

Monday, March 13th, 1944.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$336,213 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1945.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$171,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1945.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1945.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,342,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1945.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$397,224 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1945.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs, to 31st March, 1945.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1945.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,672 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1945.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission, to 31st March, 1945.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,730 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1945.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,732 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1945.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,705 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1945.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,240 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1945.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1945.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1945.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1945.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1945.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to Canteen Fund Trustees, to 31st March, 1945.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$460,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act"—Government contributions to Superannuation Fund, to 31st March, 1945.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant from the Crown in Aid of Organization under the "Health Insurance Act," to 31st March, 1945.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Reorganization and Salary Adjustments, to 31st March, 1945.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$302,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Administration, to 31st March, 1945.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$197,880 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Child Welfare Division, to 31st March, 1945.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1945.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Burial of Indigents, to 31st March, 1945.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, "Residence and Responsibility Act"—Administration, to 31st March, 1945.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Welfare Visitor for the Deaf—Salary and expenses, to 31st March, 1945.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Grants to Charitable Associations, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,650,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Social Allowances, Medical Services, etc. (including Grants), to 31st March, 1945.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$825,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Social Assistance Branch, Old-age Pensioners' War Cost-of-living Bonus, to 31st March, 1945.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$258,490 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Office of the Secretary, to 31st March, 1945.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,035 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Laboratories, to 31st March, 1945.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$58,860 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, to 31st March, 1945.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,256 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, Division of Venereal Disease Control, to 31st March, 1945.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, In Aid of Resident Physicians, Medical Aid, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,295,340 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Hospitals—Administration and Grants, to 31st March, 1945.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$729,373 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Division of Tuberculosis Control, to 31st March, 1945.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,459,276 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1945.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,857 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1945.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$94,399 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Industrial Schools, to 31st March, 1945.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$205,655 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Provincial Infirmaries, to 31st March, 1945.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 14th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon *A. de L. Nunn*s.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed, reported complete as amended, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to authorize an Agreement between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the Province respecting the Liquor Revenues of the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting the Glen Valley Dyking District" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to authorize the Village of Dawson Creek to borrow certain Moneys from the Dominion and to authorize the Province to guarantee the Loan" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Free Miners' Exemption Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to make the Wartime Labour Relations Regulations of the Dominion Applicable to Industries in respect of which the Employer-Employee Relations are within the Exclusive Legislative Jurisdiction of the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fraser Valley Fibre Flax Loan Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'War-time Prospectors' Grub-stake Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Victoria" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion that Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Love</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>

NAYS—18.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Webber</i>		

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

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemetery Companies Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to extend certain Benefits, Rights, and Privileges to certain Mariners who have served in a War Zone."

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor Carrier Act.'"

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act.'"

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1945.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1945.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,335 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Probate and Succession Duties Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$74,030 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1945.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$63,230 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1945.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$557,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1945.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Suitors' Funds Deposits, to 31st March, 1945.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent Extra-Municipal School Taxes, to 31st March, 1945.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1945.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,013 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Institutions, Hospitals, etc., Home for the Aged, to 31st March, 1945.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *Kenney* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 13th, 1944.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing begs leave to report as follows:—

Applications were received from several Departments for permission to destroy accumulated correspondence, etc., as authorized under "Public Documents Disposal Act," chapter 233, R.S.B.C. 1936, and such requests were granted.

We have gone into the matter of printing at some considerable length with the King's Printer and recommend:—

(1.) That there be established a Custodian of Publications.

(2.) That in the printing of Bills and changes thereon, for the convenience of members in dealing with such Bills, that the printed change be made in italics and the portion to be deleted lined through, thus showing at a glance the intended changes.

(3.) That, as conditions warrant, consideration be given to the publication, with periodic revision, of a manual containing essential data relating to industrial and agricultural activity and opportunities for development and investment in the Province.

We would further recommend that in the interests of economy and shortage of supplies that serious consideration be given to the condensation of departmental reports under the supervision of an inter-departmental committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Mr. *R. H. Carson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was a contract let to J. C. Dill Construction Co., Ltd., for the construction of a fire-hall at Tranquille in accordance with their tender of \$27,724, as per answer to Question No. 81?

2. If not, please give explanation as to the reason this tender was not accepted and a full explanation as to what was done?

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

"1. No.

"2. J. C. Dill Construction Company, Limited, asked the Department to release them from their tender as they had made a serious omission. Hence the contract was awarded to the next firm in order—A. Sullivan."

