JOURNALS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1959

Thursday, January 22nd, 1959.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Twenty-fifth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable FRANK MACKENZIE Ross, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 16th day of October, 1958, the members having been sworn took their seats.

Prayers by the Rev. J. M. Pollock

Mr. Speaker reported to the House that he had received the declaration of resignation of Robert Edward Sommers, member representing the Electoral District of Rossland-Trail, on November 7th, 1958.

Ordered, That pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided an entry of the declaration so delivered to Mr. Speaker be made in the Journals of the House.

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Rossland-Trail were read, as follows:—

"Re By-election, December 15th, 1958, Rossland-Trail Electoral District.

" OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, " VICTORIA, B.C., January 8th, 1959.

"E. K. DeBeck, Esq.,

"Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, "Parliament Buildings, "Victoria, B.C.

"SIR,—I enclose herewith certificate of Mr. F. Hurley, Chief Electoral Officer, respecting the election of *Donald Leslie Brothers* to represent the Rossland-Trail Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

"Yours very truly,

"L. J. WALLACE, "Deputy Provincial Secretary."

JANUARY 22ND.

(ENCLOSURE.)

" January 5th, 1959.

"L. J. Wallace, Esq., "Deputy Provincial Secretary, "Buildings.

"Re By-election, Rossland-Trail Electoral District, December 15th, 1958.

"SIR,—Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of Robert Edward Sommers, member for Rossland-Trail Electoral District:

"And whereas on the fourteenth day of November, 1958, a writ for the election of a member to represent said district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

"Now I do hereby certify that the said writ was returned by the Returning Officer with her certificate, dated December 29th, 1958, endorsed thereon, that the voters of Rossland-Trail Electoral District had chosen *Donald Leslie Brothers* to represent them in the Legislative Assembly.

"F. HURLEY, "Chief Electoral Officer."

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

That the letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Rossland-Trail be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. Donald Leslie Brothers, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett and the Hon. R. W. Bonner, and took his seat.

His Honour FRANK MACKENZIE ROSS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the Third Session of the Twenty-fifth Parliament of British Columbia.

Three and one-half years ago my Government appointed an advisory British Columbia Centennial Committee and three years ago legislation was passed making provision for the proper commemoration of the Centenary of the founding of the Mainland Colony of British Columbia.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II most graciously consented to accept as a Centennial gift from my Government on behalf of the people of British Columbia the 100-foot totem-pole authentically carved from a giant Queen Charlotte Islands cedar by British Columbia's native craftsmen.

This Royal totem now proudly stands in Windsor Park and bears a plaque with the following inscription: "Presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada by the Government and People of the Province of British Columbia as a token of their loyalty and affection and to preserve in memory the Centenary of British Columbia 1858–1958."

It is most pleasing that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip will visit Canada this year. This joyful occasion will mark the first time that Her Majesty has visited British Columbia since her accession to the throne and will provide the opportunity for Her Majesty's subjects to demonstrate anew their deep affection and unbounded loyalty.

Throughout 1958 in every part of British Columbia excellent celebrations took place to commemorate the Province's first 100 years of progress.

I wish to congratulate my Government and the citizens of British Columbia for their splendid efforts in making the Centennial celebrations of the Province such a success. Everywhere I visited in the Province, I encountered great enthusiasm, unbounded initiative and ingenuity, newfound co-operation, and a sincere spirit of thanksgiving for the privilege of living in such an abundant and blessed land.

I have been deeply impressed with the more than 300 permanent projects of special significance to each community, such as parks, community halls, museums, libraries, which have been erected as lasting memorials of British Columbia's Centenary and to the honour of the multitude of pioneers to whom our Province owes so much.

The Centennial Year has been of great significance to British Columbia. Opportunities have been given to each of our citizens to reflect on British Columbia's heritage and to evaluate the Province's past achievements, present progress, and future expectations. The great impact of the benefits accruing from the celebrations will continue for years to come.

The highlight of 1958 was the visit to British Columbia of Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret. Never before in British Columbia's history has a member of the Royal Family travelled so extensively throughout the Province. The sincerity and lovely charm of Her Royal Highness captured the hearts of the people. It was my pleasure to observe the delight expressed by Her Royal Highness upon the presentation to her of Portland Island. This gift by my Government on behalf of the people of British Columbia moved her deeply and, I assure you, is greatly treasured by Her Royal Highness.

In May, British Columbia welcomed another royal visitor as its guest, in the person of Prince Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld, G.C.V.O., C.B.E., Prince of the Netherlands.

During the Centennial Year the Province was pleased to act as host to a large number of special friends and welcome guests. The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor-General of Canada, participated in the Centennial observances at Fort Langley, accompanied by the Honourable John J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta, and the Honourable Frank L. Bastedo, Q.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan.

In August the Right Honourable Sir Denis Henry Truscott, Kt., T.D., Lord Mayor of London, visited British Columbia and presented a ceremonial cup to the people of this Province from the Corporation of London to mark "the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of the inauguration of the Mainland Colony."

During the special Commonwealth of Nations Week in September, representatives from four Commonwealth countries were honoured guests: His Excellency M. O. Ali Baig, High Commissioner for Pakistan in Canada; His Excellency Sir Velupillai Coomaraswamy, C.M.G., High Commissioner for Ceylon in Canada; the Honourable Tan Siew Sin, Minister of Trade and Industry for Malaya, and his Controller, Raja Mohar; and the Honourable Ako Adjei, Minister of Labour and Co-operatives for Ghana.

In September, also, the Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, P.C., Q.C., Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Lester B. Pearson, P.C., Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in Canada; the Honourable Brooke Claxton, P.C., Q.C.; and Major James William Coldwell were special guests of the University of British Columbia on the occasion of its golden jubilee celebrations and the Province's Centenary.

Throughout our Centennial Year there were many other guests who visited British Columbia, amongst whom were:----

The Right Honourable Walter Nash, P.C., Prime Minister of New Zealand; The Earl of Home, P.C., Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations; The Right Honourable Sir David Eccles, P.C., K.C.V.O., President of the United Kingdom Board of Trade;

The Honourable J. J. Cahill, Premier of New South Wales, Australia;

The Right Honourable the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, K.G., P.C.;

His Excellency Sir J. J. Saville Garner, K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Canada;

The Honourable Aiichiro Fujiyama, Foreign Minister of Japan;

His Excellency Toru Hagiwara, Ambassador of Japan to Canada;

The Honourable Albert D. Rosselini, Governor of Washington;

F. H. Collins, Esq., Commissioner of the Yukon Territory;

Rear-Admiral R. A. Clarke, U.S.N., Commander, Carrier Division Five;

Vice-Admiral Hidemi Yoshida, Commandant, Japanese Training Squadron;

Captain A. Gordon Lennox, R.N., Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Newcastle"; Sir William Rootes, G.B.E., Chairman of the Dollar Exports Council;

Sir Norman Kipping, J.P., Director-General of the Federation of British Industries;

Lord Thomas G. P. C. Rowallan, K.T., K.B.E., Chief Scout, British Commonwealth and Empire.

Many of the distinguished guests visited extensively throughout the Province. All expressed their admiration for the imagination and ability of British Columbians and their gratitude for the high level of hospitality afforded them.

The visit of the representatives of the Commonwealth countries contributed much, I must say, to the better understanding of the economics and conditions pertaining in these countries and to the realization of the solidarity of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

My Government, through the Centennial Committee, has commenced a programme to reconstruct and to restore historic Barkerville.

The commitment undertaken by my Government with the Federal Government under the "Fort Langley Agreement Act" has been fulfilled, with the result that the reconstructed Fort Langley became a focal point of the Centennial celebrations and was officially opened by Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret in July.

You will be asked to consider legislation respecting the establishment and observance of Douglas Day.

My Government has received the report of Earl D. MacPhee, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of British Columbia, who was appointed a sole Commissioner under the "Public Inquiries Act" to inquire into the problems of production, packing, storage, processing, marketing, and distribution of the products of the tree-fruit industry of the Province.

Also, my Government has received the report of the late Honourable Gordon McGregor Sloan, who was appointed a Royal Commissioner to inquire into the dispute between the International Woodworkers of America and the companies represented by Forest Industrial Relations.

The public service of this Province has suffered a great loss in the untimely death of the Honourable Mr. Sloan. As an elected representative of the people of this Province, as a Minister of the Crown, as Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal of British Columbia, and more recently as Adviser to the Government in relation to the Forest Resources of British Columbia, he served his native Province with distinction and integrity.

