

Tuesday, February 11th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Michael Kelly*.

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

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 11th, 1958.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 11th, 1958.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 6.01 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

ONE MINUTE PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Uphill*,—

That the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Labour, read and received in this House on February 7th, 1958, be adopted.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

The following papers were presented:—

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance) presented the Report submitted in accordance with Section 53 of the "Administration Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," of Returns by Official Administrators of all Moneys paid and received by them in respect of all the Estates of Deceased Persons administered by them from January 1st, 1957, to December 31st, 1957.

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health and Welfare) presented the Report of the Department of Health and Welfare (Health Branch) for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

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, 1957.

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

What was the total amount paid for salaries and wages of personnel employed by the Provincial Government, including temporary and casual help, for each of the calendar years 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“Records of Province maintained on ‘fiscal year’ basis and not ‘calendar year.’ Public Accounts show figures: Fiscal years 1954–55 (page 98), 1955–56 (page 111), and 1956–57 (page 113). Figures for previous fiscal years not readily obtainable.”

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

1. What is the present maximum capacity of The Woodlands School?
2. What is the present number of inmates?
3. How many, if any, applications for admission are on file awaiting accommodation?
4. How many (*a*) female and (*b*) male nurses were on the staff as regular employees in the years 1950, 1955, 1956, and 1957 and at the present time?
5. How many (*a*) female and (*b*) male aides were on the staff as regular employees in the years 1950, 1955, 1956, and 1957 and at the present time?
6. How many teachers were employed on the staff during the years 1950, 1955, 1956, and 1957 and at the present time?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

- “1. Beds and cribs, 1,536 (flexible figure according to number of beds and cribs).”
- “2. Patients, 1,291 at December 31st, 1957.”
- “3. On waiting-list, 445.”
- “4 and 5. Registered nurses: August 30th, 1950, 4; September 30th, 1955, 4; September 30th, 1956, 6; September 30th, 1957, 4; January 30th, 1958, 6. Female psychiatric nurses: August 30th, 1950, 17; September 30th, 1955, 77; September 30th, 1956, 76; September 30th, 1957, 85; January 30th, 1958, 92. Female psychiatric undergraduates: August 30th, 1950, 120; after 1950 the School of Psychiatric Nursing was centralized at Essondale and those enrolled are classed as students (non-Civil Service). Female aides: August 30th, 1950, 2; September 30th, 1955, 110; September 30th, 1956, 123; September 30th, 1957, 146; January 30th, 1958, 170. Male psychiatric nurses: August 30th, 1950, 48; September 30th, 1955, 86; September 30th, 1956, 81; September 30th, 1957, 82; January 30th, 1958, 82. Male aides: August 30th, 1950, 59; September 30th, 1955, 106; September 30th, 1956, 113; September 30th, 1957, 129; January 30th, 1958, 144.”
- “6. Teachers employed: 1950, 7; 1955, 11; 1956, 11; 1957, 11; and 1958, 11.”

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

1. Are there any empty beds at The Woodlands School and, if so, how many?
2. Is there a waiting-list for admission to the school and, if so, how many eligible persons are on the list?
3. If the answers to the above questions are yes, why are the beds not filled?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes; there are 1,335 beds with staff to accommodate and the patient population is 1,291; there are therefore forty-four vacant beds; in addition there are 201 vacant beds for which staff is being recruited.”

“2. Yes; there are 445 on the waiting-list: 169 under 6 years of age and 276 over 6 years of age, a total of 445.”

“3. Recruiting problems, namely: A serious shortage in the availability of psychiatric nurses who form the backbone of the nursing organization in a mental institution; registered nurses are also difficult to recruit as there are very few available; without these two categories treatment services would be greatly curtailed.”

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

1. Who are the present members of the committee named in connection with the Capital City Grant?
2. What projects have been completed under the Capital City Grant since its inception?
3. What projects are at present under way under the grant?
4. What sum of money was actually spent of the grant in each (fiscal or calendar, as may be more easily obtained) year since the inception of the grant?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. There being no Capital City Grant there is no committee.

“ 3. Answered by No. 1.

“ 2 and 4. Fiscal year 1954–55: Grant, \$50,000; used by City of Victoria for improvements to Dallas Road, Clover Point, Memorial Crescent, and Holland Point. Fiscal year 1955–56: Grant, \$50,000; used by City of Victoria for construction of model yacht pool at Holland Point, constructing and paving on Dallas Road from Cook Street to Clover Point, and construction and seeding of boulevard north side of Dallas Road to Cook Street. Fiscal year 1956–57: Grant, \$75,000; used by the City of Victoria as follows: Construction of curb and gutter on both sides of Dallas Road between Cook and Douglas (including widening of road base), removal of rifle butts at Clover Point, construction of curb and gutter and improvements to road Clover Point, improving corner at Douglas Street and Dallas Road, landscaping of boulevard south side Dallas Road from Cook Street to Clover Point, completion of landscaping of yacht-pool perimeter at Holland Point, construction of concrete ramp at Clover Point, underground cable Dallas Road to commutator at sewer outlet at Clover Point, landscape green and boulevard at Clover Point, landscaping open area south side Dallas Road (Cook Street to Clover Point), landscaping open area Dallas Road from Cook Street to Douglas Street, and access to beach at foot of Cook Street including benches and cement retaining-wall.”

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

With reference to the Minister's answer appearing on page 111 of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly for 1957, with reference to The Woodlands School that “ a new building to accommodate approximately 350 bed and crib cases is nearing completion and will probably be ready for occupation by May, 1957, in addition, under construction is the conversion of one of the nurses' homes, no longer required for its original purpose, for use as patient accommodation ”:—

1. Is the new building occupied and, if so, by how many children and, if not, why not?
2. Has the nurses' home been converted for use as patient accommodation and, if so, how many children occupy it at the present time?
3. What were the numbers of children actually accommodated and who could have been accommodated on the following dates, namely: March 21st, 1957; September 21st, 1957; and January 21st, 1958?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; 234 children in residence.