Mr. *Kenney* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

Have any deposits in commercial quantities of the following been located in the Skeena Riding, and at what points: (a) Diatomaceous earth, (b) china clay, (c) pottery clay, (d) agricultural lime (marl), and (e) deposits suitable for the manufacture of cement?

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

"(a.) No. (b.) No. (c.) No. (d.) Yes; small deposits 1 mile west of Ritchie and 4 miles north of Cedarvale. (e.) Yes; limestone at Amsbury; limestone occurs at other places but not close to transportation."

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

1. Has the abandoned C.P.R. right-of-way between Lardeau and Gerrard been converted to a public highway?
2. If yes, when was this work undertaken?
3. What is the distance between Lardeau and Gerrard by this route?
4. What was the cost of the work undertaken?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. 1942.
- “3. 33 miles.
- “4. \$8,550.36.”

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

1. Was there a survey of the Province in the year 1943 conducted by the Provincial School for the Deaf and the Blind with the help of teachers in various districts to ascertain how many (a) deaf, (b) hard of hearing, (c) blind, and (d) defective vision children of (i.) school age and (ii.) pre-school age there are in the Province?
2. If yes, how many children of each category were found?
3. Have any further educational facilities been provided for atypical children in the year 1943 over those previously in existence?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. The Principal of the School for the Deaf and the Blind has submitted the following information: 1943 Survey—Children in public schools with serious visual impairments, 51; children in public schools with serious aural impairments, 23; children not in school with serious visual impairments, 11; children not in school with serious aural impairments, 9; total, 94. Previously investigated: Aural, 9; visual, 16; total, 25. Now being investigated: Aural, 11; visual, 9; total, 20. On waiting list of school: Aural, 4; visual, 3; total, 7. Grand total, 146.
- “3. Not by this Department.”

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 6.05 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14th, 1944.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1945.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,805 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Office, to 31st March, 1945.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,270 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, British Columbia Government Travel Bureau, to 31st March, 1945.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,505 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1945.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,885 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Trade Extension, to 31st March, 1945.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Co-ordination, to 31st March, 1945.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Grants *re* British Columbia Industrial and Scientific Research Council, to 31st March, 1945.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,215 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1945.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,850 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1945.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,130 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1945.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,980 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,025 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,895 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Safety Branch, Lumber Industry, to 31st March, 1945.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Branch, to 31st March, 1945.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$131,810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1945.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1945.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,645 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1945.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$482,071 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Salaries, to 31st March, 1945.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1945.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Utilization Research and Survey, to 31st March, 1945.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1945.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, War Service, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1945.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$208,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including Administration, Maintenance of Buildings, Launches, Autos, and other Equipment, etc.), to 31st March, 1945.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1945.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March, 1945.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance and Cruising, to 31st March, 1945.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1945.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$156,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1945.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1945.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grant *re* British Columbia Forest Research Institute, to 31st March, 1945.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Rebate to the Government of the United States of America, to 31st March, 1945.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1945.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Hydro-electric and Rural Electrification Surveys, to 31st March, 1945.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, B.C. Hydrometric Service, to 31st March, 1945.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconstruction of Flume at Invermere, to 31st March, 1945.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act" (Chap. 80, 1918), to 31st March, 1945.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1945.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refund of Stumpage deposited with Dominion Government by Homesteaders in Former Railway Belt and Peace River Block prior to Transfer, to 31st March, 1945.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Land Act" and "Revenue Act," to 31st March, 1945.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Publicity, to 31st March, 1945.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1945.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,490 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs to 31st March, 1945.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,610 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries to 31st March, 1945.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Recoverable Expenditure, "Soldiers' Land Act, 1918"—Houses, South Vancouver, to 31st March, 1945.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,440 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department to 31st March, 1945.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes—Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

24A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Special Grants in Aid of Exhibitions, to 31st March, 1944.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act"—Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,730 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1944.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1944.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1944.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,525 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia—Cost-of-living Bonus, to 31st March, 1944.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1944.

88A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,621.31 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905"—Arrears of dyking assessments on lands reverted to the Crown, to 31st March, 1944.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1944.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission—War Service Superannuation Contributions, to 31st March, 1944.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1944.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act," to 31st March, 1944.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Division of Laboratories—Expenses—Biological Products, to 31st March, 1944.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,081.34 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Child Welfare Division—(a.) Administration—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, War Service, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1944.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection—Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land Settlement Board—Salaries, to 31st March, 1944.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Safety Branch, Lumber Industry—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health—Office of the Secretary—Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$825 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Division of Vital Statistics—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Division of Venereal Disease Control—Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Hospitals—Administration and Grants, to 31st March, 1944.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,425 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Division of Tuberculosis Control—In-patient Care and Stationary Clinics, to 31st March, 1944.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,050 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial Schools, to 31st March, 1944.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Infirmaries—Salaries and Expenses, to 31st March, 1944.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$195,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1944.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$164,975.28 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1943, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on Wednesday next, the 15th instant, and all following days of this Session, there shall be three distinct sittings in each day, as follows: From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 12.20 a.m.