The report of H. Carl Goldenberg, Q.C., who was appointed a Royal Commissioner to inquire into the disputes between the various employers, employers' associations, employees, and unions engaged in the plumbing and pipe-fitting industry and the electric industry of the Province has been submitted. My Government has also received the report of the Honourable Sherwood Lett, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, who was appointed a sole Commissioner to inquire into the unfortunate collapse of a portion of the Second Narrows Bridge.

In April of 1958 a Commission under the "Public Inquiries Act," under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry Forbes Angus, was appointed to inquire into the matter of road-user charges.

All the reports of these Commissioners will be laid before you.

The Royal Commission on Education, under the chairmanship of Sperrin N. F. Chant, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of British Columbia, is proceeding in carrying out its terms of reference.

In November of 1958 a Commission was appointed, under the chairmanship of Gordon Merritt Shrum, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of British Columbia, to inquire into certain aspects of the British Columbia Power Commission.

The work of these Commissions has not yet been completed.

My Government is most grateful to each of the Commissioners for the excellent work which they are performing in the execution of their duties connected with these respective inquiries.

My Government, during the past year, has continued practical measures for the benefit of agriculture.

I am pleased to report substantial progress in the policy of my Government to eradicate brucellosis in the cattle herds of the Province.

The random sample test station for poultry established at Abbotsford in 1957 is providing valuable information for the benefit of that industry.

I am gratified to report that, as a result of representations by my Ministers, the Federal Freight Assistance Policy on feed-grains is applicable to railroad shipments from Dawson Creek and Fort St. John over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to other points in British Columbia, which includes farmer-to-farmer transactions. Live-stock producers will benefit materially.

My Government proposes to increase substantially the amount of credit that may be extended under the "Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act" and to lengthen considerably the period of repayment by bona fide established farmers who wish to increase the size of their present holdings of arable lands.

New measures will be proposed which will permit low initial payments, substantial credit, and a generous repayment plan for the clearing of raw lands which have a good agricultural potential by new purchasers of those lands who propose to become bona fide farmers.

The assistance contemplated will enable persons to commence farming operations with reasonably good prospects of developing economic farm units within a few years, and should be particularly helpful in Central British Columbia and the Peace River area.

A consolidation of all legislation relating to dyking and drainage will be submitted to you for your consideration.

During the past year, discussions have taken place between officials of my Government and those of the Federal Government, as the result of which it is hoped that reform institutions and methods throughout the rest of Canada may be brought to the same high level to be found in this Province.

The "Survivorship and Presumption of Death Act," which was passed last year, has been submitted to the Conference of Commissioners on Uniformity of Legislation in Canada as a model to be followed in the other Provinces.

You will be asked to provide for additional Judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Of interest to every citizen of the Province will be the new "Wills Act," which will be submitted to you by my Government. Amendments to other Provincial Statutes will also be placed before you.

You will be asked to consider legislation respecting the establishment of a Horseracing Commission.

The programme previously launched by my Government to expand and accelerate vocational training has assisted greatly in meeting the demand for skilled craftsmen in the Province. The new Vocational and Trades Training School in Burnaby will be completed this year. The needs of the Province for advanced technical training programmes are presently being surveyed.

Legislation will be introduced to expand provisions for the education and training of mentally retarded children.

You will be asked to authorize increased grants to school districts as well as to the University of British Columbia and the Victoria College.

An expanded system of loans, scholarships, and bursaries will be made available. To facilitate the achievement of higher standards of education by students of Senior Matriculation standing, of the University of British Columbia, and of Victoria College, you will be asked to authorize an increased measure of financial assistance and encouragement.

There were many highlights associated with the activities of the Department of Highways and the British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority during the past year. However, two of the greatest importance were the opening of the Lake Okanagan Bridge by Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret on July 19th, and the final installation of the elements in the Deas Island Tunnel in August.

The Lake Okanagan Bridge carries the traffic on floating concrete pontoons for most of its length. The Deas Island Tunnel is a major engineering undertaking, and it is the only concrete tunnel of its kind on the North American Continent.

My Government is pleased to report extensive work accomplished on the Trans-Canada Highway system and on many other sections of major highways and bridges. This same vast programme of highway construction will be continued.

Two ferries, each capable of carrying a combined total of over 100 cars and 475 passengers, are now under contract in Vancouver and Victoria shipyards. These are providing employment in British Columbia shipyards and will establish an additional link between Vancouver Island and the Mainland.

My Government will introduce amendments for your consideration to the "Department of Highways Act" in connection with arbitrations; also, you will be asked to consider amending the "Ferries Act" in regard to subsidies.

My Government is deeply concerned with unemployment. Despite an accelerated programme and a huge and unprecedented expenditure of public funds on Government buildings, works, highways, bridges, parks development, together with the programmes of public instrumentalities of Government, the problem remains serious. For this reason, my Government will recommend that the Select Standing Committee on Labour be convened immediately for the purpose of studying this problem. It is desirable that this Committee meet with all interested individuals and groups—labour, employers, and others—and conduct an inquiry into the ways and means of improving the situation.

The Capital Improvement District Commission continues to make progress in its long-range plan of developing the Capital Improvement District. The Commission has adopted the policy of providing projects for the winter months in order to combat seasonal unemployment in the Greater Victoria area.

Unfortunately, the Province's forest resources suffered greatly during the past year as the result of disastrous forest fires. My Government will submit for your consideration new legislation respecting the compulsory utilization with compensation of machinery and equipment suitable for the suppression of forest fires.

You will be asked to consider amendments for assistance of routine administration and to bring the "Forest Act" in line with other legislation.

While the development of petroleum resources in the Peace River continues to receive major attention, exploration work is now conducted in almost all sections of the Province. Steps necessary to assure wise conservation practices have been taken through the establishment of a Provincial Conservation Committee by my Government.

General development of energy sources continues to receive the closest attention of my Government to ensure that the public interest is served by such development.

Amendments to mining legislation will be proposed to recognize scientific advancement in the field of exploration and to encourage exploration.

Amendments to the "Gas Act" will be submitted for your consideration.

My Government's financial grants in aid of construction of homes for elderly citizens has contributed greatly to this development throughout the Province. In each of the last two fiscal years, construction has been completed amounting to approximately one million dollars.

Certain technical amendments to the "Municipal Act" will be advanced for your consideration.

On October 1st, 1958, Mr. W. A. McAdam, C.M.G., retired as Agent-General at British Columbia House, London, after many years of faithful and outstanding service. He was succeeded by Major-General B. M. Hoffmeister, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D.

In May, the first International Trade Fair ever to be held in British Columbia was brought to a successful conclusion and was one of the major events of the Centennial Year. A second Trade Fair of a similar nature is now being planned for 1961.

During the past year industrial development has continued at an encouraging rate.

The Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce is continuing the preparation of industry studies directed to opportunities in new and existing production.

A Trade and Industry Conference will be convened during the late spring.

My Government, in endeavouring to keep abreast of the great advances being made in mental health, has engaged the American Psychiatric Association to conduct a thorough survey of mental-health needs and resources of the Province. My Government has received assurance from the American Psychiatric Association that its survey will commence at an early date.

You will be asked to consider legislation reorganizing the Department of Health and Welfare, whereby the Mental Health Services, together with the Health Branch and the Hospital Insurance Service, will form one Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance. The Welfare Branch will become a Department.

During the past year my Government entered into an agreement with the Federal Government respecting the provision of Hospital Insurance Services. As the Honourable Members are aware, the British Columbia Government was instrumental in the development of this vital programme and has had a full decade of pioneering experience in the provision of hospital insurance services.

My Government will expand the benefits of poliomyelitis immunization during the coming year.

You will be asked also to consider legislation respecting nursing homes and other similar institutions.

The Pacific Great Eastern Railway is now a great asset to the people of British Columbia. The decision of my Government to complete the railway into North Vancouver and to locate the northern terminus in the Peace River area has proved to be a vital step toward the assurance of the future prosperity of this Province. The Pacific Great Eastern Railway now has 788.6 miles of first-class trackage between North Vancouver and Fort St. John and Dawson Creek and traverses some of the most spectacular scenery on the North American Continent.

The Pacific Great Eastern Railway is now the third largest railway in Canada, is a modern diesel operation, and employs a modern microwave communication system—the first large railway to be so equipped.

The extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway has provided the means of developing the resources of the rich British Columbia northland. It is anticipated that within the next few years over a quarter of a million tons annually in agricultural products and approximately one-third of a million tons of forest products will be transported by the railway from lands adjacent to the Peace River extension. This traffic in raw materials, in addition to freight carried for secondary industries as well as other anticipated developments, assures the future of both the rail-line and the people of the northern area.