“ 2. No; reconversion delayed.

“ 3. March 21st, 1957, accommodated, 1,243, and available, 1,254*; September 1st, 1957, accommodated, 1,250, and available, 1,509*; January 21st, 1958, accommodated, 1,285, and available, 1,509*; between March 21st, 1957, and January 21st, 1958, ninety-one patients were admitted to The Woodlands School from the community.

* * Flexible figure according to number of beds and cribs.”

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

1. Did the Executive Council, within the last year, issue an order prohibiting Civil Servants from going to the Douglas cafeteria during coffee breaks and, if so, when was the order issued?

2. If such an order was issued, were coffee-pots, coffee-urns, tea-pots, cups, saucers, spoons, and other equipment for the serving of tea and coffee bought at Government expense to provide Civil Servants with refreshments during their coffee break and, if so, from whom were they bought and at what expense?

3. If the order referred to in No. 1 of this question was issued, has it been rescinded and, if so, when, and what disposition has been or is to be made of the coffee-pots, coffee-urns, tea-pots, cups, saucers, spoons, and other equipment purchased?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. In August, 1957, departments were requested to arrange coffee periods so that employees would not be required to leave their respective office premises.

“ 2. Certain utensils bought by Purchasing Commission from Marshall-Wells, McLennan, McFeely & Prior Limited, and Northern Electric; cost, \$775.

“ 3. No.”

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

1. What progress has been made in the programme of standardization of hose-couplings to which you made reference in the Legislature last year?

2. What equipment is being standardized?

3. What is the estimated total cost of the programme?

4. Is any portion of the cost borne by municipalities?

5. To what standards have hose couplings and connections been converted?

6. Is it proposed to prohibit the use of new fire-fighting equipment which does not conform to the standard?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. The programme was completed in October, 1957.

“ 2. Hydrant ports, 9,257; hydrant spindles, 1,877; hose-couplings, 6,462; nozzles, 937; pumpers, 92; and auxiliary pumps, 49.

“ 3. The actual cost of the programme was \$265,583.66, of which the Federal share is \$86,964.67.

“ 4. No portion of the cost was borne by municipalities.

“ 5. Eight threads per inch and 3 inches diameter.

“ 6. Matter under consideration.”

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

1. With reference to the Minister's answer to a question appearing on page 153 of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, 1957, that a petition of right had been filed on behalf of one Jack Zucco on or about November 21st, 1956, was the petition ever endorsed “ let right be done ”?

2. If not, when was Zucco or his solicitor advised that an unfavourable decision had been made?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2. The solicitor was advised by registered mail on April 23rd, 1957.”

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

1. Further to my question which was answered in Votes and Proceedings, February 4th, 1958, are any refunds of social service tax made to these construction companies if they withdraw from the Province?

2. If so, under what conditions are they entitled to a refund?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2. See answer to No. 1.”

Mr. *Campbell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:—

1. How many camping-site areas were added to Provincial park facilities in each of the fiscal years between 1948 and 1956?

2. How many camping-site areas were in existence in the Comox constituency in each of the years 1952 to 1957?

The Hon. *E. C. Westwood* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Development of the Provincial park camp-sites did not get under way until 1950 and 1951. Following is the number of camp-sites developed each year: 1948, none; 1949, none; 1950, one; 1951, sixteen; 1952, nine; 1953, nine; 1954, nine; 1955, five; and 1956, four.

“ 2. Camp-site areas in existence in the Comox constituency are as follows: 1952, three; 1953, four; 1954, four; 1955, four; 1956, four; and 1957, four.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following question:—

Was the decision announced in the House last year that a charge was to be made for the use of Provincially owned camping-sites implemented and, if so, when, and what charge is made?

The Hon. *E. C. Westwood* replied as follows:—

“ No; we have the power within the Act to make a charge should it be deemed advisable.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Thomas Bailey*.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
January 24th, 1958.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
January 31st, 1958.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting Law Stamps," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

In answer to Question No. 65, standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Dowding*, as follows:—

1. In the years 1955, 1956, and 1957 respectively in respective school districts of British Columbia (a) how many teachers in elementary schools possessed less than elementary basic qualifications, (b) how many possessed elementary basic qualifications, and (c) how many possessed more than elementary basic qualifications?

2. In the years 1955, 1956, and 1957 respectively in respective school districts of British Columbia (a) how many teachers in secondary schools possessed less than secondary conditional qualifications, (b) how many possessed less than secondary basic qualifications, (c) how many possessed secondary basic qualifications, and (d) how many possessed better than secondary basic qualifications?

The Hon. the Minister of Education 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. *Cox* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What was the total Provincial Government grant to Burnaby in the years 1955, 1956, and 1957 respectively?

2. Of this total, how much went for (a) teachers' salaries and (b) school construction?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

"1. 1955, \$1,607,591; 1956, \$1,742,247; and 1957, \$2,073,198.

"2. (a) Teachers' salaries form only a part of the operating expenses of the school district; Provincial grants toward the total cost of such operating expenses were: 1955, \$1,494,757; 1956, \$1,588,934; and 1957, \$1,863,418. (b) School construction is financed from borrowed funds authorized by ratepayers; debt-retirement charges form a part of the annual expenses of the school district; Provincial grants toward the total cost of such expenses were: 1955, \$112,834; 1956, \$153,313; and 1957, \$209,780."

Mr. *Roche* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What was the total amount of money collected in School District No. 60 by way of taxes for school purposes during 1955, 1956, and 1957?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

"1955: Rural, \$65,615. 1956: Rural, \$77,807; village, \$20,694; total, \$98,501. 1957: Rural, \$90,888; village, \$27,843; total, \$118,731."