Wednesday, March 15th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Vote No. 94 was reopened and again passed.

The Committee reported the Resolution.
 Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply reported on the 3rd, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, and 15th days of March be received and read a first time.

That the Resolutions be now read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolutions be now read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$164,975.28 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1943.

536,498.65 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1944.

34,505,224.92 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1945.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.
 Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

Ordered, That the said Bill 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 for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1939'" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas" was committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Cemetery Companies Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to extend certain Benefits, Rights, and Privileges to certain Mariners who have served in a War Zone" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor Carrier Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion that Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting Coal" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>

NAYS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Cameron</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gillis</i>
<i>Turner</i>	<i>Webber</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>	

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

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to reserve Lands for the Purposes of 'The Veterans' Land Act, 1942,' of the Dominion" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Lefeaux*—Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15th, 1944.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act respecting Coal" was committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

Mr. *MacNeil* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

Whereas the progress report of the Rural Electrification Committee, tabled this Session, states, "The use of electricity has nowhere reached saturation and in B.C. it has a long way to go. Wider uses depend largely upon the unit cost of service and the unit cost depends upon wider uses":

And whereas the rates for electricity are shown to be relatively high and the average use relatively low:

And whereas the water-power resources of British Columbia are estimated at 7,023,000 horse-power, ordinary minimum flow, of which only 792,363 horse-power is developed:

And whereas further development enabling reduced rates and expanded use for domestic and farm use is closely related to the provision of hydro-electric energy for industrial purposes at a low mass consumption rate:

And whereas no steps have been taken to secure engineering data necessary to determine the cost of water storage and hydro-electric installation on undeveloped water-power sites within transmission distance of potential new industries:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the advisability of directing the attention of the Government to the need of instructing the Rural Electrification Committee to proceed with an inquiry to secure data necessary to determine the cost of producing hydro-electric energy under public auspices for industrial purposes from accessible water-power sites and an estimate of rates made possible by such installation with an interconnecting system for farm and domestic use.

A debate arose.

Mr. Asselstine moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Bennett,—

To strike out all that follows after the word "Whereas" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the following: "in the Speech from the Throne on February 2nd, 1943, it was stated that 'action will be taken to establish a committee to survey and investigate the feasibility of developing hydro-electric power for the electrification of rural areas':

"And whereas on April 19th, 1943, an Order in Council was approved appointing a committee to undertake the aforesaid survey and report on the same:

"And whereas the said Order in Council further expands the subjects of reference to include not only rural electrification but preliminary estimates of the capital costs of works proposed for increasing the supply and availability of electrical service, and the order of reference reads as follows:—

"That, in order to secure reliable information in connection with the electrification of rural areas, it is deemed necessary and expedient to appoint a committee with powers to survey and report upon the extent and condition of electrical services in the Province, with particular reference to the servicing of rural areas.

"That the said committee be instructed to survey and report upon the following subjects:—

"1. Rural areas in which electrical service is now available:—

"(a.) The source of electrical energy and the terms and conditions under which the service is furnished:

"(b.) Numbers of consumers presently served:

"(c.) Numbers of potential consumers not presently served and the reason therefor:

"(d.) Methods of improving the supply and availability of electrical service.

"2. Rural areas in which electrical service is not now available:—

"(a.) Number of potential consumers:

"(b.) Potential sources of electrical energy for such rural areas:

"(c.) Proposed methods of furnishing service.

"3. The feasibility of supplying numbers of presently isolated communities from "grid" transmission systems and central production plants.

"4. Preliminary estimates of the capital cost of works proposed for increasing the supply and availability of electrical service.

“ 5. Estimated rates under which electrical service may be furnished under proposed plan.

“ 6. The financial problems involved in furnishing electrical service, including:—

“(a.) Whether financing of extension projects can be handled by existing utilities:

“(b.) Whether rates pursuant to extensions could be carried by new consumers without concurrently increasing unduly costs to existing consumers:

“(c.) If projects cannot be on a self-sustaining basis, how could they be financed?

