

## Friday, February 11th, 1955.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Pastor *C. B. Smith*.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Howard* made the following statement:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Yesterday, when I spoke in the Budget debate, I had occasion to refer to a reception given in Prince Rupert in honour of His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Governor-General of Canada, and at which the honourable member from Atlin attended.

While I did not mention His Excellency's name, an account of my remarks appearing in to-day's issue of *The Daily Colonist* states that I was referring to Viscount Alexander of Tunis.

I now wish to correct what may have been an erroneous impression left upon the honourable members of this House and others, and that erroneous impression is that I was referring to Viscount Alexander of Tunis by saying that my reference was to the present Governor-General, His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey.

F. HOWARD.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,  
February 10th, 1955.*

*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. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Residence and Responsibility Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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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. *Gargrave*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* presented the Eighty-first Report on Vital Statistics of the Province of British Columbia for the Year 1952.

*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 5.52 p.m.

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### Monday, February 14th, 1955.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Father *L. McLellan*.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 10th, 1955.*

*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. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tuberculosis Institutions 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. E. Sommers* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1954,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 10th, 1955.*

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

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas 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.

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. *Gibson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, the following notice of questions standing in the name of Mr. *Howard* was withdrawn:—

Based upon stumpage and royalty income, during the calendar year 1954, how much timber in thousand feet board-measure was cut by (a) Kelley Logging Company Limited, (b) Alice Lake Logging Company Limited, (c) MacMillan & Bloedel Limited, (d) British Columbia Forest Products Limited, (e) Canadian Forest Products Limited, (f) Alaska Pine & Cellulose Company Limited, (g) Alaska Pine Company Limited, (h) Columbia Cellulose Company Limited, (i) Northern Pulpwood Limited, (j) Powell River Company Limited, (k) H. R. MacMillan Export Company Limited, (l) Hudson Lumber Company Limited, (m) W. F. Gibson & Sons Limited, (n) R. B. McLean Lumber Company, (o) W.M. & F. Logging Company Limited, (p) Lamb Lumber Company Limited, and (q) Fleetwood Logging Company Limited?

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

1. Has a Game Conservation Fund been set up by the Department of Finance?
2. If so, how much money has been applied to this Fund?
3. Have any moneys been expended from this Fund?
4. If so, how much and for what purpose?
5. Do expenditures from this Fund come under the authority of the Game Branch?
6. What does this Fund amount to at the present time?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. \$124,635.21.
- " 3. No.
- " 4. Answered by No. 3.
- " 5. No.
- " 6. Answered by Nos. 2 and 3."

Mr. *Gibson* asked the Hon. the President of the Council the following question:—

Has any decision been reached by the Executive Council on the appeal against the application for a forest management licence by Empire Mills Limited in the Squamish area?

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

" No."

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

1. On what occasions and for whom is the main door of the Legislative Buildings used?

2. Has the main door of the Legislative Buildings ever been open to the public?

3. If so, when was this discontinued and why?

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

“ 1. On State occasions.

“ 2. Not known.

“ 3. Answered by No. 2.”

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

1. What positions does E. M. Gunderson hold with the Government of the Province of British Columbia or any boards, agencies, commissions, or authorities thereof?

2. When was he appointed to each?

3. What salary and other perquisites does he receive in connection with each position?

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

“ 1. (a) Appointed to the board of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, (b) appointed a member of the British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority, and (c) appointed Economic Adviser to direct studies of Federal-Provincial fiscal relations as related to tax agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Province and to prepare a brief outlining the Government's views in these matters.

“ 2. (a) August 12th, 1952, (b) December 2nd, 1953, and (c) January 1st, 1955.

“ 3. (a) One hundred dollars per month, (b) none, and (c) a fee of \$600 per month together with actual personal travelling and living expenses while away from the City of Victoria, B.C.”

*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.

## Tuesday, February 15th, 1955.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Smith*.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 10th, 1955.*

*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. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Infirmaries 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 the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Ordered*,—

That 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 findings to the House.

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

1. Subsequent to Order in Council No. 1796, approved on August 11th, 1954, was there an official liquidator set up to dispose of a group of mineral claims, formerly owned by the Grull-Wihksne Gold Mines Limited (Non-Personal Liability), by public tender?