Mr. *Roche* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

Has your Department any plans for installing a public ferry at Hudson Hope on the Peace River during 1958?

The Hon. *P. A. Gagliardi* replied as follows:—

"This Department has maintained a passenger and freight ferry from Hudson Hope to a point on the south bank of the Peace River for many years; as there is no road connection from this point, no plans for a vehicle-ferry have yet been considered."

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways and (or) the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What arrangements have been completed with the Federal Government for sharing the cost of constructing the Stewart-Cassiar Highway?
2. What is the estimated total cost of this highway?
3. Has any construction work been carried out on this road since the present Minister of Mines accepted that office and, if so, how many miles were constructed?
4. Were tenders called and, if so, state names of tenderers and amount of bid and name of successful bidder?
5. If tenders were not called, state name of contractor that carried out the work, whether or not it is a cost-plus contract, and the amount paid the contractor to December 31st, 1957.

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1, 2, and 3. To be answered by the Hon. the Minister of Mines.

“ 4. Tenders opened July 31st, 1957: Wade & Wells Company Limited, \$702,293 (bid not accepted, certified cheque did not accompany tender); Piggott Construction Limited, \$1,312,372.60; New West Construction Company Limited and George Ludwig Limited, \$1,351,606; Sandy Construction Limited, \$1,399,871; Assiniboia Construction Company Limited, \$1,557,154; General Construction Company Limited, \$1,783,504; Mannix Company Limited, \$1,899,656.70; Peter Kiewit Sons Company of Canada Limited, \$2,066,411; S. S. Mullen Construction Limited, \$2,184,939; successful bidder, Piggott Construction Limited.

“ 5. Answered by No. 4.”

And the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No signed agreement to date; arrangements for sharing on 50-50 basis over five-year period mutually agreed to by the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources and this Government.

“ 2. Not more than \$15,000,000 on modified standards.

“ 3. Contract let but no construction completed.

“ 4 and 5. Answered by the Hon. the Minister of Highways.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Was any cement purchased by the Toll Highways and Bridges Authority in 1957?
2. If yes, were tenders called for all such cement?
3. If not, what were the exceptions?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Purchases do not come under the jurisdiction of my Department.

“ 3. Answered by No. 2.”

Mr. *Carnell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

What was the cost of the survey recently carried out on the highway presently being constructed between the Alberta border and Dawson Creek on that portion between Bisette Creek at E. 31-77-14 and the road crossing north side of Section 34-77-15 (an approximate total of 3½ miles)?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ The cost of survey from Bisette Creek to Dawson Creek, a distance of approximately 7 miles, amounts to \$3,441.38; there is no breakdown for any particular section of this survey.”

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

1. What are the (a) lowest and (b) highest salaries of the various classifications of staff in Oakalla Gaol?
2. What are the (a) lowest and (b) highest salaries of the various classifications of staff in the Haney Correctional Institution?
3. How many employees of various classifications are now employed at (a) Oakalla Gaol and (b) Haney Correctional Institution?
4. Have either or both of these institutions been ordered to reduce staff during the past three months?
5. Have either or both of these institutions been ordered not to replace (a) retired or (b) resigned staff members?
6. (a) How many employees are in the probation service, (b) what are their respective salaries, (c) has there been any reduction of the probation service staff during the past three months, and (d) if no, is it the Government's intention to augment this staff?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—

"1. (a) and (b) See Orders in Council Nos. 909, 1341, 2037, and 2248 of 1956 and No. 1017 of 1957.

"2. Answered by No. 1; also see Orders in Council Nos. 918, 1117, 1492, 1918, 2212, and 2840 of 1957 and No. 16 of 1958.

"3. (a) 343 and (b) 205.

"4 and 5. Oakalla staff is being reduced as the Haney Correctional Institution becomes fully operational; non-replacement of retired and resigned staff is the method adopted to avoid discharges; temporary staff is engaged as required.

"6. (a) Thirty-seven, plus six part-time stenographers; (b) see Order in Council No. 1137 of 1955 and Order in Council No. 3223 of 1956, stenographic staff at regular Civil Service rates; (c) no; and (d) yes."

Mr. Cox asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. How many miles of roads (if any) were constructed in Burnaby in the years 1955, 1956, and 1957 respectively?
2. How many miles (if any) were black-topped in each of the above years?
3. What was the total expenditure on roads for the years 1955, 1956, and 1957 respectively?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:—

"1. No construction on new routes; reconstruction on existing routes was as follows: 1955-56, 0.70 mile; 1956-57, 1.70 miles; and 1957-58, 6.34 miles (to December 31st, 1957).

"2. 1955-56, 0.75 mile; 1956-57, 1.55 miles; and 1957-58, 3.94 miles (to December 31st, 1957).

"3. 1955-56, \$82,822; 1956-57, \$446,597; and 1957-58, \$1,195,441 (to December 31st, 1957)."

Mr. Gibbs asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

Is it true that the bridge across the Dease River, built by Wade & Wells Limited, was washed out and, if so, (a) was it replaced by a Bailey bridge and (b) what was the cost of replacement?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:—

"No; the bridge was rendered unserviceable by a partial washout and was repaired for use by light vehicles only; the structure has been replaced by a Bailey bridge; the cost of the replacement was approximately \$65,000."

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

1. What was the average *per diem* cost of keeping one prisoner at Oakalla Gaol in 1957?
2. What was the average *per diem* cost of keeping one prisoner at New Haven in 1957?
3. What is the record of rehabilitation at Oakalla?
4. What is the record of rehabilitation at New Haven?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. \$6.53.
- “ 2. \$8.95.
- “ 3. Apparent record of rehabilitation by classification: Young Offenders' Unit, 70 per cent; Westgate, 50 per cent; Main Gaol, excluding addicts and alcoholics, 30 per cent; East Wing and Old Gaol (consists mostly of drug addicts and those sentenced on Liquor Act offences), 20 per cent.
- “ 4. Approximately 80 per cent.”