The British Columbia Power Commission last year increased its generation and transmission plant to a greater extent than in any previous year in the Commission's history. Capital investment was increased by \$51,341,000 or 37 per cent, and revenues were increased 21 per cent to \$14,523,888.

My Government's programme of camp-site and recreational area development has progressed well, and the standards set by the Parks Branch are a model for all of Canada.

My Government's Photographic Branch has produced two award-winning films during the past year which, together with other films produced by the Branch and other organizations, have focused attention on the beauties and the challenge of British Columbia, together with the vigour and the resourcefulness of its people.

My Government is developing a marine parks programme to cater to the needs of an increasing number of pleasure-boat owners and enthusiasts.

The bountiful good fortune enjoyed by British Columbia's fishermen was apparent in 1958, when the spectacle of the Adams River run of sockeye salmon focused attention on the Shuswap Lake spawning area.

Gratifying, too, was the lifting of import regulations by the Government of the United Kingdom to allow the free entry of Canadian canned salmon into the British market. The immediate sale of surplus British Columbia salmon stocks added a welcome stimulus to the economy of the Province's fishing industry.

My Government's plans for Government buildings throughout the Province are progressing satisfactorily. During the last three years a new major building has been completed at the rate of one every five weeks. Construction of a new Court-house in the capital city of this Province will be commenced this year.

In 1957 a great loss was suffered through the destruction of Government House by fire. The magnificent new Government House is now nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in the early summer.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip will honour my Government and the people of British Columbia by being the first official guests at Government House.

The Public Accounts and reports of various departments of my Government will be laid before you.

The ways and means for supply to be granted to Her Majesty during the ensuing year embody measures to cope fully with current needs and the economic growth experienced in the Province.

Honourable Members, I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties, and I pray that the blessings of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

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The Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the Interpretation Act" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, seconded by the Hon. E. C. Westwood, it was Ordered,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black, seconded by the Hon. P. A. Gaglardi, it was Ordered,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, seconded by the Hon. L. R. Peterson, it was Ordered,—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

- 1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
- 2. On Public Accounts and Printing;
- 3. On Mining and Railways;
- 4. On Agriculture;
- 5. On Municipal Matters;
- 6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
- 7. On Labour;
- 8. On Social Welfare and Education;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, the Hon. W. N. Chant, and Messrs. Corbett, Strachan, and Gibbs.

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Strachan, it was Ordered,-

That *Alexander Small Matthew*, Esquire, member for Vancouver Centre Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

The following papers were presented:

By the Hon. W. D. Black (Provincial Secretary)—

Third Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1958.

Seventeenth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Period January 1st to December 31st, 1957.

Twenty-third Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1958.

Report of H. Carl Goldenberg, Q.C., dated August 18th, 1958, appointed by Order in Council No. 1908, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on August 13th, 1958, to inquire into the circumstances and merits of the disputes between various employers, employers' associations, employees, and unions engaged in the plumbing and pipe-fitting industry and the electrical industry of the Province.

Report of the Honourable Gordon McGregor Sloan, dated August 26th, 1958, appointed by Order in Council No. 1814, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on August 2nd, 1958, to inquire into the circumstances and merits of the dispute between the International Woodworkers of America and the companies represented by Forest Industrial Relations.

Report of the Honourable Chief Justice Sherwood Lett, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia (Volumes I and II), dated November 27th, 1958, appointed a sole Commissioner under the "Public Inquiries Act" by Order in Council No. 1466, approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on June 18th, 1958, to inquire into the collapse of a certain portion of the Second Narrows Bridge.

By the Hon. R. W. Bonner (Attorney-General)—

The Thirty-seventh Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1958.

The Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Six Months' Period ended September 30th, 1958.

The Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

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

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 63 of Chapter 175, "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," from January 22nd, 1958, to January 19th, 1959.

By the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett (Minister of Finance)-

Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1958.

Return submitted in accordance with section 44 (2) of the "Revenue Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia. 1948": Refunds and Remissions made under Section 44 (1) of the "Revenue Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," during the Calendar Year 1958.

Return submitted in accordance with section 88 (4) of the "Taxation Act": Remissions and Refunds made under Authority of Section 88 (1), (2), and (3) of the "Taxation Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," during the Calendar Year 1958.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits, under Authority of "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1958.

Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1958, Office of the Assessment Commissioner.

By the Hon. N. P. Steacy (Minister of Agriculture)—

Fifty-third Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1958.

By the Hon. P. A. Gaglardi (Minister of Highways)-

Minister of Highways Report for the Fiscal Year 1957/58.

By the Hon. R. W. Bonner (Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce)-

Report of the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce for the Year ended December 31st, 1958.

By the Hon. L. R. Peterson (Minister of Education)—

Report of the Public Library Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1958. Eighty-seventh Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History and Anthropology for the Year 1958.

By the Hon. E. C. F. Martin (Minister of Health and Welfare)—

The Vancouver General Hospital Annual Report, 1957.

Tenth Annual Report of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1958.

By the Hon. E. C. Westwood (Minister of Recreation and Conservation)-

Report of the Department of Recreation and Conservation for the Year ended December 31st, 1958.

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

Thirteenth Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1958.

Public Utilities Commission Eighteenth Annual Report pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act," Licence-year 1957/58.

The Report of the Royal Commission on Road-user Charges under the "Public Inquiries Act."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3.55 p.m.

Friday, January 23rd, 1959.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. G. R. Easter.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Brothers moved, seconded by Mr. Murray,-

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:-

"We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us all at the opening of the present Session."

A debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. Strachan, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House. $\frac{2}{2}$

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

Monday, January 26th, 1959.

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by the Very Rev. Brian W. Whitlow.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. Strachan moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. Haggen,---

That the motion be amended by adding the following:-

"But we regret that the actions of the Executive Council have brought stigma, disgrace, and jeopardy to the democratic parliamentary traditions of our people.

"For political advantage they have acquiesced in the failure of the Attorney-General to pursue the normal judicial procedure demanded of his high office.

"They are no longer worthy of the confidence of our people and we therefore ask Your Honour to accept the resignation of this Government, which this House now demands this Government submit to you forthwith."

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The amendment was negatived on the following division:-

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		Messieurs	
Bryan Gregory Gibbs Cox	Squire Eddie Gargrave Dowding	Uphill Nimsick Hagg en, M rs.	Harding Strachan Turner
		Nays-37.	
		Messieurs	
Brothers	Bruch	Williston	Massey
Speare	Bate	Bennett	Asselstine
Gibson	Shelford	Bonner	Robinson
Smith	Reid	Black	Westwood
Roche	Price	Carnell	Chant
Shirreff	Corbett	Lundell	Peterson
Newton	Brown, Mrs.	Campbell	Martin
Richter	Steacy	Sharp	Gaglardi
Tisdalle	Kiernan	Murray	Wicks
Matthew			

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, seconded by the Hon. W. D. Black, it was Ordered,---

That on Tuesday, January 27th, 1959, and on all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. H. K. Johnston.

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

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, the Hon. R. G. Williston (Minister of Lands and Forests) tabled the Preliminary Report on Flood-control and Hydro-electric Power in the Fraser River Basin.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. R. W. Bonner presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 22nd instant, as follows:—

Report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, January 27th, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 22nd instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS. — Messrs. Matthew (Convener), Bate, Brothers, Gibson, Price, Sharp, Shelford, Mrs. Brown, the Hon. W. D. Black, Messrs. Dowding, Eddie, Turner, Gregory, and Bryan.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. Corbett (Convener), Lundell, Matthew, Richter, Shirreff, Smith, Speare, the Hon. W. N. Chant, the Hon. E. C. F. Martin, Messrs. Harding, Nimsick, Strachan, Gibbs, and Uphill.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. Bate (Convener), Asselstine, Brothers, Carnell, Lundell, Reid, Roche, Shelford, Cox, Nimsick, Mrs. Haggen, Messrs. Gibbs, and Uphill.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. Richter (Convener), Carnell, Gibson, Massey, Newton, Reid, Roche, Shelford, Shirreff, Tisdalle, the Hon. N. P. Steacy, the Hon. E. C. Westwood, Mrs. Haggen, Messrs. Strachan, and Gregory.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messis. Bruch (Convener), Carnell, Gibson, Murray, Newton, Price, Reid, Richter, Smith, Tisdalle, Mrs. Brown, Messis. Eddie, Nimsick, Squire, Turner, Gibbs, Uphill, and Bryan.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. Speare (Convener), Bate, Carnell, Corbett, Massey, Murray, Newton, Robinson, the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, the Hon. R. G. Williston, Messrs. Gargrave, Squire, Gregory, Bryan, and Strachan.