2. If so, what was the name of the official liquidator?

3. Under these circumstances, are the officers of the Grull-Wihksne Company required to make a report to the shareholders on winding up the company?

4. Under the above-mentioned Order in Council, were tenders called, by publication of notice, for the acquisition of this parcel?

5. If so, (a) was any sale made of the claims and (b) who bought them and for what price?

6. If no tenders were received, are the claims open for restaking?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

"1. No; the claims had escheated to the Crown and were sold under the 'Escheats Act.'

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. The company was struck off the Register in 1952.

"4. Yes.

"5. (a) Yes and (b) Bralorne Mines Limited for \$2,810.

"6. Answered by No. 5."

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

Is the survey for a Dental Faculty at the University of British Columbia, referred to by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in his Speech from the Throne on January 25th, 1955, to be in addition to the survey now being conducted by and at the expense of the University?

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

“Up to the present, all inquiries *re* the desirability of, and the necessity for, the establishment of a Dental Faculty have been exploratory and introductory by the University and the dental profession. The survey presently being undertaken at the University is the result of representations made to the Government, and involves the employment for some months of a Dental Consultant whose services will be paid for by the Government and who will work with a committee representative of the University and the Government.”

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

1. What is the size, in acres, of the territory covered by Forest Management Licence No. 19, granted to Tahsis Company Limited on December 23rd, 1954?
2. What is the annual estimated growth, in feet board-measure, for that territory?
3. What are the present requirements, in feet board-measure, for the Tahsis Company's wood-processing plants now in operation?
4. Of the total acreage now under this company's management, (a) how many acres were previously held by the applicant company and (b) how many acres were Crown land?
5. Does Forest Management Licence No. 19 contain any provisions for public access roads to the West Coast of Vancouver Island?
6. If the answer to No. 5 is yes, what part of the road construction costs, if any, will be the responsibility of (a) the Tahsis Company, (b) the Provincial Government, and (c) other logging companies through whose lands such a road may be built?
7. Will the road regulations and specifications conform to Provincial highway regulations?
8. If the road is built by a logging company, will said company be allowed to deduct any of the costs of construction and maintenance from payment of timber costs which the company would normally make to the Provincial Treasury?
9. If the answer to No. 8 is yes, on what basis will such deductions be computed?
10. If provisions are made for a West Coast access road, when will this road be (a) started and (b) completed?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

- “1. Productive forest land, 190,910 acres.
- “2. Approximately 62,000,000 board-feet.
- “3. Ninety million board-feet.
- “4. (a) 27,734 acres and (b) 163,176 acres.
- “5. No; but the Tahsis Company has agreed to connect the road with the present road from Campbell River.
- “6 to 10. Not applicable.”

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

1. Has any provision been made on forest management licences to protect irrigation-ditches and roads, necessary for the ranchers?
2. Are the owners of cattle on the range obliged by law or regulation to keep such cattle off reforested land?
3. Is there any law or regulation to stop fishermen and hunters from entering forest management licence areas?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Prior rights on the lands included within a forest management licence are not in any way affected by the award of a licence; in the case of every management licence, the Government retains the right to withdraw any lands that may be considered to be of greater value for other use and to withdraw lands for any approved right-of-way.

“ 2. No.

“ 3. No; except that all persons may be excluded from any forest area through the medium of temporary closure during periods of extreme fire risk and right of entry does not include the right to use improvements and property on the management licence belonging to the licensee.”

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

1. In reference to the recent forest management licence granted to MacMillan & Bloedel Limited, were provisions made for the building of a section of the Alberni-Tofino Road?

2. If so, who will build the road?

3. When is this section due to be completed?

4. What will the road specifications call for as to width, grade, etc.?

5. What regulations will apply in respect to (a) load limits and (b) load widths?

6. If the company builds this section of the road, what allowance, if any, will be made on stumpage rates on adjacent Crown lands to offset road costs?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. MacMillan & Bloedel Limited.

“ 3. November 1st, 1956.

“ 4. Road to be standard main logging-road, with gravel running surface averaging 18 feet wide.