Mr. *Cox* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. What amount of Crown Government land in Burnaby is held by the Provincial Government?
2. What is the assessed value of these holdings?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. One hundred and thirty-six parcels, totalling approximately 763 acres, including vacant Crown land, institutional sites, and highway rights-of-way.
- “ 2. Assessment valuation is a function of the municipality; information requested is therefore available from the assessment and taxation rolls of the municipality.”

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

1. What salaries have been approved by the Minister for elementary- and high-school teachers in School District No. 61 and what salaries are actually being paid?
2. Are there any school districts in British Columbia paying as little as the approved salaries and, if so, which are they?
3. What school districts have been forced by Arbitration Boards to pay more than the approved salaries, did the Government pay any part of the difference, and, if so, to which school district?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Actual salaries paid are not approved by the Minister, nor are they under the jurisdiction of the Government; they are solely determined as between the School Board and its teacher employees.
- “ 2. See answer to No. 1.
- “ 3. Teachers' salaries for 1958 are still being negotiated or arbitrated and will not be finalized for some time; Boards are not required to inform the Department whether actual salaries are determined by negotiation or arbitration.”

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

What sums, if any, have been paid to the Department of Finance under section 46 (monopoly tax) of the “Liquor Control Act” since January 1st, 1954?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ No such Act.”

The Speaker made a statement, as follows:—

February 12th, 1958.

Honourable Members,—At the closing of yesterday's sitting of the House I ruled out of order a motion by the honourable third member for Victoria solely on the ground that it was a minority report. A minority report, of course, is contrary to the Rules of the House. I find, however, that this was a misconception and that it was not a minority report.

Accordingly, because my ruling was made on a misapprehension, and in order that the honourable member will in no way be prejudiced, I have directed his motion to be restored to the Order Paper.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

Thursday, February 13th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Quartermaster *E. Y. Welch*.

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

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 6.01 o'clock p.m. to-day.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, seconded by the Hon. *E. C. Martin*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education be authorized to examine briefs submitted by the British Columbia Youth Council and the Community Chest and Council of Greater Vancouver during 1957 on the subject of juvenile delinquency and to invite submissions from the said organizations and others expressing interest therein as to the preventive measures which might be adopted, particularly at the community level, the better to deal with this problem, and to report its findings to the House.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education investigate youth delinquency in British Columbia and, more particularly, inquire into the extent and nature of such delinquency, the possibilities of remedial measures to prevent it, the existing means of treating and rehabilitating juvenile delinquents.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

ONE MINUTE PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

1. Since August 1st, 1952, have any sales of Crown lands been made to persons who were at the time of purchase members of the Legislative Assembly and, if so, to what members, what acreages in each case, and at what price?

2. If such sales were made, were tenders called in all cases, were highest tenders always accepted, or were there instances where only one tender was received?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; sales made as follows: (a) James A. Reid, date of certificate of purchase, July 28th, 1953, 80 acres, \$240; (b) James A. Reid, date of certificate of purchase, July 28th, 1953, 160 acres, \$1,600; (c) Thomas A. Bate, date of certificate of purchase, January 28th, 1955, 49.5 acres, \$500; and (d) Leo Thomas Nimsick (jointly with another party not a member of the Legislative Assembly), date of certificate of purchase, November 6th, 1957, 0.97 acre, \$150.

"2. 'Land Act' does not require disposition by tender, but when Department has knowledge of more than one party interested in any given parcel of land or parcel is strategically located, disposition may be made by tender or auction in the general public interest. In respect to the four sales above, (a) sold by direct sale, (b) sold by tender (only one tender received), (c) sold by direct sale, and (d) land remained unsold after being offered at public auction; subsequently disposed of by direct sale."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

Friday, February 14th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 14th, 1957.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, Standing Orders were suspended to permit the moving of a motion forthwith, as follows:—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Labour, read and received in the House on February 7th, 1958, be adopted.

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Uphill*,—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Labour, read and received in the House on February 7th, 1958, be adopted.

A debate arose.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order under Standing Orders Nos. 66 and 67 as involving the expenditure of public money.

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Are the employees of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway covered by a form of group insurance?
2. If yes, with what insurance company is the said group insurance carried?
3. Through what agent of the insurance company concerned is this group insurance handled?
4. What yearly sums have been paid to the insurance company for the group insurance provided?
5. What insurance company or agent first outlined the group insurance scheme now in operation?
6. Was any firm of chartered accountants consulted on any matter concerning this group insurance scheme?
7. If yes, which firm was so consulted?
8. Were bids called more than once on the provision of group insurance coverage for the employees of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
9. (a) What firms bid each time tenders were called, and (b) what were the terms of their bids each time bids were called?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Great-West Life Assurance Company covering life and weekly indemnity benefits; Credit Union and Co-operative Health Services Society covering medical-surgical benefits.

“ 3. Group Supervisor of the Great-West Life Assurance Company, Vancouver; Manager of the Credit Union and Co-operative Health Services Society, Vancouver.

“ 4. For period March 1st to December 31st, 1957, \$22,379.30 was paid to the Great-West Life Assurance Company and \$52,474.20 to the Credit Union and Co-operative Health Services Society.

“ 5. The Employee Benefit Plan now in operation is patterned after similar plans which were inaugurated on the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways and was agreed upon in conjunction with a committee of employees.

“ 6. No; however, a firm of actuarial consultants was consulted.

“ 7. William M. Mercer Limited (actuarial consultants who handled Canadian National and Canadian Pacific plans).

“ 8. No.