LABOUR.—Messrs. Murray (Convener), Brothers, Bruch, Campbell, Massey, Price, Robinson, Sharp, Shireff, the Hon. L. Wicks, Messrs. Cox, Eddie, Squire, Gregory, and Uphill.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Messrs. Price (Convener), Bruch, Campbell, Smith, Speare, Tisdalle, Mrs. Brown, the Hon. E. C. F. Martin, the Hon. L. R. Peterson, Messrs. Dowding, Gargrave, Harding, Mrs. Haggen, Messrs. Gibbs, and Bryan.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. L. Wicks, seconded by Mr. Campbell, it was Ordered that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

Whereas unemployment in British Columbia appeared in recent months to exceed totals normally associated with seasonal factors:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Labour be convened to hear and examine submissions from interested parties on measures that could be taken to promote employment and to report its findings thereon to this House.

The Hon. L. Wicks moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell,-

Whereas unemployment in British Columbia appeared in recent months to exceed totals normally associated with seasonal factors:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Labour be convened to hear and examine submissions from interested parties on measures that could be taken to promote employment and to report its findings thereon to this House.

A debate arose.

Mr. Turner moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Eddie,---

That the motion of the Hon. L. Wicks be amended by deleting all words after "That" in the resolve and substitute therefor the following:—

"This House considers unemployment in British Columbia to be a matter of urgent necessity and that the matter be referred to a Committee of the Whole House for discussion forthwith."

A debate arose.

Mr. Squire moved the adjournment of the debate to the next sitting of the House. The motion was negatived.

Mr. Speaker left the chair at 6 o'clock p.m.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker called for the reading of the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Strachan rose to a point of order to the effect that the House should resume the interrupted business.

Mr. Speaker held otherwise that this was a new sitting and the House should proceed to Orders of the Day, reasons to be given to-morrow.

Mr. Strachan appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The House divided.

The ruling of the Chair was sustained on the following division:----

		YEAS-34.	
		Messieurs	
Brothers	Bruch	Williston	Murray
Speare	Bate	Bennett	Massey
Gibson	Shelford	Bonner	Asselstine
Smith	Reid	Black	Robinson
Roche	Price	Carnell	Westwood
Newton	Corbett	Lundell	Martin
Richter	Brown, Mrs.	Campbell	Gaglardi
Tisdalle	Steacy	Sharp	Wicks
Matthew	Kiernan •		
		Nays—12.	
		Messieurs	
Bryan	Cox	Gargrave	Harding
Gregory	Squire	Dowding	Strachan
Gibbs	Eddie	Nimsick	Turner

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

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

The House resumed the interrupted debate.

The debate continued.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:-

		YEAS-12.	
		Messieurs	
Gregory	Squire	Dowding	Harding
Gibbs	Eddie	Nimsick	Strachan
Cox	Gargrave	Haggen, Mrs.	Turner
		NAYS-34.	
		Messieurs	
Brothers	Matthew	Bennett	Massey
Speare	Bruch	Bonner	Asselstine
Gibson	Bate	Black	Robinson
Smith	Shelford	Carnell	Westwood
Roche	Price	Lundell	Chant
Shirreff	Brown, Mrs.	Campbell	Martin
Newton	Steacy	Sharp	Gaglardi
Richter	Kiernan	Murray	Wicks
Tisdalle	Williston		
		PAIR:	
		Messieurs	

Uphill

The motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be entered in the Journals that the motion was agreed to unanimously.

The Hon. N. P. Steacy (Minister of Agriculture) presented Land Settlement Board, Agricultural Credit Commission, Financial Statements as at December 31st, 1957.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.24 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major Frank Watson.

The Speaker made a statement, as follows:----

Honourable Members,—When I left the chair at 6 o'clock last night, advising the members that I would be back at 8 o'clock, I was prepared to conform to the procedure used on a former occasion. In 1957 there was a similar occurrence when, at 6 o'clock, the Speaker left the chair to resume at 8 o'clock. This was during the debate on a motion made by a member. At 8 o'clock when the House was resumed, the interrupted business was proceeded with. This was not questioned and no point of order raised.

When I resumed the chair at 8 o'clock, my attention was directed to an order made by this House which overrides our Standing Order 3, and which reads as follows: "That on Tuesday, January 27th, 1959, and on all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered."

As no time had been otherwise ordered for the next sitting, it could only be a new sitting under this order and it is not within my authority to change it.

There was a further order made by this House varying our Standing Order 25 as follows: "That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of."

Each of the orders quoted above varied our Standing Orders during this Session.

When the hour came to 8 o'clock, the House was then in a new sitting and Orders of the Day called.

As this was a new sitting, our motion giving precedence to the debate on the Address in Reply to the message by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session must be given precedence over the interrupted business. I am of the opinion that the procedure followed in 1957 was not correct and that the House at 8 o'clock should have started with Orders of the Day, necessitating that it go into Committee of Supply which then had precedence.

And I so rule.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. L. Wicks, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. W. N. Chant (Minister of Public Works) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1958.

The Hon. W. D. Black (Provincial Secretary) presented the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1958.

Mr. Shelford asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:-

Was there any Government specialist assistance available in 1958 to District Agriculturists in Central British Columbia and the Peace River to permit greater service to farmers there, and, if so, to what extent?

The Hon. N. P. Steacy replied as follows:---

"Yes; subject-matter specialists in beef, sheep, dairy cattle, swine, poultry, field crops, horticulture, entomology and plant pathology, and a veterinarian were made available in the two areas to assist District Agriculturists in 1958; all specialists made at least one visit, some two and three visits."

Mr. *Price* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. How many poliomyelitis cases were reported in British Columbia for (a) 1953 and (b) 1958?

2. Since the poliomyelitis vaccination programme was begun in British Columbia in 1955, how much has been spent by the Provincial Government for the purchase of the vaccine?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

"1. In 1953, 787, and in 1958, 13.

"2. \$350,000.

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

1. Has some Crown land north of Whytecliffe and adjacent to Pacific Great Eastern Railway property been sold to Centennial Holdings Limited?

2. If so, how was the property advertised, how many acres were sold, and at what price?

The Hon. R. G. Williston replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. Notice of sale by public auction to be conducted by Government Agent, Vancouver, placed in Vancouver Province on December 28th, 1957, and Vancouver Sun on January 4th, 1958; notices also posted on main bulletin-boards, Robson Street and Georgia Street wings and Government Agent's office, Vancouver Court-house; acreage sold, 99.7 acres; upset price, \$9,150 plus \$10 Crown grant fee; highest bid and final sale price, \$9,500 plus \$10 Crown grant fee." Mr. Gibson asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:-

What was the total value of clearing, breaking, and otherwise developing farm land financed under the "Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act" and the number of farmers assisted in (a) 1957, (b) 1958, and (c) 1952.

The Hon. N. P. Steacy replied as follows:---

"(a) 1957, \$436,286.62, 783 farmers; (b) 1958, \$415,768.27, 669 farmers; and (c) 1952, \$201,780.41, 475 farmers."

Mrs. Haggen asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

With reference to (a) the Grand Forks Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment area, (b) the Greenwood Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment area, and (c) the Osoyoos Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment area:—

1. Have any brand inspections been made in 1958?

2. If yes, how many inspections were made in each month with respect to each of the above-mentioned areas?

3. How many of each of the following were inspected in each area in each month: Horses, cows, bulls, steers, heifers, calves, and hides?

4. With respect to the Osoyoos Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment area, how many inspections in this area, if any, originated in the Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral District?

5. What sums, if any, were collected in the above areas—(a), (b), and (c)—for each month for (i) brand inspection fees, (ii) horn deductions, and (iii) "Producers' Assistance Act" collections?

6. Were any prosecutions (a) commenced, (b) concluded, or (c) dismissed under the "Stock-brands Act" and, if yes, who were the defendants, under what section was each charged, and what was the outcome in each case?

7. Were any prosecutions (a) commenced, (b) concluded, or (c) dismissed under the "Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act " and, if yes, who were the defendants, under what section was each charged, and what was the outcome in each case?

8. Are any prosecutions pending in the above-mentioned areas—(a), (b), and (c)—under either the "Stock-brands Act" or the "Beef Cattle Producers' Assistance Act"?
9. If yes, how many and under what sections?

The Hon. N. P. Steacy replied as follows: ---

"1. Yes.