“ 5. Two alternatives have been presented to the company for consideration: (a) When the Crown takes over the company's road the company will be granted a permit by the Department of Public Works for the use of its overweight overwidth trucks for the remainder of a ten-year period dating from the date on which the management licence is finally approved and a reserve placed on the Crown lands, and (b) the company to construct the road and maintain it for the ten-year period, specified as a private road, but the company to agree to public access at all times.

“ 6. For a period of ten years following signing of the licence document, and in the case of the road being used to transport timber from Crown lands, the appraisals for such timber will make an allowance for construction of main logging-roads comparable to adjacent logging operations in the region; the policy on stumpage appraisals with respect to road-building costs has not been changed in the past twenty-five years and is exactly the same as that which applies to any timber sale in the Province.”

*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.

**Tuesday, February 15th, 1955.**

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HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Provincial Child Guidance Clinics," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 15th, 1955.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Provincial Child Guidance Clinics," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

C. WALLACE,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Provincial Mental Health Centres," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 15th, 1955.*

*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. 77) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Provincial Mental Health Centres," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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



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. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 65) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Families’ Compensation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 66) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Interpretation Act.’”

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. *Chant*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills and Orders.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to facilitate the Construction of Extensions of the Lines of Railway of Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.”

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—37.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Moore</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Winch</i>	<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>	<i>Newton</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Moxham</i>
<i>Calder</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Howard</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Harding</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Nimsick</i>			

NAYS—4.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Laing</i>
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PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Parker</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Wicks</i>	<i>Giovando</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Haggen</i>

The Bill was *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.51 p.m.

## Wednesday, February 16th, 1955.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. C. G. MacKenzie.

Upon a point of order, raised by the Hon. R. W. Bonner, that words alleged to have been uttered by Mr. Gibson in the House yesterday were unparliamentary in that they reflected on the integrity of certain members, Mr. Speaker requested Mr. Gibson deny or retract any such words.

Upon Mr. Gibson refusing to do so, Mr. Speaker named him and asked him to withdraw.

Mr. Gibson withdrew.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, seconded by Mr. Webster, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered*,—

That consideration of the refusal by Mr. Gibson to accept a ruling of Mr. Speaker be deferred until Mr. Gibson has had an opportunity of considering his position.

On the motion of the Hon. E. C. F. Martin, Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage 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. Corbett, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Gibbs, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

In the year ended March 31st, 1954, what total rentals were paid by the Government for office and building space (a) in the entire Province, (b) in the City of Vancouver, and (c) in the City of Victoria?

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

"(a) \$235,753.36, (b) \$77,658.41, and (c) \$58,645.83."

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

1. How many Provincial guaranteed school district bonds have been purchased by the Provincial Treasury to date for the account of (a) Sinking Fund Account, (b) Workmen's Compensation Trust Account, (c) Teachers' Superannuation Fund, (d) British Columbia Power Commission Trust Funds, and (e) Civil Service Superannuation Fund?

2. What price was paid for these bonds?

3. What value is placed on these bonds that are held to the credit of the sinking fund?

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

" 1. Except for the Civil Service Superannuation Fund, no guaranteed school district bonds were purchased by the Provincial Treasury. Subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance, purchases as detailed in the appended statements were made by the Workmen's Compensation Board, by the Superannuation Commissioner on behalf of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund, and by the trustees of the British Columbia Power Commission Trust Fund on behalf of that Fund.

" 2. Answered by No. 1 (*see* appended statement).

" 3. Answered by No. 1 (*see* appended statement 1 (a)).

" 1 (a) and 2. Provincial Government guaranteed school district debentures: Provincial Sinking Fund Account, price paid and par value of total holdings, *nil*.

" 1 (b) and 2. Provincial Government guaranteed school district debentures (upon the recommendation of the Workmen's Compensation Board, the purchase was approved with respect to the following):—

	Price Paid.	
4¼ % , 1959-73 .....	100.00	\$700,000
4¼ % , 1962-73 .....	101.098	188,000
4¼ % , 1962-72 .....	101.027	198,000
4¼ % , 1962-71 .....	100.996	120,000
4¼ % , 1959-73 .....	103.37	600,000
4¼ % , 1965-73 .....	108.754	306,000
3¼ % , 1960-74 .....	97.873	1,000,000
3¼ % , 1958-74 .....	98.63	1,588,000
3¼ % , 1960-74 .....	98.49	262,000

Par value of total holdings, \$4,962,000.