“ 9. Life and weekly indemnity benefits: (a) Canada Life Assurance Company, (b) \$2.84; (a) Confederation Life Association, (b) \$2.76; (a) Crown Life Insurance Company, (b) \$2.77; (a) Dale & Company (Aetna Life Insurance), (b) \$3.13; (a) Great-West Life Assurance Company, (b) \$2.71; (a) Imperial Life Insurance Company of Canada, (b) \$2.976; (a) London Life Insurance Company, (b) \$2.642; (a) Mutual Life Insurance Company of Canada, (b) \$2.72; (a) New York Life Insurance Company, (b) \$3.23; (a) Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, (b) \$2.83; (a) Travellers' Insurance Company, (b) \$2.886. Medical-surgical benefits: Credit Union and Co-operative Health Services Society, \$8.20 married and \$3.20 single; Fraser Valley Medical-Dental Society, \$8.40 married and \$3.25 single; Medical Services Association, \$9.61 married and \$3.03 single. On analysing the submissions of all the companies, and taking into consideration all points involved, the recommendations of Mercer & Company were accepted and therefore the submission of the Great-West Life Assurance Company was accepted.”

Mr. *Lundell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Recreation and Conservation the following questions:—

1. What is the total number of roadside camp-sites now in use in the Revelstoke District?

2. Has the Department plans for constructing additional camp-sites in the Revelstoke District?

The Hon. *E. C. Westwood* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Eight.

“ 2. Yes.”

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

1. How many employees were engaged in the work of the Consumer Taxation Branch, Social Services Tax Section, as at December 31st, 1957?

2. What were the total costs of the Social Services Tax Section of the Consumer Taxation Branch from January 1st, 1957, to December 31st, 1957?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 107.

“ 2. \$575,373.58.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Did a committee appointed by the President of the United States wait upon the Government with a proposal to survey a route for a railway to Alaska?

2. Who were the members of this committee and what branches of the United States Government did it represent?

3. Did the committee undertake to continue surveys in 1958?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; a committee did wait on the Government, but no proposals were made by them and the committee advised the Government it had no authority to make proposals nor spend money on surveys.

“ 2. Louis S. Rothschild, Under-Secretary of Commerce, Washington, D.C.; Waren G. Magnuson, United States Senate; S. R. Browning, Major-General, United States Army; I. A. Hoff, 127 Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.; E. L. Baulett, delegate in Congress from Alaska; B. F. Sisk, M.C., Fresno, Calif.; E. M. Fitch, Department of Interior (the Alaska R.R.), Washington, D.C.; L. C. Vass, Department of State, Washington, D.C.; C. G. Burdick, Juneau, Alaska; R. Burns, United States Consulate General, Vancouver; and C. L. Junge, ex-director, Alaska Interior Rail and Highway Commission, Washington, D.C.

“ 3. No.”

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

1. How many mines operating in British Columbia paid taxes under the “ Mineral Tax Act ” in 1957?

2. What amount was paid by each mine?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Ten.

“ 2. These particulars are confidential, but one company pays nearly all the tax collected.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Prime Minister the following questions:—

1. Has the Prime Minister been informed that on January 29th, 1958, the Minister of Highways gave an assurance in the House that appropriate legislation would be introduced to prohibit the surplus of revenues in excess of expenditures resulting from the operation of toll-bridges from being used to meet deficits that might occur in respect of toll-bridges operating at a loss; was the Minister of Highways speaking for the Government in making such statement?

2. Have the provisions of section 17 (1) (b) of the "Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act" been observed up to the present time and, if not, why not?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. No; but it is the Government's policy that when tolls and the Government subsidy pay off the indebtedness of any toll-bridge system that particular system will then be free of tolls.

"2. Not applicable; no operating deficits."

Mr. *Cox* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Has a Provincial Government report been prepared on the development of Columbia River power?

2. If yes, has the report been completed?

3. If completed, (a) has it been forwarded to the Federal Government and (b) when?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. Crippen-Wright Engineering has been engaged by the Government to prepare such a report; it is expected to be received during the present year.

"2. Not applicable.

"3. Not applicable."

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

With regard to the statement of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Canada on January 8th, 1958, reported in Hansard at page 2981, that "This Government has not been approached by the Government of British Columbia regarding assistance in the development of the Columbia River," did this Provincial Government approach the previous Federal Government regarding assistance in the development of the Columbia River?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"Yes; the Provincial Government has asked for the co-operation of the Federal Government in negotiating down-stream benefits with the United States."

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

1. How much, if any, has been borrowed from the Provincial Treasury since January 31st, 1956, to the latest date for which returns have been made, under the provisions of the "Housing Act"?

2. If any amounts have been borrowed and used, what were the names of the municipalities involved and what were the individual amounts and dates?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. The 'Housing Act' does not authorize borrowings from the Provincial Treasury; Vote 351 provided funds for the Province's share of the capital cost of certain Federal-Provincial housing projects.

"2. See No. 1."

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 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 17th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. J. Wormell*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Mines)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

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

Report to the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture *re* Research Activities of the Milk Board under Section 50 of the "Milk Industry Act."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Were bids called on reconstruction of the Trans-Canada Highway between Cheam Creek and the Twin Bridges known as Project No. 750?
2. If yes, (a) what companies bid on this project and (b) what were their bids?
3. Were bids on this project called more than once?
4. If so, why were the bids rejected?
5. If so, (a) what firms bid on the second call for tenders and (b) what were the amounts of their bids?
6. Which firm was awarded the tender on this project?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Nanaimo Bulldozing Company Limited, \$217,630.50, and Emil Anderson Construction Company Limited, \$247,040.90.
- " 3. Yes.
- " 4. Bids too high.
- " 5. G. & M. Construction Limited, \$171,576; Nanaimo Bulldozing Company Limited, \$217,630.50; Ed Walsh & Company Limited, \$240,204; and Peter Kiewit Sons Company of Canada Limited, \$246,931.
- " 6. G. & M. Construction Limited."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Has the Department of Highways had any dealings with a construction company known as the Hiway (or Highway) Construction Company in 1956 or 1957?