"2. Brand inspections, 1958:-

. Drand mspeedons, 1950.				
	(a) Grand Forks.	(b) Greenwood.	(c) Osoyoos.	
January	50	22	694	
February		56	243	
March		37	122	
April	30	55	54	
May		3	182	
June			166	
July		19	198	
August	230	18	56	
September		284	104	
October		202	418	
November	224	600	203	
December		St and Gover	209	
own grant feet highest hid a	9,150 <u>plus</u> \$10 Cr	19861 <u>pane</u> 3	9.7 <u>acces</u> 1	
Totals	1.442	1.296	2.788	

" 3.

"(a) Grand Forks.

	Cattle.	Horses.	Hides.
January	43	7	
February	114	1	193
March	35	1	
April	30		10000
May	35	2	
June	24		
July	5		
August	19		211
September	155	2	
October	193		
November	224		
December	17	3	128
Totals	894	16	532

"(b) Greenwood.

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January	\$54.00	00.80	Cattle. 22	Horses.	Hides.
			56		
March	•		37		
			9		46
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September			281	3	-energy
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		(c) Os	oyoos.		
			Cattle.	Horses.	Hides.
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February			200	43	
March			80	5	37
			43	11	
			98	84	100.00
			153	13	Yan and side
July	20.00		168	30	d <u>anal</u> ki
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			199	4	139
			201	8	
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01.02 T	otals		2,218	241	329

"Note.-Cattle includes cows, bulls, steers, heifers, and calves; records do not show a breakdown.

"4. Any shipments originating in the Grand Forks-Greenwood area would be required to be inspected before leaving that area; figures given in No. 2 show inspections from these areas.

	"(a) Grand Fork.	s.	
	(i) B.I.	(ii) Horn.	(iii) P.A
January		\$1.00	\$14.20
February		36.00	32.70
March			
April		5.00	2.40
May	4.90		2.70
June			3.30
July			the second of the
August			2.70
September		5.00	20.40
October		3.00	30.90
November		4.00	41.70
December			3.00
Detemoer			
Totals	\$166.90	\$54.00	\$154.00
	"(b) Greenwood		
	(i) B.I .	(ii) Horn.	(iii) P.A
January			
February			\$16.80
March			5.70
April	6.10		1.50
May	1.50		A DEMA
June			
July	2.60		4.80
August			3.60
September		\$3.00	68.70
October		6.00	26.10
November		8.00	129.30
December		2.00	50.70
Totals	\$171.50	\$19.00	\$307.20
43	"(c) Osoyoos.		
	(i) B.I .	(ii) Horn.	(iii) P.A
January		\$20.00	\$118.50
February		24.00	40.50
March		20.00	19.80
April		5.00	9.30
May		2.00	
		5.00	10.80
June		2.00	24.00
July		2.00	27.00
August		0.00	7.20
September		9.00	21.30
October		12.00	50.10
November		5.00	34.50
December		1.00	29.40
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"5. Sums collected for (i) brand inspection fees, (ii) horn deductions, and (iii) 'Producers' Assistance Act ' were as follows:---

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"6. Prosecutions from these areas were as follows: Bridesville, section 36, failed to give required twenty-four hours' notice of inspection, convicted; Greenwood, section 34, dealing without a licence, convicted.

"7. No.

"8. Not to our knowledge.

"9. Not applicable."

Mr. Gibbs asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. Was the Peace River area declared a "disaster area" in 1957, and, if so, what was the basis for such action?

2. Were any loans granted farmers as a consequence and, if so, to how many farmers and in what total amount?

3. If such loans were made, what amount has been repaid?

The Hon. N. P. Steacy replied as follows:---

"1. No.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

Mrs. Brown asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. How much money has been made available by the Provincial Government for the construction of community health centres during the past two years?

2. How many community health centres have been constructed during the past two years and where situated?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

"1. \$376,444.

"2. Twenty-one."

Mr. Reid asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. Did any farmers participate in the farm management programme of the Department of Agriculture in 1958, and where were they located?

2. Is it proposed to enlarge the programme in 1959, and, if so, to what extent?

The Hon. N. P. Steacy replied as follows:---

"1. Seven farmers in all-three on Vancouver Island and four in the Fraser Valley.

"2. Yes; it is expected that thirty farmers will participate in 1959 representing beef, dairy, tree fruit, small fruit, and mixed farming enterprises; in addition, separate studies will be made of certain poultry-farms."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, January 29th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Rev. D. Murphy.

Mr. Matthew presented the petition of Norman Edward Brown, Stinson Clarke, William Henry Harvey, Douglas Haig Little, Gerard Medlicott Morris, James Albert Mason Price, and Reginald Thomas Rose, all of Vancouver, B.C., and Walter Percival Wright, of Victoria, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate The Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies in British Columbia."

Mr. *Price* presented the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter."

Mr. Corbett presented the petition of Rev. Donald Hills, Rev. Lorimer G. Baker, Rev. Graham Reeve, Mr. Gerald Anderson, and Rev. J. H. Pickford, all of Vancouver, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate Northwest Baptist Theological College."

Mr. *Bate* presented the petition of First Shaughnessy Ratepayers' Association and certain members thereof for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, Amendment Act, 1955."

Mr. *Gregory* presented the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena."

Mr. Asselstine presented the petition of The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Limited, of Vancouver, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901, and The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1906."

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

On the motion of Mr. Nimsick—Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the Annual Holidays Act, 1956."

On the motion of Mr. Nimsick-Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act."

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan (Minister of Mines) presented the Return pursuant to section 169 of the "Mineral Act" and section 167 of the "Placer-mining Act."

Mrs. Haggen asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:-

1. What sums, if any, have been paid out of the 1958/59 grant for grub-staking prospectors?

2. If any sums paid, (a) to whom and (b) in what areas of the Province was the work done?

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan replied as follows:---

"1. Forty-seven prospectors have received a total to date of \$20,459 out of the 1958/59 grant for grub-staking prospectors (plus \$3,604.37 paid to D. H. Rae, field engineer); some additional payments yet to be made.

"2. (a) List of forty-seven grub-staked prospectors with amounts paid herewith attached; and (b) grub-staked prospectors worked in the following seventeen mining divisions (listed alphabetically): Atlin, Cariboo, Clinton, Golden, Kamloops, Liard, Lillooet, Nanaimo, Nelson, New Westminster, Nicola, Omineca, Similkameen, Skeena, Slocan, Vancouver, and Victoria.

" Grub-staked Prospectors, 1958.

Name.	Amount paid.	Name.	Amount paid.
1. Almond, Adolph	\$500.00	25. Johnson, J. A.	\$500.00
2. Andrews, Clifford	500.00	26. Kay, John C.	
3. Andrews, Morris M.	500.00	27. Lembke, W. H.	500.00
4. Ashley, Irvine C.	350.00	28. Mack, Wayne J.	425.00
5. Bellos, Arthur	500.00	29. Milbourne, G.	
6. Bolton, John James	300.00	30. Mundell, W. R.	
7. Brett, G. H.	500.00	31. McCaffery, Colin	500.00
8. Bysouth, Garry D.	305.00	32. Papp, Steve	
9. Cannutt, L. D.	300.00	33. Pendlebury, W. A.	500.00
10. Champion, H. G.	500.00	34. Powney, John L.	500.00
11. Collier, Alfred C.	475.00	35. Prest, George	435.00
12. Conley, Robert H.	424.50	36. Provencher, C. A	
13. Coughlin, W. S.	500.00	37. Radloff, Clyde N.	500.00
14. Coutu, Edmond C	475.00	38. Rigler, William G.	500.00
15. Dietrich, George	375.00	39. Royles, George	200.00
16. Dumenko, N. W.	300.00	40. Samintiuk, George	
17. Farmer, William R.	350.00	41. Sangster, S. C.	494.50
18. Farr, W. K.	500.00	42. Skelton, James A.	
19. Floyd, Ernest A.	500.00	43. Smith, Arlie L.	400.00
20. Gordon, Thomas J.	500.00	44. Timar, Peter	500.00
21. Grantham, George T.	300.00	45. Wilson, Arthur G.	500.00
22. Greer, Edward	500.00	46. Zborovszki, A.	500.00
23. Haryluk, Anton	500.00	47. Zimich, George	500.00
24. Isaacs, Walter			
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Mr. Nimsick asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:-

1. How many Christmas-trees, if any, were scaled in the East Kootenay during 1958?

2. (a) How many of these, if any, were accepted trees and (b) how many of these, if any, were cull trees?

3. How many Christmas-trees, if any, were shipped from the East Kootenay during 1958?

The Hon. R. G. Williston replied as follows:---

"1. 1.135.684.

"2. (a) All of these were accepted trees and (b) no record is kept of culls.

"3. Trees were all shipped as follows: 1.6 per cent to British Columbia points, 13.8 per cent to Prairie points, and 84.6 per cent to the United States."