" 1 (c) and 2. Provincial Government guaranteed school district debentures—Teachers' Pension Fund:—

	Price Paid.	
4¼ % , 1959-72 .....	100.00	\$1,746,000
4¼ % , 1964-73 .....	100.77	582,000
4¼ % , 1960-73 .....	102.93	1,304,000
3¼ % , 1955-74 .....	98.633	750,000
3¼ % , 1960-74 .....	98.47	1,562,000

Par value of total holdings, \$5,944,000.

" 1 (d) and 2. Provincial Government guaranteed school district debentures—British Columbia Power Commission Superannuation Fund:—

	Price Paid.	
4¼ % , 1970-73 .....	100.00	\$100,000
4¼ % , 1967-73 .....	100.77	74,000
4¼ % , 1971-73 .....	102.93	62,000
3¼ % , 1960-74 .....	98.47	113,000
3¼ % , 1972-74 .....	98.633	80,000

Par value of total holdings, \$429,000.

“ 1 (e) and 2. Provincial Government guaranteed school district debentures—  
Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—

	Price Paid.	
4¼ % , 1955-73 .....	100.77	\$678,400
4¼ % , 1955-64 .....	102.93	979,000
4¼ % , 1961-67 .....	100.00	125,000
4¼ % , 1964 .....	100.83	25,000
4¼ % , 1956-74 .....	102.38	1,235,000
4¼ % , 1961 .....	103.75	1,000
4¼ % , 1961-63 .....	104.35	3,000
3¼ % , 1955-74 .....	98.633	2,594,000
3¼ % , 1960-74 .....	98.47	1,011,000

Par value of total holdings, \$6,651,400.”

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

1. How will the sum of \$13,115,000 be spent and to whom will it be paid, the said amount being the difference between the sum of \$34,400,000 in Vote 103 of the 1955-56 Estimates and the sum of \$21,285,000 set out on page 45 of the Budget Speech, 1955?

2. What portion of the sum of \$34,400,000 in Vote 103 of the Estimates, 1955-56, is for the payment of the Provincial Government's share of interest and sinking fund payments in connection with the bonds of the various school districts of this Province?

3. What part of the sum of \$21,285,000 listed as municipal aid for schools, on page 45 of the Budget Speech, 1955, is for the payment of the Provincial Government's share of interest and sinking fund payments in connection with the bonds of the various school districts of this Province?

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

“ 1. Of the \$34,400,000 in Vote 103 of the 1955-56 Estimates, \$21,285,000 are grants to School Boards on behalf of district and city municipalities and \$13,115,000 are grants to School Boards on behalf of rural areas (including villages); Provincial grants toward cost of education will increase from \$18,800,000 in 1954-55 to \$34,400,000 in 1955-56, or by \$15,600,000 in one year.

“ 2. Total grants by the Province to School Boards on behalf of municipalities and rural areas are \$18,800,000 in 1954-55; of this sum, \$1,553,456 is the Province's share of interest and principal repayment in connection with the guaranteed bonds of the various school districts; the debentures are on serial redemption rather than a sinking fund basis. Total grants by the Province to School Boards on behalf of municipalities and rural areas will be \$34,400,000 in 1955-56; of this sum, \$2,265,373 is the Province's share of interest and principal repayment in connection with the guaranteed bonds of the various school districts. Grants by the Province increase by \$15,600,000 in 1955-56; in this increase are \$711,917 to cover the Province's share of interest and sinking fund payments in connection with the guaranteed bonds sold since April 1st, 1954.

“ 3. Total grants by the Province to School Boards on behalf of district and city municipalities are \$8,380,000 in 1954-55; of this sum, \$1,090,246 is the Province's share of interest and principal repayment in connection with the guaranteed bonds of the various school districts. Total grants by the Province to School Boards on behalf of district and city municipalities will be \$21,285,000 in 1955-56; of this sum, \$1,464,260 is the Province's share of interest and principal repayment in connection with the guaranteed bonds of the various school districts. Grants by the Province on behalf of district and city municipalities increase by \$12,905,000 in 1955-56, of which increase \$374,014 represents the Province's share of interest and sinking fund payments in connection with the guaranteed bonds sold since April 1st, 1954, that were applicable to district and city municipalities.”