2. If so, was any work done by this company on the Trans-Canada Highway through the Fraser Canyon above Hope in 1956 or 1957?

3. If so, how many men did the company have working on this job on the following dates: September 30th, October 31st, and November 30th, 1957?

4. Has this job been completed by the company according to final plans and specifications?

5. Have any changes been made in work already done or are any such changes contemplated?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Yes.

“ 3. September 30th, 289; October 31st, 189; and November 30th, 173.

“ 4. No.

“ 5. No.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What sums, if any, have been paid to municipalities under subsection (2) of section 139 of the “Liquor Control Act”?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ None.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

How many liquor outlets have been sold to new owners since the new Liquor Act became effective in 1953?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ Two hundred and forty-seven licences transferred up to January 31st, 1958.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What was the cost of renovating the Pitt River Bridge?

2. Does the Department own the Bailey bridge that was used or was it rented and, if rented, what was the cost?

3. What is the nature of the trouble with the swing span and what was the cost of repairs so the span could be closed?

4. By how many feet was this bridge widened and was the construction undertaken on the original piers?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Approximately \$1,168,500.

“ 2. Department owns the Bailey bridge.

“ 3. As a result of reusing, in part, the existing swing-span machinery certain teething troubles were experienced on the trial run; it was decided to install additional resistors in the rotor circuit of the swing-span driving motors and to strengthen the end-lift mechanism; the cost of this work was \$5,280.

“ 4. The bridge was widened by 11 feet 4 inches; of the nine original piers, eight were reused and one was rebuilt.”

Mr. *Turner* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What arrangement is in existence between the Provincial Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway for the public use of the bridge crossing the Fraser River at Mission?

2. What annual amounts, if any, have been paid to the above company for its use as a road for the years 1950 to 1957, inclusive?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. By agreement dated March 21st, 1927, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company consented to the use of its bridge across the Fraser River at Mission for highway traffic in consideration of an annual rental fee of \$7,500 plus one-third of the repair and operational costs.

“ 2. 1950–51, \$14,570.22; 1951–52, \$26,730.16; 1952–53, \$26,080.02; 1953–54, \$18,348.97; 1954–55, \$17,845.46; 1955–56, \$86,837.33; 1956–57, \$455,730.58; and 1957–58, \$224,524.76.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Over what period of time has the road improvement programme on the north 1.3 miles of the West Saanich Road been under way?

2. To what standard is it proposed to finish the road under the present programme and when is it scheduled to be completed?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Between April and December, 1957.

“ 2. It will be 32 feet wide with 22 feet of asphalt surface; to be completed in 1958.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What portion, if any, in miles, of Paulson–Blueberry Highway is not now under contract for construction?

2. Has the anticipated date of completion of this highway, including hard surfacing, been changed?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 20.77.

“ 2. No.”

Mr. *Lundell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

What was the cost to maintain the Big Bend Highway, including snow-removal, (a) between 1940 and 1952 and (b) between 1952 and 1957?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“(a) \$518,888.96 and (b) \$360,198.89.”

Mr. *Lundell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

How much money was spent on highway construction in the Revelstoke District, including the Trans-Canada Highway, (a) between 1945 and 1952 and (b) between 1952 and 1957?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“(a) \$1,005,713.83 and (b) \$7,770,813.97; includes bridge and ferry construction.”

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 17th, 1958.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Sharp*, 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 10.40 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. P. Stewart*.

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

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

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Richter* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 12th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee heard submissions from the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes in the form of resolutions and your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture recommends:—

- (1) That the Minister of Agriculture make a full report to the Advisory Board of the Farmers' Institutes each year on the action taken and the final dis-

position by the respective departments of Government on the resolutions presented to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and that copies of this report be sent to all members of the Legislature:

- (2) That the Province's own public utility, the British Columbia Power Commission, develop some of the large-scale electric projects and associated transmission systems in the interests of the people of the Province:
- (3) That a review be made of the present methods of taxation for school purposes with a view to finding a more equitable method than that now in practice:
- (4) That consideration be given by the Government to amending the "Distress Area Assistance Act" to permit the Minister of Agriculture to enter into agreements with credit unions in British Columbia on the same conditions that are now set out in the "Distress Area Assistance Act" in respect to the chartered banks of Canada and that the Peace River area be declared a "distress area under the British Columbia 'Distress Area Assistance Act'":
- (5) That the Minister of Agriculture take action to rectify any maladministration of the "Milk Act" if and where such practices exist; should maladministration be proven, it is then further recommended that the Chairman of the Milk Board be replaced:
- (6) That, as concern is shown by the Committee in respect to the appropriations of the Department of Agriculture, the appropriation be increased to meet the requirements of the Department's responsibility to the agricultural industry:
- (7) That, in view of Government policy in setting aside areas to be used for public recreation and enjoyment, the Minister of Recreation and Conservation be advised by the Farmers' Institutes of specific areas that they consider would be in the best interests of the public to have reserved for such purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK RICHTER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Johnson*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. D. Black* (Minister of Municipal Affairs) presented the Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following question:—