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

1. What was the minimum and maximum allowable cut provided for in Forest Management Licences Nos. 1 to 20 respectively?

2. What was the actual cut under Forest Management Licences Nos. 1 to 20 respectively in the calendar years 1956, 1957, and 1958?

3. What was the total revenue that accrued in calendar years 1956, 1957, and 1958 from Forest Management Licences Nos. 1 to 20 respectively?

The Hon. R. G. Williston replied as follows:-

"1 and 2:—

	no menora da	Volumes in Thousands of Cubic Feet.					
Tree-farm Licence No.	Allowable A	Allowable Annual Cut.		Actual Cut.			
	Minimum.	Maximum.	1956.	1957.	1958.*		
1 California and the	11,000	33,000	19,257	16,836	14,293 (estimated)		
2	No cutting	under contr	act until 19	74.			
3	1,000	3,000	1,661	1,236	1,702 (estimated)		
4		312	161	239	No data.		
5	1,250	3,750	2,387	1,343	1,840 (estimated)		
6		27,000	15,890	9,654	No data.		
7	5,400	16,200	7,711	8,128	No data.		
8	630	1,890	1,229	1,035	1,589 (estimated)		
9		2,520	1,848	1,312	1,467 (estimated)		
10		2,850	879	994	No data.		
11	400	1,200	535	861	578 (estimated)		
12	665	1,995	1,166	1.116	No data.		
13	444	1,332	982	779	641 (estimated)		
14		2,250	765	1,925	2,702 (estimated)		
15	269	807	375	492	603 (estimated)		
16		1,500	602	1,547	677 (estimated)		
17	750	2,250	1,435	1 1.537	No data.		
18	1,250	3,750	2,200	1,383	2,526 (estimated)		
19		15,000	12,960	9,653	No data.		
20	10,274	30,822	17,928	24,191 (estimated)	No data.		

* 1958 estimated cut given where possible, as official scale data not yet available.

"3. Information not available. Revenue records as maintained and reported on pages 109 to 113 of 1957 Annual Report of Forest Service show receipts from Crown stumpage, timber licences, timber leases, timber berths, Crown grants, etc., but do not further split these tenures to show the portion attributable to individual tree-farm licences. The appraised prices, by species for individual cutting permits in Crown timber on each tree-farm licence, are published from month to month, along with the list of timber sales awarded, and this publication is a public document."

Mr. Speare asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:-

How many areas have been formed into hospital improvement districts and what have they accomplished?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:---

"To date, twenty-two hospital improvement districts have been incorporated by the Government at the request of the land-owners and a number of other districts are in the process of formation. In eight of these districts new hospitals have been built with funds raised by the districts to supplement the Government hospital construction grants. New hospitals are under construction in four hospital improvement districts and in eight other districts various stages of hospital planning are being carried on."

Mr. Turner asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:--

For the City of Mission:—

1. Has a forest management or tree-farm licence been applied for?

2. If yes, (a) give date and (b) has the application been processed?

3. If processed, has the application been granted?

The Hon. R. G. Williston replied as follows:---

"1. The Corporation of the District of Mission applied for a tree-farm licence.

"2. (a) May 14th, 1954, and (b) yes.

"3. Yes; Tree-farm Licence No. 26, awarded July 22nd, 1958."

Mr. Price asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:---

For the Corporation of the District of Mission:-

1. Has a forest management or tree-farm licence been applied for?

2. If yes, (a) give date and (b) has the application been processed?

3. If processed, has the application been granted?

The Hon. R. G. Williston replied as follows:-

"See reply to question No. 95."

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 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, January 29th, 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. R. G. Williston (on behalf of the Hon. L. R. Peterson), the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.28 p.m.

Friday, January 30th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father McLellan.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. N. P. Steacy, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following petitions were Ordered to be received:-

On the motion of Mr. *Price* (on behalf of Mr. *Corbett*)—the petition of Rev. Donald Hills, Rev. Lorimer G. Baker, Rev. Graham Reeve, Mr. Gerald Anderson, and Rev. J. H. Pickford, all of Vancouver, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate Northwest Baptist Theological College."

On the motion of Mr. *Richter* (on behalf of Mr. *Matthew*)—the petition of Norman Edward Brown, Stinson Clarke, William Henry Harvey, Douglas Haig Little, Gerard Medlicott Morris, James Albert Mason Price, and Reginald Thomas Rose, all of Vancouver, B.C., and Walter Percival Wright, of Victoria, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill initialed "An Act to incorporate The Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies in British Columbia."

On the motion of Mr. Shelford (on behalf of Mr. Asselstine)—the petition of The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Limited, of Vancouver, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901, and The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1906."

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill initialed "An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter."

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—the petition of First Shaughnessy Ratepayers' Association and certain members thereof for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, Amendment Act, 1955."

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena."

The following papers were presented:-

By the Hon. W. D. Black (Provincial Secretary)-

Department of Queen's Printer, Balance-sheet as at March 31st, 1958, and Profit and Loss Statement for Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1958.

Report of the Hon. Gordon McGregor Sloan, Forest Adviser, dated April 22nd, 1958, concerning a proposal to establish a public working circle comprising an area in the Fraser Canyon region.

Report of the Hon. Gordon McGregor Sloan, Forest Adviser, dated August 18th, 1958, concerning a proposal to designate the Fraser Canyon Public Working Circle as a marketing area.

Report of Dean Earl D. MacPhee on the Tree-fruit Industry of British Columbia.

By the Hon. E. C. F. Martin (Minister of Health and Welfare)-

The Hospital Insurance Agreement made between the Province of British Columbia and Canada on June 25th, 1958.

By leave of the House, the House reverted to "Motions and Adjourned Debates on Motions."

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. N. P. Steacy, seconded by the Hon. W. K. Kiernan, it was Ordered,---

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and to report its findings to this House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black, seconded by the Hon. L. Wicks, it was Ordered,—

This House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to hear representations from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and any other body or individual desiring to make representations to the said Committee and to report its recommendations to the House.

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon, the Minister of Education the following questions:-

1. With respect to kindergartens in the Province, were any School Boards refused authority to open kindergartens in 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many proposed kindergartens did this involve?

3. How many kindergartens were in operation in the Province as of December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. L. R. Peterson replied as follows:-

" 1. Yes.

"2. Twelve in three school districts.

"3. In October, 1958, forty-nine in eleven school districts, enrolling 3,495 pupils."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:---

1. Were any teachers without proper certification teaching in the Province at the end of the 1958 fall term?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many were teaching in (a) elementary schools and (b) secondary schools?

The Hon. L. R. Peterson replied as follows:---

"1. Yes; with temporary certificates.

"2. Figures are not available for the end of 1958; at September, 1958, they were (a) 122 and (b) 116; in addition there were forty-five in elementary-secondary schools for a total of 273."

Mr. *Price* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:— To what extent is preference given to Canadian text-books in our schools?

The Hon. L. R. Peterson replied as follows:-

"Committees are instructed to give priority to Canadian texts and, secondly, to Canadian editions of other texts. Except in very small orders, the texts are printed and bound in British Columbia. The free text-books represent the works of twelve Canadian

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writers and four American writers. Books by the latter have all been revised by Canadian authors. The Rental Plan texts include the works of seventy-four Canadian authors. Several of the remaining texts prescribed are written by Americans but for the most part these are in specialized fields—for example, German, Spanish, book-keeping, etc.—for which the demand is limited and Canadian texts are not generally available."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.46 p.m.

Monday, February 2nd, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Peter Neave.

On a claim of privilege, the Hon. L. R. Peterson, by leave of the House, presented a letter written by the Acting-Chairman of the Board of School Trustees, School District No. 38 (Richmond), to himself, dated January 22nd, 1959.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett (Minister of Finance) presented the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1st, 1958, to December 31st, 1958.

The Hon. W. D. Black (Provincial Secretary) presented the First Annual Report of the Capital Improvement District Commission for the Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1958.

Mr. Gibbs asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:----

1. Does the Provincial Government building at Kelowna carry a neon sign?

2. Does any other Provincial Government building carry a neon sign?

3. If the answer to No. 1 or 2 is yes, (a) was the sign purchased and (b) if the sign was purchased, what was its cost?

4. If the answer to No. 1 or 2 is yes, (a) was the sign rented and (b) if rented, what was the monthly rental?

The Hon. W. N. Chant replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

" 2. No.

"3. (a) Yes and (b) \$2,493.75.

" 4. Not applicable."

Mr. Price asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. What was the total number of boys who were dealt with at the Boys' School at Coquitlam during the fiscal year 1953/54?