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

1. In the last fiscal year for which records are available, what percentage of gasoline tax collected in British Columbia was collected on Vancouver Island?
2. What percentage of sales tax collected in British Columbia was collected on Vancouver Island?

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

“ 1. Not known.

“ 2. 14.13 per cent of tax collected, but this does not mean that such tax was paid by Vancouver Island residents.”

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

1. When was the Court-house in Victoria built?
2. How many plans and sketches for a new Court-house have been prepared by or on instructions of the Department of Public Works in the last twenty-five years?
3. How many buildings are wholly or partly used to accommodate records and documents which would be stored in the Court-house if there was sufficient room for them there?

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

“ 1. Officially opened in February, 1889.

“ 2. Six sketches during the period between 1930 to 1936.

“ 3. (a) Part of Topaz Avenue vault (city owned) and (b) part of Heaney Building, Bastion Square.”

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

1. How many, if any, of the 4,925 hours of work already spent refitting the Department of Public Works' used Grumman-Widgeon were paid for by the \$39,635 already spent on the refit?
2. Did the Department of Public Works, before buying the used Grumman-Widgeon, ascertain the cost of a new Grumman-Widgeon?
3. If so, what would the cost have been?
4. If not, why not?

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

“ 1. 4,925 hours.

“ 2. Yes; inquiries made but Grumman-Widgeons were not manufactured subsequent to the year 1942; information available at time of inquiry was to the effect that in all probability these aeroplanes would again be manufactured at an estimated cost of \$125,000.

“ 3 and 4. Answered by No. 2.”

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

1. Has any agreement been reached between the Aluminum Company of Canada Limited and the Department of Public Works for the building of a road between Terrace and Kitimat?

2. If there is an agreement, what proportion of the cost is to be paid by each party?

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

“ 1. Agreement made with Aluminum Company of Canada to carry out survey of the road between Terrace and Kitimat.

“ 2. Fifty per cent of the survey.”

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

What is the present assessed value of land and improvements, including machinery and equipment, of Columbia Cellulose Company Limited situate within Prince Rupert School District No. 52?

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

“Land, \$228,060, and improvements, \$25,493,770, in unorganized areas; no information as to values within municipal territory.”

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

1. As at March 31st, 1952, what was the amount of funds invested under section 9 of the “Revenue Act,” R.S.B.C. 1948, chapter 291, and amending Acts?

2. For what purposes were such funds invested?

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

“1. See page EE vi of the Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1952.

“2. For the purposes outlined in section 9 of the ‘Revenue Act.’”

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

1. Does the Government use the Canadian Pacific Railway bridge over the Kootenay River at Wasa Lake?

2. If so, at what date did it commence?

3. What is the total cost to date for use of this bridge?

4. How much of this went to the Canadian Pacific Railway?

5. How much for watchmen?

6. Have any plans been made to build a bridge to replace the foregoing arrangement?

7. If so, what plans have been made?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. October 15th, 1947.

“3. To December 31st, 1954, \$113,829.11.

“4. \$37,098.99.

“5. \$55,435.73.

“6. Yes.

“7. Construction of a bridge.”

*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, February 17th, 1955.**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *F. E. H. James.*

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* made the following statement:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I wish to announce as a matter of interest to this House the text of an Order in Council, dated February 17th, 1955:—

That section 3 of the "Public Inquiries Act" provides that whenever the Lieutenant-Governor in Council deems it expedient to cause inquiry to be made into and concerning any matter connected with the good government of the Province or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by Commission intituled in the matter of that Act and issued under the Great Seal appoint Commissioners or a sole Commissioner to inquire into such matters:

And that section 33 of the "Forest Act," being chapter 128 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," authorizes the making of agreements known as forest management licences for the management of Crown lands specified in the agreement upon the terms and subject to the conditions contained in section 33:

And that section 33 of the "Forest Act" was first enacted by chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1947 as section 32A:

And that forest management licence agreements have been made with various persons under the provisions of said section 33 and said section 32A:

