd Session, 1936, and authorities therein referred to.)

The motion is out of order.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

Mr. *Telford* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

Question proposed—"Shall the Chair be sustained?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—36.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—8.

Messieurs

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

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 second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to create a Department of Trade and Industry and to provide for the Investigation of Matters of Economic Importance, the Encouragement of Industry, the Collection and Publication of Statistics, the Development of Trade, and the Stimulation of Tourist Traffic."

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—34.

Messieurs

<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Crone</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Forester</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>		

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Patterson</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Paton</i>	

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act.'"

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Grasshopper-control Act.'"

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to provide for Mothers' Allowances and to repeal the 'Mothers' Pensions Act.'"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the Industrial School for Boys."

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting the Industrial School for Girls."

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Department of Mines Act.'"

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act.'"

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act respecting Private Welfare Institutions."

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Provincial Infirmaries."

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Home for the Aged Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Grading of Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey."

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting the Grading of Beef."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend Okanagan Telephone Company's Act and Okanagan Telephone Company's Act Amendment Act."

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson and his Successors in Office a Corporation Sole."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, Act, 1900.'"

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Factories Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934.'"

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*—Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hair-dressers Act.'"

Mr. *Burns* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 26th, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Two-platoon Act'" has received the consideration of your Committee.

That representations were received requesting that this Bill be laid over until such time as it could receive consideration of the executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

The representatives of the Firemen's Association offered no objection.

We recommend the Bill be withdrawn.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. R. BURNS, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 26th, 1937.

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

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 26th, 1937.

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. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. What is the total amount collected in tolls on the Cariboo Highway during the year 1937?
2. What amount has been collected since March 31st to November 1st?
3. During how many months were such tolls collected?
4. What was the total cost of operating the toll-gate, 1937?

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

"1 and 2. Will be shown in Public Accounts for the current fiscal year.

"3. Will be shown in Public Works Report for current fiscal year.

"4. This information will be available to the Public Accounts Committee in due course. Toll-gate still in operation."

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

1. Have any sales been made in the University Lands Area during the past two years? If yes, how many?
2. Have any leases been granted during the same period? If yes, how many?
3. Have requests been made for land other than that already subdivided and developed?
4. If so, where and what was the nature of the request?

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

“1. Yes; three.

“2. Yes; one.

“3. Numerous requests, inquiries, applications, and propositions have been made from time to time for various purposes in connection with the undeveloped part of the area, all the details of which would be difficult to enumerate.

“4. Answered by No. 3.”

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

What extras, if any, have been allowed or paid on Project No. 3 awarded to Parfitt Bros., Ltd., for construction of 1.5 miles, Muir Avenue to Kemp Stream, Victoria-Jordan River Highway?

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

“No extras.”

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

What extras, if any, have been allowed or paid on Project No. 1 contract awarded to Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd., for reconstruction of 5.5 miles of Rosedale-Cheam section, Trans-Canada Highway?

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

“No extras.”

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

What extras, if any, have been allowed or paid on Project No. 9 for reconstruction of 2.21 miles, Abbotsford-Clayburn section, Mission-Huntingdon Highway, awarded to W. C. Arnett & Co., Ltd.?

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

“Thirty thousand station yards of overhaul at 5 cents, \$1,500; 1,830 cords of mattress at \$1.50, \$2,745. Owing to unforeseeable conditions, it was necessary to revise the type of construction, involving payment for the above items for which no price was asked for in the original schedule of quantities. These items were allowed with the approval of the Federal Government.”

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

What extras, if any, have been allowed or paid on Project No. 16, Kingsgate-Radium Highway, for reconstruction and surfacing, awarded to General Construction Co., Ltd.?

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

“Hauling and spreading 24,649 cubic-yard miles of gravel at 20 cents per cubic-yard mile on the Lumberton-Cranbrook section, \$4,929.80; clearing 12.1 acres at \$75 per acre on the Moyie Lake section, \$907.50; Diesel oil used as cut-back with M.I.P. asphalt, 1,490 gallons at 17 cents per gallon, \$253.30; preparing surface of road for bituminous treatment where damaged, due to heavy traffic, \$1,268.04.