2. Did any boys leave the Boys' School at Coquitlam without permission during the fiscal year 1953/54 and, if so, how many?

3. What was the total number of boys who were dealt with at the Boys' School at Brannen Lake during the fiscal year 1957/58?

4. Did any boys leave the Boys' School at Brannen Lake without permission during the fiscal year 1957/58 and, if so, how many?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

"1. Two hundred and twenty-three.

"2. Absent without leave, 432, involving 146 boys.

"3. Four hundred and thirty-seven.

"4. Absent without leave, 122, involving 92 boys."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:-

1. How many boards of review under the social assistance regulations were established during the fiscal years (a) 1952/53, (b) 1953/54, (c) 1954/55, (d) 1955/56, (e) 1956/57, and (f) 1957/58?

2. In each case, how many decisions were made in favour of the appellant?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

		Number held.	in Favour of Appellant.
•	"April 1st, 1952, to March 31st, 1953		5
	April 1st, 1953, to March 31st, 1954		. 3
	April 1st, 1954, to March 31st, 1955	10	4
	April 1st, 1955, to March 31st, 1956		12
	April 1st, 1956, to March 31st, 1957		14
	April 1st, 1957, to March 31st, 1958		2 "

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

1. Since October, 1957, has any acreage of Crown lands been sold to private individuals within a 10-mile radius of Hudson Hope?

2. If yes, (a) what acreage and (b) to whom was each parcel sold?

The Hon. R. G. Williston replied as follows:---

" 1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Gibbs asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

In the nine months ended December 31st, 1958:-

1. What was the total cost of contracts let for new construction by the Department, and of this sum what amount related to the building of Government House?

2. What was the cost of repairs and decoration let by the Department?

The Hon. W. N. Chant replied as follows:-

"1. \$1,214,289.39 and \$591,567.24.

"2. \$106,117.13."

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 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 2nd, 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

Report No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 2nd, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Rev. Donald Hills, Rev. Lorimer G. Baker, Rev. Graham Reeve, Mr. Gerald Anderson, and Rev. J. H. Pickford for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate Northwest Baptist Theological College " have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill, subject to submitting proof of advertising.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 2nd, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Norman Edward Brown, Stinson Clarke, William Henry Harvey, Douglas Haig Little, Gerard Medlicott Morris, James Albert Mason Price, Reginald Thomas Rose, and Walter Percival Wright for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate The Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies in British Columbia " have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received. By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 2nd, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Limited for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901, and The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1906," have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 2nd, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received. By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

Report No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 2nd, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of First Shaughnessy Ratepayers' Association and certain members thereof for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, Amendment Act, 1955," have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received. By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

REPORT NO. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 2nd, 1959.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, Chairman.

The report was read and received.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Tuesday, February 3rd, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Padre D. H. F. Fuller.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Joint Stock Companies and other Public Bodies in British Columbia."

On the motion of Mr. Price-Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend the Vancouver Charter."

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922, Amendment Act, 1955."

On the motion of Mr. Corbett—Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate Northwest Baptist Theological College."

On the motion of Mr. Asselstine—Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to amend The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901, and The Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1906."

On the motion of Mr. Gregory-Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Civic Arena."

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

The debate continued.

Mr. Dowding moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Cox,-

"That the motion be amended by adding the following: "This House has lost confidence in the Government because of its failure to provide adequate mental-health facilities in keeping with the needs of our citizens and because of its refusal to keep this House accurately informed of the state of the Mental Health Services."

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:---

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Bryan Gregory Gibbs	Squire Eddie Dowding	Uphill Nimsick Haggen, Mrs.	Harding Strachan Turner
Cox			
		NAYS-34.	
		Messieurs	
Brothers	Bate	Bennett	Asselstine
Speare Smith	Shelford Reid	Black Carnell	Robinson Westwood
Roche	Price	Lundell	Chant
Shirreff	Corbett	Campbell	Peterson
Newton	Brown, Mrs.	Sharp	Martin
Tisdalle	Steacy	Murray	Gaglardi
Matthew Bruch	Kiernan Williston	Massey	Wicks

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

Mr. Gibbs moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Gregory,---

"That the motion be amended by adding the following: 'But this House regrets that your advisers have expended borrowed moneys and taxes in a wasteful and extravagant manner, that they have been inattentive to the serious financial position of civic governments and school boards, and that they have responded with callous indifference to the most serious charges upon their integrity.""

The amendment was negatived.

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

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

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

1. Was any money spent at the Alco Provincial Infirmary, Haney, on (a) construction and (b) building maintenance during the years 1957 and 1958, and, if so, in each or either case, how much?

2. Are any new buildings planned at this infirmary?

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

1. What was the original estimated cost of construction of the new Girls' Industrial School?

2. What amount has been expended as at December 31st, 1958, on said construction?

3. What is the present final estimated cost of construction?

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. With respect to the number of social workers employed by the Social Welfare Branch as at December 31st, 1958, what was the total number employed?

2. How many of the total number employed were not university trained?

3. How many were employed in the field, exclusive of administrators and supervisors?

4. How many of those in No. 3 were not university trained?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

"1. Two hundred and thirteen, including casuals.

"2. One hundred and twenty-nine, including casuals.

" 3. One hundred and forty-eight, including casuals.

"4. One hundred and twenty-two, including casuals."

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

1. Are any rental overages in addition to the basic Social Allowance paid in the Province?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) are these overages paid in the City of Vancouver, (b) are these overages paid in areas of the Province outside Vancouver, and (c) are these overages paid in all cases when the actual rent paid exceeds the amount set out in the social assistance scale for shelter?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

" 1. Yes.

"2. (a) Yes, (b) yes, and (c) no."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:-

How many mineral claims were staked in British Columbia (a) by individuals and (b) by companies in each of the calendar years 1956, 1957, and 1958?

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan replied as follows:-

"(a) In 1956, 26,170 mineral claims were recorded; in 1957, 12,110 mineral claims were recorded; and in 1958, 13,431 mineral claims were recorded. (b) Few claims are staked in the names of mining companies; the claims are staked and recorded by individuals and later transferred to mining companies by assignment."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:-

1. What was the total number of staff employed by the Social Welfare Branch as at December 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total number of staff in Social Welfare Branch field service as at December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

"1. Five hundred and fifty-four, including casuals.

"2. Two hundred and ninety-seven, including casuals."

Mr. Gibbs asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:-

1. Did the Minister call a conference of the representatives of the mining industry during 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, was the question of restrictive legislation discussed with representatives of the industry?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, were representations from the industry made and, if so, did the Minister make any commitment to revise the legislation in line with such representations?

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. All matters related to the mining industry were open to discussion, including recognition of airborne magnetometer work, size and shape of leases, method of obtaining leases, mine safety, iron-ore regulations, and many other subjects related to the industry that the delegates felt it was desirable to make representations on or discuss.

"3. It is a matter of record with this House that in my remarks to the Legislative Assembly one year ago I indicated it was desirable to bring mining legislation of the Province into step with our changing times. Industry was invited to express opinions and make representations in this respect, with the clear understanding that all such representations would be considered."

Mr. Matthew asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:----

Has the Poultry Branch of the Department undertaken in 1958 any activities other than those of a routine nature and, if so, give particulars?

"Random Sample Poultry Test.—A programme to test the productive capacity of the many strains and breeds of commercial poultry available to producers in this Province commenced in April, 1958. Facilities to house 8,500 birds at one time have been provided.

"The commercial poultry-farmer will, from the results of this impartial testing procedure, be able to select the most suitable stock for his purpose. The poultry-breeding farms will use the information derived from the tests to improve their breeding programmes.

"One test of meat-producing birds has been completed and the results published and another is nearing completion. At the same time a 500-day test of laying-stock is being carried out. The Abbotsford Test Station is one of three such programmes being carried out for the improvement of poultry in Canada.

"Study of Poultry-farms in the Fraser Valley.—To determine the significant factors of profitable poultry production a technically trained observer was assigned to the study of twenty commercial egg-producing farms. The object of the study was to determine management differences that influenced profit or loss. This study was completed in the late fall and a publication based on the findings is now being prepared. "Central British Columbia.—A study of the egg and poultry requirements of Kitimat, Terrace, and Prince Rupert was carried out in May, 1958. The purpose of this work was to acquaint producers with the opportunity of expanding production in the favourable areas of the Interior to supply this market which requires approximately \$500,000 worth of poultry produce a year. The results of this study were presented to producers and business groups in a series of meetings held in the area in June.