And that allegations have been made in the Legislative Assembly that there has been impropriety in connection with the issuance of forest management licences:

And that it is deemed advisable in the public interest to appoint a sole Commissioner to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the issuance of forest management licences since the enactment of section 32A by chapter 38 of the Statutes of 1947 for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there is any truth in such allegations and whether or not there was impropriety on the part of any person in connection with the issuance of any forest management licence:

And to recommend that, pursuant to the authority aforesaid, His Honour Judge Arthur E. Lord, a Judge of the County Court in Vancouver, be appointed a sole Commissioner to inquire into the matters aforesaid and to report thereon in due course to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

And that Mr. Alfred Bull, Q.C., be appointed counsel to assist the Commissioner in his inquiry:

And that the Commissioner be authorized to employ such clerks and stenographers as are considered necessary for the purpose of conducting the inquiry at the usual rates for such service:

And that the remuneration for witness fees and allowances to witnesses in respect of mileage and maintenance be on the same scale as provided in the Supreme Court of British Columbia:

And that the Commissioner be requested to report his findings to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council with the utmost dispatch consistent with the holding of a thorough inquiry into the matters aforesaid.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1955.

Approved this 17th day of February, 1955.

R. W. BONNER,

*Attorney-General.*

W. A. C. BENNETT,

*Presiding Member of the Executive Council.*

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was discharged and the Bill *Ordered* to be dropped from the Order Paper.

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. *E. C. F. Martin*—Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

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. *P. A. Gaglardi*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1954.'"

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Electric Power Act.'"

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the following papers:—

The Ninth Annual Report of the Milk Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1954.

The Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company Condensed Statement of Accounts as at December 31st, 1954.

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

1. Has the Provincial Government any agreement with (a) a non-resident doctor, (b) a non-resident dentist, (c) a public health nurse, and (d) mobile tuberculosis clinic to visit Atlin, Tulsequah, Lower Post, Cassiar (McDames Creek), Porter Landing, Dease Lake, Telegraph Creek, Glenora, Lake Bennett, and Alaska Highway (British Columbia sections) periodically?

2. If not, is one contemplated?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

"1. (a) Doctors from Whitehorse to Atlin every two weeks, doctor resident at Cassiar, and public health doctor from Dawson Creek up Alaska Highway periodically; (b) no; (c) public health nurse resident at Telegraph Creek and public health nurse from Dawson Creek visits up Alaska Highway periodically; and (d) no.

"2. No."



Mr. *Calder* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What arrangements, if any, have been made with the Indian Department relative to a contribution to the salary of (a) a health nurse and (b) a doctor for services rendered and the cost of drugs to the Indians at Atlin, Lower Post, Telegraph Creek, and Nass River Indian villages of Kincolith, Greenville, Canyon City, and Aiyansh?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“Agreement for sharing of costs involved in maintaining a nurse at Telegraph Creek and Indian Department supplies all drugs required for Indians.”

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

1. How much money, if any, was spent by (a) this Government and (b) the Canadian Red Cross Society in the construction of the Red Cross Clinic at Atlin?
2. When was this clinic opened?
3. Has the Provincial Government any agreement with the Red Cross Society to establish a medical clinic in (a) Lower Post and (b) Telegraph Creek?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) \$13,876.85 and (b) *nil*.
- “ 2. October, 1954.
- “ 3. (a) and (b) No.”

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

1. Is one R. A. Pelletier employed by the Government in any position?
2. If not, is he lessee under agreement of the lodge in Manning Park?
3. If so connected, how long has he been in charge, what is the substance of the existing arrangement, and what are his qualifications?
4. Is this the same R. A. Pelletier who was Social Credit member of the House of Commons for Peace River, Alta., in the years 1935 to 1940?

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

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2, 3, and 4. Manning Park is not within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Provincial Secretary.”

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

1. Are there any resident health nurses at (a) Atlin, (b) Tulsequah, (c) Lower Post, (d) Cassiar (McDames Creek), (e) Telegraph Creek, (f) Stewart, (g) Alice Arm, (h) Torbrit Silver Mines, (i) Kincolith, (j) Greenville, (k) Canyon City, and (l) Aiyansh?
2. If not, are any contemplated and at which places?
3. Are there doctors in the places mentioned above and, if so, what, if any, are the retaining fees of each?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. (a) No, (b) no, (c) no, (d) no, (e) yes, (f) no, (g) no, (h) no, (i) no, (j) no, (k) no, and (l) no.
- “ 2. No.
- “ 3. Yes at (d), paid for services rendered as Medical Health Officer and School Medical Inspector, and at (f) paid \$900 per annum.”