On January 31st, 1958, were there any passes entitling the holders thereof to free passage on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway (excluding passes valid for one trip only) held by persons who were not officials or employees of the railway or members of the Legislative Assembly and, if so, who were they and how did each qualify for such a pass?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ Yes; passes issued (railways): Officers and dependents of other railways (Canada and the United States), 139; dependents of Pacific Great Eastern Railway employees with more than ten years' service, 120; dependents of Pacific Great Eastern Railway officials with less than ten years' service, 8; trade-union representatives (employees of other railways) exercising their duties, 10; pensioned Pacific Great Eastern Railway employees and their wives, 72; widows of deceased Pacific Great Eastern Railway employees with over ten years' service, 18; Pacific Great Eastern Railway medical officers, 6; Pacific Great Eastern Railway watch inspectors, 7; and Pacific Great Eastern Railway pension committee members, 4. Government departments (personnel exercising their duties): (a) Provincial—Railway Department, 8; Forestry Department, 24; Department of Highways, 10; Department of Recreation and Conservation, 2; and Department of Lands and Forests, 1. (b) Federal—Department of National Revenue, 30; Department of Citizenship and Immigration, 11; and Post Office, 17. Miscellaneous—Press representatives, 11; missionary engaged in charitable work, 1; and technical consultants engaged in surveys for Pacific Great Eastern Railway, 13. A number of these passes are of a complimentary nature and are never used. Further, meals are not provided to persons travelling on passes.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

1. Did the Minister receive a brief from The Corporation of the City of Victoria recommending changes to be made in the “ Municipal Act ”?
2. If so, how many changes did the Corporation recommend should be made?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

1. With reference to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, in the year 1957, how many passengers were carried?
2. If any, how many of the passengers were carried (a) as guests of the railway, (b) on passes, and (c) at the regular fare?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 282,965.

“ 2. (a) 83; (b) 19,428, of which 80 per cent were employees (including construction department employees) being transported from point to point in the course of their duties; and (c) 263,454.”

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

1. What was the total grant for all school purposes to each of the following school districts in the fiscal years 1955–56 and 1956–57: Qualicum, Courtenay, Campbell River, Alert Bay, and Quatsino?

2. What percentage of the total school budget does the Provincial Government contribution represent in each of these school districts for the years 1955–56 and 1956–57?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Fiscal years of school districts are the calendar years; total grants to the school districts listed were: No. 69 (Qualicum), \$256,235 in 1955 and \$272,897 in 1956; No. 71 (Courtenay), \$494,941 in 1955 and \$560,965 in 1956; No. 72 (Campbell River), \$321,802 in 1955 and \$275,545 in 1956; No. 73 (Alert Bay), \$107,815 in 1955 and \$114,234 in 1956; and No. 74 (Quatsino), \$39,811 in 1955 and \$57,003 in 1956.

“ 2. No. 69 (Qualicum), 69.43 per cent; No. 71 (Courtenay), 72.56 per cent; No. 72 (Campbell River), 55.63 per cent; No. 73 (Alert Bay), 60.23 per cent; and No. 74 (Quatsino), 26.65 per cent.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

What was the total cost of teachers' salaries in School District No. 61 in the years 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957 and what percentage of such cost was paid by the Provincial Government in each year?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“ Total teachers' salaries budgeted for 1951, \$1,567,132; 1952, \$1,809,356; 1953, \$2,004,551; 1954, \$2,262,868; 1955, \$2,444,975; 1956, \$2,707,635; and 1957, \$3,120,677. Teachers' salaries as budgeted form only a part of the total operating expenses of the school districts. Provincial grants as set forth in section 20 of the 'Public Schools Act' are made toward the total operating expenses, the amounts of the grants being: 1951, \$558,600; 1952, \$568,600; 1953, \$619,900; 1954, \$657,380; 1955, \$1,550,441; 1956, \$1,864,385; and 1957, \$2,073,216.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier and president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway the following questions:—

1. Has a rate been set for the movement of sulphur over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Vancouver and, if so, what rate and is this quoted long or short tons?

2. Is this rate compensable to the railway?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Short ton, \$8.40.

“ 2. Yes.”

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

What sums, if any, have been paid to the Department of Finance under section 46 (monopoly tax) of the “Government Liquor Act, 1953”?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ Nil.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

1. Did the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, on or about November 18th, 1957, inform Municipal Councils they could relax shopping-hours restrictions from December 16th to Christmas Day to allow evening and Wednesday afternoon shopping by resolution?

2. Did the Deputy Minister, on or about November 18th, 1957, inform Municipal Councils that the passage of such resolutions would ensure that merchants would not be prosecuted for contravening the "Municipal Act"?

3. Was the Deputy Minister's advice given with the knowledge of the Minister?

4. By what authority was such advice given by the Deputy Minister to the Municipal Councils?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

" 2. No.

" 3. Yes.

" 4. Answered by No. 3."

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Has the British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority been requested to allow the deduction of dues from payroll upon written assignment from the employee concerned in favour of the British Columbia Government Employees' Association?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, did the British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority refuse such request?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, why was the request of the employees concerned as applied for by the British Columbia Government Employees' Association so refused?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

" 2. Yes.

" 3. Tolls of a temporary nature."

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 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19th, 1958.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*, 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 10.35 p.m.

Thursday, February 20th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. R. Pilkey*.

On the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. Westwood*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

1. What was the total number of persons on the Provincial payroll at July 31st, 1957?
2. What was the total number of persons on the Provincial payroll at December 31st, 1957?
3. How many people on the Provincial payroll as at December 31st, 1957, are classified as (a) permanent Civil Servants and (b) non-permanent Civil Servants?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

"1. 17,566; of this number approximately 1,900 were seasonally or intermittently employed.

"2. December 31st, 1956, 14,923, and December 31st, 1957, 15,585.

"3. (a) 8,722 and (b) no such classification."

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

1. When was Government House destroyed by fire?
2. Have plans and specifications been prepared for the erection of a new Government House and, if so, when and by whom?
3. What is the estimated cost of the building?
4. How much money has been appropriated for the building?
5. Have any contracts in connection with the erection of the new building been let and, if so, when, to whom, for what part of the work, and when did or will the work begin?
6. When is the building expected to be completed?
7. Were proposals for the erection of the building referred to the Capital Improvement District Commission prior to commencement of the work and, if so, when?
8. Were the site, location, and plans for the building approved by the Capital Improvement District Commission prior to the commencement of the work and, if so, when?
9. Have any persons or organizations protested the plans and (or) design of the new building and, if so, from whom were such protests received?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. April 15th, 1957.
- “ 2. Yes; Department of Public Works.
- “ 3. \$800,000.
- “ 4. \$1,000,000.
- “ 5. Yes; December 10th, 1957; John Laing & Son (Canada) Limited; structural work, December 12th, 1957.
- “ 6. Latter part of 1958.
- “ 7. Yes; November 1st, 1957.
- “ 8. Yes; December 6th, 1957.
- “ 9. No.”