"Research Study.—Members of the technical staff of the Poultry Branch worked in co-operation with the University of British Columbia to determine the need for increased emphasis on hatchery sanitation. This work was made possible only by a grant from the British Columbia Department of Agriculture to the University and by the employment of our staff members to carry out the field phases. A preliminary report has been received and recommendations based on the final results will be made known to the hatchery industry."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4th, 1959.

Two o'clock р.м.

Prayers by the Rev. A. I. Avery.

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

On the motion of the Hon. W. K. Kiernan-Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to repeal the Iron and Steel Bounties Act."

On the motion of Mr. Eddie—Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the Labour Relations Act."

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

The debate continued.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

That this House respectfully extends its congratulations and best wishes to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the occasion of his being elected a Freeman of the City of Victoria. That this House respectfully extends its congratulations and best wishes to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on the occasion of his being elected a Freeman of the City of Victoria.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and, on the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Strachan, it was Ordered that this vote be recorded in the Journals, as follows:—

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Brothers	Shirreff		Reid	Sharp
Speare	Richter		Price	Murray
Gibson	Tisdalle		Corbett	Massey
Smith	Nimsick		Brown, Mrs.	Asselstine
Bryan	Haggen, Mrs.		Steacy	Robinson
Gregory	Harding		Kiernan	Westwood
Gibbs	Strachan		Williston	Chant
Cox	Turner		Bennett	Peterson
Eddie	Matthew		Black	Martin
Gargrave	Bruch		Carnell	Gaglardi
Dowding	Bate		Lundell	Wicks
Roche	Shelford		Campbell	

By leave of the House, the Hon. W. D. Black (Provincial Secretary) presented a copy of a letter from the American Psychiatric Association to Dr. A. M. Gee, Director of Mental Health Services, Provincial Mental Health Services, Essondale, B.C.

The Hon. W. D. Black (Provincial Secretary) presented the Report of the Civil Service Commission, Province of British Columbia, from January 1st to December 31st, 1958.

In answer to the following questions, standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Gibbs:*—

1. In the case of tree-farm licence applications, (a) how many are now before the Government, (b) if any, in what stage of progress is each application, and (c) in each case how many acres are involved and what volume of timber?

2. In the case of each licence now in effect, during 1958 (a) what volume of timber was cut and (b) what sum was paid in stumpage?

3. In the case of Buttle Lake timber (a) what volume of timber was boomed, (b) what was the total cost of the timber in the water, and (c) what volume has been sold and at what total price?

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

Mr. Matthew asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:---

What is the average monthly amount of supplementary assistance paid to persons in receipt of (a) Disabled Persons' Allowance and (b) Blind Persons' Allowance?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:— "(a) \$20 and (b) \$20." Mr. Matthew asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. How many persons were in receipt of Old-age Assistance as of March 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total cost of this assistance to the Provincial Government during the year March 31st, 1957, to March 31st, 1958?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:----

"1. 6,907.

"2. \$1,928,012.88."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:-

With respect to social workers employed by the Social Welfare Branch as at December 31st, 1958:-

1. (a) How many were Grade 1 and (b) how many were Grade 2 social workers?

2. How many Grade 1 social workers had practical experience of less than (a) one year, (b) two years, (c) three years, (d) four years, and (e) five years in social work?

3. How many Grade 2 social workers had practical experience of less than (a) one year, (b) two years, (c) three years, (d) four years, and (e) five years in social work?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

"1. (a) 89 and (b) 68.

"2. (a) 37, (b) 37, (c) 15, (d) and (e) eligible for transfer to Grade 2 after three years' service.

"3. (a) 3, (b) 4, (c) 6, (d) 12, and (e) 6."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. Were there any supervisors employed in the Social Welfare Branch in the following years who lacked university training, namely, the fiscal years (a) 1953, (b) 1954, (c) 1955, (d) 1956, (e) 1957, and (f) the calendar year 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many in each year?

3. Were there any executive supervisors employed in the Social Welfare Branch in the following years who lacked university training, namely, the fiscal years (a) 1953, (b) 1954, (c) 1955, (d) 1956, (e) 1957, and (f) the calendar year 1958?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, how many in each year?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. (a), (b), (c), and (d) None, (e) 1, and (f) 2.

" 3. Yes.

"4. (a) 83, (b) 81, (c) 92, (d) 89, (e) 106, and (f) 117."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. Did any social workers resign during 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of resignations, (b) how many of these resignations were (i) administrative, (ii) supervisory, and (iii) field workers, and (c) of those who resigned, how many were university trained?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

" 1. Yes.

"2. (a) 63; (b) (i) 2, (ii) 6, and (iii) 55; and (c) 27."

Mr. Tisdalle asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. Is the new Home for the Aged at Coquitlam opened for occupancy?

2. If the answer is no, why not?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:---

"1. No.

"2. Buildings not ready to be occupied because of (a) disputes of the labour building trades in 1958; (b) electric power, telephones, and steam installation incomplete; and (c) furnishings and equipment not all received, expect deliveries to be completed by middle of March."

Mr. Bate asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:---

Were *per diem* rates paid to the following hospitals in 1951 and 1958 and, if so, what were the rates to: (a) Vancouver General Hospital; (b) St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver; (c) Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster; (d) St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria; (e) Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria; and (f) Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

"Yes; (a) Vancouver General Hospital, \$13.60 in 1951 and \$18.30 in 1958; (b) St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, \$11.10 in 1951 and \$16.40 in 1958; (c) Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, \$11.95 in 1951 and \$17.25 in 1958; (d) St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, \$11.10 in 1951 and \$16.75 in 1958; (e) Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, \$11.95 in 1951 and \$17.95 in 1958; and (f) Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, \$9.32 in 1951 and \$15.20 in 1958."

Mr. Gibbs asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following question:---

Were any district municipalities exempted from the responsibilities for welfare and administration of justice in their districts under section 639 (3) and section 643 (2) of the "Municipal Act" and, if so, which ones?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"The following district municipalities were exempted from the responsibilities for welfare and administration of justice in their districts under section 639 (3) and section 643 (2) of the 'Municipal Act': Welfare—Coldstream, effective date, July 1st, 1958; Glenmore, effective date, July 1st, 1958; Kent, effective date, September 1st, 1958; Peachland, effective date, July 1st, 1958; Pitt Meadows, effective date, December 1st, 1958; and Spallumcheen, effective date, July 1st, 1958; Glenmore, effective date, July 1st, 1958; Glenmore, effective date, July 1st, 1958; and Spallumcheen, effective date, July 1st, 1958; Glenmore, effective date, July 1st, 1958; and Peachland, effective date, July 1st, 1958."

Mr. Smith asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. Was there a grant made to the Capital City Improvement District Commission during the present fiscal year?

2. If so, what was the amount of grant?

3. What amount, if any, of this grant was planned to be used for work during the winter season?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"1. Yes; an appropriation was provided in this fiscal year for the Capital Improvement District Commission, not the Capital City Improvement District Commission.

"2. \$200,000.

"3. The whole appropriation."

Mr. Bate asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

 Under the Mental Health Services, was there an increase or decrease in staff at the end of the fiscal year 1957/58 as compared to the end of the fiscal year 1956/57?
 If so, what was the amount of increase or decrease?

3. In comparison to the previous fiscal year, was there any increase or decrease in staff turnover?

4. If the answer is yes, what was the percentage increase or decrease?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:---

"1. There was an increase.

"2. Increase of 165 persons.

" 3. There was a decrease.

" 4. Decrease was 7.15 per cent."

Mrs. Brown asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Was there an increase or decrease in the number of psychiatric nurses employed by the Mental Health Services at the end of the fiscal year March 31st, 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, what was the increase or decrease of (a) male psychiatric nurses and (b) female psychiatric nurses?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"1. There was an increase.

"2. (a) Male increase, 10, and (b) female increase, 37."

Mr. Speare asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:-

How many patients' bills and how many hospital days were paid for by the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service in 1952 and 1958?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

"Patients' bills paid in 1952, 189,871, and in 1958, 273,000 (estimated); hospital days paid in 1952, 1,851,072, and in 1958, 2,570,600 (estimated)."

Mr. Bruch asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:-

What are the latest figures with regard to the following under Mental Health Services: (a) Number of male psychiatric nurses; (b) number of male psychiatric aides; (c) number of female psychiatric nurses; (d) number of female psychiatric aides; and (e) number of registered nurses?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:— "(a) 413, (b) 395, (c) 393, (d) 522, and (e) 66."

Mr. Tisdalle asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:----

How many students were enrolled in the School of Psychiatric Nursing at the end of the fiscal year March 31st, 1958?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

" Two hundred and twenty-two students."

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 5.59 p.m.