*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.

## Thursday, February 17th, 1955.

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. *Bruch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees."

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

### REPORT NO. 9.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 17th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Automobile and Fire Insurance Company" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

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

### REPORT NO. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 17th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Canadian Western Insurance Company" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

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

REPORT NO. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 17th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'North-west Telephone Company's Act, 1929,'" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

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

REPORT NO. 12.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 17th, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas under Order 97 of the Standing Orders, your Committee is required to report to the House on or before the 21st instant on the Private Bills referred to it:

And whereas your Committee finds that it will be impossible to report within the time limited as aforesaid as to all Private Bills so referred to it:

Your Committee recommends that Order 97 of the Standing Orders be modified and that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be extended to March 2nd, 1955.

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.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

*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 p.m.

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### Friday, February 18th, 1955.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *Robert Willis*.

Mr. *Gibson* arose on a claim of privilege, stating as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I rise on a point of privilege.

On Wednesday the Attorney-General read from a newspaper an account of remarks I had made in the House the previous day and demanded that I make an unqualified retraction. You required me either to withdraw or to deny having made the statements attributed to me. I refused and, as a result, you named me and ordered me to withdraw from the Legislative chamber.

Shortly thereafter you were good enough to instruct the Clerk of the House to write to me and inform me that a motion had been passed suspending Standing Order 19 in order to give me time to reconsider and that I was free to return to the House. I returned yesterday and took my seat and, as you can see, am here again to-day. I would like to assure you, sir, that I intended no discourtesy to you or to your office when I refused to obey you. I felt that I could neither deny the truth of a newspaper account, which was substantially correct, nor retract any statement I had made in this House, and it was for that reason that I declined to obey your instructions.

I am grateful to the House for affording me an opportunity to reconsider and I now have to advise you that I have reconsidered.

I am not prepared to retract anything I said on the occasion in question and I now leave the chamber while the House makes its decision.

J. GORDON GIBSON.

Mr. *Gibson* then retired from the chamber.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* stated,—

MR. SPEAKER:

It is of paramount importance that the privileges and customs of the Legislative Assembly be preserved and observed by all who sit in this chamber.

No man may with impunity flout the authority of this House by refusing to abide by a ruling of Mr. Speaker.

R. W. BONNER.

And asked that this statement be recorded in the Journals.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* moved, seconded by Mr. *Matthew*,—

That the member from Lillooet be suspended from the service of the House and that the duration of such suspension be deemed to be the period of time for which the

member was withdrawn from the chamber on February 16th, 1955, at the direction of Mr. Speaker.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Chant</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Tomlinson</i>	<i>Bruch</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Chetwynd</i>
<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>
<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Moxham</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Arsens, Mrs.</i>			

NAYS—17.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Moore</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Winch</i>
<i>Haggen</i>	<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Webster</i>
<i>Segur</i>	<i>Laing</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Calder</i>			

PAIR:

Messieurs

*Parker* • *Giovando*

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. E. Sommers*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

How many trap-lines, if any, are held by native Indians in the Province of British Columbia?

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

"Three thousand and forty-five Indian registrants hold 1,680 registered trap-lines; data not completely reliable."

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

1. How many motor-vehicles were, on any day in 1954 for which records are conveniently available, registered on Vancouver Island?
2. How many motor-vehicles were, on the same day, registered in British Columbia, exclusive of Vancouver Island?

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

"1. On December 31st, 1954, total licence issuance for 1954 licence-year, for motor-vehicles on Vancouver Island, was 71,171. (NOTE.—This total includes 4,815 licences issued for Federal Government and Provincial Government vehicles, giving registered address on Vancouver Island, but which may be located throughout the Province.)

"2. On December 31st, 1954, total of 290,327 motor-vehicles were licensed in British Columbia, exclusive of Vancouver Island."

*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.