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Has the Government a plan for a bridge to be built over the Elk River on the Elko-Rooseville Highway?
2. (a) If so, have tenders been called for the construction of the bridge; (b) if not, has the Government any plans as to when this will be done?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Preliminary drawings, 30 per cent completed.
- “ 2. (a) No; (b) not on programme for this year; when plans are completed, tenders will be called.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What sum has been expended to December 31st, 1957, on (a) the Salmo-Creston Cut-off and (b) the Blueberry-Paulson Road?
2. When are these roads to be completed and in each case what is the estimated final cost?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) \$1,256,784.80 and (b) \$3,507,141.20.
- “ 2. Date of completion not yet determined; (a) \$11,000,000 and (b) \$8,000,000.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Did the Minister or any officer of the Department have any knowledge of probable or possible run-off on Sisters or Australian Creeks during 1954, 1955, or 1956 respectively?
2. How many cubic feet of water per second per square mile of watershed was provided for in the areas of Sisters and Australian Creeks?
3. Did serious damage result from flooding of said creeks in 1954, 1955, or 1956 respectively?
4. (a) Was compensation for damage paid to any parties and (b) if so, (i) to whom and (ii) in what amounts?
5. Is there any collaboration between the Water Rights Board and the Highways Department in regard to probable maximum run-off?
6. If not, why?
7. Does the Department consult old-time residents with regard to flood heights reached by streams when highways are affected?
8. If not, why?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. No knowledge.
- “ 3. Yes.
- “ 4. (a) Yes; (b) (i) Yorston Brothers and (ii) \$46,000.
- “ 5. Yes.
- “ 6. Not applicable.
- “ 7. Yes.
- “ 8. Not applicable.”

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

Has the Minister been able to establish a ferry service between Lasqueti Island and French Creek on Vancouver Island?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ Not as yet.”

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

Is janitorial work in any Government buildings contracted out rather than being performed by the Public Works Department employees and, if so, in which buildings is such work contracted out, when were the contracts made, and were tenders called?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

“ Yes; Motor-vehicle Building, New Westminster, August 5th, 1957; yes.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. How many man-hours overtime was paid and what was the overtime rate paid for highways work in each of the calendar years 1956 and 1957?
2. Did the Minister require and request contractors to work overtime in 1956 and (or) 1957?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. 1956, 618,926½ hours, and 1957, 495,143¼ hours; overtime rate for day-rate employees, time and one-half, and overtime rate for monthly employees, straight time.

“ 2. No.”

Mr. *Gargrave* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Has a survey been made of the terrain between Woodfibre and Squamish with a view to building a road between these two points?
2. What was the approximate location of this survey, if any?
3. Has a survey been made of the terrain inland from the shore-line of Howe Sound between Woodfibre and Squamish?
4. Does the Government propose to construct a road between Woodfibre and Squamish?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Above the shore-line of Howe Sound.
- “ 3. Reconnaissance only.
- “ 4. Not at the present time.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. What sum has to date been expended on the Terrace-Kitimat Highway?
2. When is it expected that this road will be brought out of its present unsatisfactory condition and permanent bridges installed?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. \$4,248,239.55 (bridge work included).
- “ 2. Only the section of this road between Kitimat and Lakelse has been under construction; in this section there are only two permanent bridges unfinished; it is anticipated that this work will be completed by midsummer; in the meantime temporary structures have been and will continue to be in use pending completion of the permanent bridges.”

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

1. How many tons of iron ore have been exported from the Province since 1953?
2. What was the percentage of iron content?
3. What was the average price per ton?
4. What revenue as royalty or mining tax has the Crown received from these operations?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 2,854,426 short tons of concentrates.
- “ 2. 56 per cent or higher.
- “ 3. About \$6.37.
- “ 4. No royalty paid; payments under the ‘Mining Tax Act’ are confidential.”

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

1. How many fatal accidents occurred last year in industries covered by the “Workmen’s Compensation Act”?
2. How many of these occurred in (a) the logging industry and (b) the mining industry?
3. How many (a) had dependents and (b) were single?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 191.
- “ 2. (a) 56 and (b) 13.
- “ 3. (a) 146 and (b) 45.”

Mr. *Roche* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. How much money, if any, was spent for any type of work on the Alaska Highway during the years 1955, 1956, and 1957?
2. How much money was spent on any roads in the Fort Nelson area during the years 1955, 1956, and 1957?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. *Nil*.
- “ 2. 1955–56, \$450; 1956–57, \$11,231.61; and 1957–58, \$36,457.50.”

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

In each month of the calendar years 1955, 1956, and 1957 what were the total number of man-days' labour lost in the Province as the result of industrial disputes?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ Statistics covering time-loss through disputes are maintained with respect to each dispute and are not kept on a monthly basis; *see* annual report for yearly totals.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. How much has been expended on the North Fraser Highway from Agassiz to Haig?
2. What is holding up construction to Haig and a link with the Trans-Canada Highway?
3. When is it intended to complete this work?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. The expenditure for the period 1953–54 to date was as follows: Maintenance, \$22,334.92, and capital, \$120,540.37.
- “ 2. Tenders for a contract have been called to close March 18th, 1958.
- “ 3. Not known.”

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.

Friday, February 21st, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. N. Clark*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Richter*, 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. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.