“NOTE.—The first two items are extras only in so far as no price for same was asked in calling for tenders for the individual section; the price adopted in each case was the lowest bid under the contract which comprised four sections. These items were allowed with the approval of the Federal Government.”

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

1. How often are the large storage-tanks, owned and maintained by the large oil companies, inspected by the Fire Marshal or his assistants?
2. What are the charges made for each inspection?
3. How much did each oil company in British Columbia contribute during 1936 for such inspections?
4. How many inspections have been made during 1936 of oil-burning equipment and appliances using inflammable liquids as fuel?
5. What is the charge for each class of inspection?
6. How many commercial gasoline pumps were inspected during 1936?
7. What is the charge for each individual inspection?
8. How many gasoline pumps in garages were inspected during 1936 in Vancouver?
9. What is the charge in each case?
10. How many gasoline service-stations were inspected during 1936?
11. What is the total number of gasoline pumps (some have two and some have as many as six) inspected in 1936?
12. What is the charge made for inspecting each pump?
13. Who pays these charges?
14. How many employees are there in the Fire Marshal's Office?
15. What were they paid during 1936 in: (a) Salaries, (b) bonuses, (c) extras, and (d) expenses?
16. Has the Attorney-General satisfied himself that all oil companies have the necessary fire-fighting equipment as laid down by the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters?
17. Have all regulations relating to the installation, operation, and maintenance of large gasoline storage-tanks in this Province been complied with?

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

- "1. As and when deemed necessary, but at least once each year.
- "2 and 3. *Nil*.
- "4. No record. See Regulations covering Installation of Oil-burning Equipment.
- "5. There is no Provincial inspection fee.
- "6. No record. Covered by general inspection reports of Assistant Fire Marshals submitted each month.
- "7. Answered by No. 5.
- "8. Answered by No. 6.
- "9. No information.
- "10. Answered by No. 6.
- "11. No record.
- "12 and 13. Answered by No. 5.
- "14. Five.
- "15. See Public Accounts 1936-37.
- "16. No responsibility for enforcing regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.
- "17. Yes, as far as known."

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

What extras, if any, have been paid or allowed on Project No. 11 for reconstruction of 2 miles, Spence's Bridge-Merritt Highway, awarded to Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd.?

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

"Solid rock, 138 cubic yards at \$1.35, \$186.30; loose rock, 5,564½ cubic yards at 70 cents, \$3,895.15. The occurrence of these materials was not anticipated and therefore no price was provided for them in the contract; the unit prices were approved by the Federal Government.

"NOTE.—This contract covered both Project No. 1 and Project No. 11; the amount bid for Project No. 11, based on estimated quantities, was \$28,587; the total amount paid on Project No. 11, based on actual quantities, was \$21,648.80, including the extras referred to above; therefore, there was a net saving of \$6,938.20 on this portion of the contract."

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

What extras, if any, have been allowed or paid on Project No. 8, Loughheed Highway, Agassiz Flats and Dewdney Trunk Road in the City of Port Moody, 0.6 mile, awarded to General Construction Co., Ltd.?

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

“Sixty-six lineal feet of 18-inch concrete culvert-pipe, \$231. This item not included in schedule of quantities.”

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

What extras, if any, have been allowed or paid on Project No. 1 for reconstruction of 1.98 miles of Hope–American Creek section, Trans-Canada Highway, contract awarded R. E. Paget?

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

“One hundred and forty-two lineal feet of 12-inch corrugated metal culvert-pipe, \$284. This item not included in schedule of quantities.”

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

1. Were certain examinations held this year for physical instructors under the Department of Physical and Recreational Education?
2. If yes, how many persons took such examinations?
3. How many persons passed such examinations?
4. Have any of the persons passing such examinations since been appointed to employment as instructors? If yes, how many were so appointed: (a) Temporarily; (b) permanently?
5. Were such appointments made in order of merit on such examinations?
6. Have any persons other than persons passing such examinations been appointed to employment since such examinations? If yes, how many?
7. How many of the persons appointed under No. 4 were British subjects at the time of such appointment?
8. How many of the persons appointed under No. 6 were British subjects at the time of such appointment?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. 123.

“3. 89.

“4. Yes; (a) twenty temporarily, (b) none permanent. Many of the other persons who passed the examinations were teachers already holding positions in the schools.

“5. Yes. In one or two cases preference was shown because of previous experience and better training and qualifications.

“6. Yes; eight.

“7. All were British subjects.

“8. Of the eight appointed, six were British subjects and two were temporary appointees who have been in this country for over five years.”

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

1. Was James Arthur Barry, of Cobble Hill, in Esquimalt Electoral District, employed by the Public Works Department between May 31st, 1937, and June 30th, 1937?
2. If so, when?
3. Was John Edward Barry, of Cobble Hill, in Esquimalt Electoral District, employed by the Public Works Department between May 31st, 1937, and June 30th, 1937.
4. If so, when?
5. Was Thomas Robertson, of Cobble Hill, in Esquimalt Electoral District, employed by the Public Works Department between May 31st, 1937, and June 30th, 1937?
6. If so, when?

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

“1 to 6. This information will be available to the Public Accounts Committee in due course.”

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

How many farmers were in receipt of relief during the years 1933-34-35-36 and up to the present time in 1937 in this Province?

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

“Farmers are not segregated on pay-lists or vouchers covering direct relief expenditures, so that no accurate figures are available for the years 1933-34. Census figures show the following farmers assisted during high and low months for years 1935-37:—Heads of Families: October, 1935, 2,881; March, 1936, 3,172; September, 1936, 1,882; March, 1937, 2,119; September, 1937, 1,190. Single Individuals: October, 1935, 495; March, 1936, 676; September, 1936, 438; March, 1937, 498; September, 1937, 256.”

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

1. With regard to the forestry camp programme for single unemployed, for what period of time is it anticipated that this programme will operate?

2. What are the conditions of admittance to these camps?

3. How many have been already admitted?

4. Has the Dominion Government agreed to contribute to the cost of these camps?

5. If yes, to what extent?

6. Will the Minister table the correspondence with the Dominion Government on this matter?

7. What is the estimated cost of maintenance per man per day of these camps, apart from wages paid to the men admitted to these camps?

8. What wages and (or) allowances will be paid or allowed to the men admitted?

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

“1. March 31st, 1938.

“2. Single homeless men over the age of sixteen years who are unemployed and without means of support and physically fit are admitted, providing they were resident in the Province prior to November 1st, 1937.

“3. Over 1,700. Additional placements are being made daily.

“4. Yes.

“5. Fifty per cent. of wages, consumable materials, and equipment and machinery rentals.

“6. Negotiations were verbal.

“7. Estimated average overhead per man per day in camp, 47½ cents. We estimate 80 per cent. of cost will be expended in wages, 20 per cent. in materials, equipment, etc.

“8. Minimum of 30 cents per hour for an eight-hour day, forty-four-hour week.”

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

1. How many persons are employed in the New Westminster Land Registry Office?

2. What was the amount paid in fees in the Land Registry Office in New Westminster for the years 1935-36 for: (a) View of maps; (b) searches?

This question should have been directed to the Hon. the Attorney-General, and the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* replied as follows:—

“1. Thirteen, including one janitor.

“2. (a) and (b). No segregation of fees is made, but total fees paid for the years mentioned were as follows: 1935, \$35,013.25; 1936, \$41,343.91.”

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

What part, if any, of the 7-cent gas tax is retained by the oil companies operating in British Columbia for collecting same?

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

“For expenses in collecting the tax on behalf of the Government a commission of 2½ per cent. was allowed up to July 31st, 1936, which thereafter was reduced to 2 per cent.”

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 5.20 p.m.

Monday, November 29th, 1937.

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.)

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$135,000 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, 1939.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Administrative Areas—Salaries and expenses of supervision and inspection; special aid to areas; special grants for school buildings and repairs; expenses of Appointments Board, etc., to 31st March, 1939.

58. *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, 1939.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Examination of Teachers and High School Entrance Classes, to 31st March, 1939.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1939.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1939.

62. *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, 1939.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Official Trustee, Community School Districts, to 31st March, 1939.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference—Remuneration, fees, and expenses, to 31st March, 1939.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1939.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Visual Education, to 31st March, 1939.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Curriculum Revision, to 31st March, 1939.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1939.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$401,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1939.

70. *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, 1939.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.22 p.m.