“ 7. Any other technical and economic information in respect to rural electrification within the Province.’

“ And whereas a Progress Report of the Committee dated January 24th, 1944, has been received which sets out therein the results of their studies to date and the necessity of further investigations:

“ Therefore be it Resolved, That this House expresses its approval of the prompt action taken by the Government in regard to the aforesaid survey, and urges the Committee to expedite the completion of the same in order to facilitate the co-ordination and consummation of policies indicated by the Government as desirable for post-war reconstruction.”

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Bill (No. 72) intituled “ An Act authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to reserve Lands for the Purposes of ‘The Veterans’ Land Act, 1942,’ of the Dominion” was committed, reported complete with amendment, and, by leave of the House, read a third time and passed.

On the motion that Bill (No. 43) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘Female Minimum Wage Act’ ” be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Segur</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Stirling</i>	<i>MacInnis, Mrs.</i>	<i>Herridge</i>	<i>Lefeaux</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Jamieson, Mrs.</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>MacNeil</i>	<i>Cameron</i>

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Green</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Love</i>	<i>Hodges, Mrs.</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Carson, R. H.</i>
<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Rolston, Mrs.</i>
<i>MacDonald, R. C.</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Perry</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Carson, E. C.</i>
<i>Braden</i>			

Mrs. Rolston moved, seconded by Mrs. Hodges,—

Whereas it is desirable that improvement be made in the conditions of employment in the domestic service occupation:

And whereas at the present time there are no standards for this occupation upon which regulations can be based:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Honourable the Minister of Labour be asked to institute an inquiry into the conditions of employment in the domestic service occupation, taking into consideration living conditions, hours of work, wages, training, part-time and daily employment, in an effort to establish a schedule of standards which will make it possible to enact legislation, practical of application, through regulations for the governing of this occupation.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion that Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a letter from *William Henry Langley*, K.C., the Clerk of the House, which Mr. Speaker read, as follows:—

VICTORIA, March 13th, 1944.

The Honourable the Speaker:

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that I desire to resign as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, a position which I have had the honour to hold for over twenty-one years, such resignation to take effect on the 31st instant.

It is with regret that I leave the service of the House, and I should like to express to you, Sir, and to all members of the House in this and previous Parliaments, my sincere gratitude for the unfailing kindness and courtesy shown to me, and also to express a hope that the performance of my duties in this honourable office has met with the approval of those whom it has been my privilege to serve.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. LANGLEY.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was Resolved,—

That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey to Major *William Henry Langley*, K.C., on his retirement from the office of Clerk of this House the assurance of its sincere appreciation of his devoted service for many years in the office of Clerk of the House at the table, where his experience and advice have rendered constant assistance to the House and its members in the conduct of its business.

The Hon. Mr. *Maitland* presented a Return in answer to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Gargrave*:—

How many doctors' prescriptions for the sale of liquor were received by the Liquor Control Board between April 1st, 1943, and December 31st, 1943?

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

How many Japanese were issued drivers' licences in 1943—males and females—and what are their names and addresses?

1. How many Japanese, other than those under the British Columbia Security Commission, were granted automobile licences during 1943?

2. What are their names?

3. By districts, what are their occupations?

4. Give type of licence—passenger, freight, or both?

1. How many camps have been set up in this Province under the British Columbia Security Commission to house Japanese?
2. Where are they?
3. How many Japanese were granted automobile licences in each camp area for 1943?
4. What are the names of the licensees, their occupations, and type of vehicle (passenger or freight) for which licence was granted?

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

1. How many bridges are required to be built on the Peace River—Finlay Forks route?
2. How many miles of actual construction from end of present highway to connect with Finlay Forks?
3. What would be the estimated cost?

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

“1. Bridges from Gaffney Creek to Fort St. John: One major structure over Finlay River, four structures comprising spans of 100 feet or over, and also a number of small structures under 100 feet. This is exclusive of bridges already built.

“2. Mileage: Prince George to Manson River (reconstruction), 215 miles; Manson Crossing to Finlay Forks (new construction), 40 miles; Finlay Forks to Gold Bar (new construction), 70 miles; Gold Bar to Fort St. John (reconstruction), 99 miles; total, 424 miles.

“3. Costs: Prince George to Manson Creek (reconstruction), \$1,427,000; Manson Creek to Finlay Forks (new construction), \$934,000; Finlay Forks to Gold Bar (new construction), \$2,415,000; Gold Bar to Fort St. John (reconstruction), \$1,132,000; total, \$5,908,000.”

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

1. What sum has been expended as provided for by section 11 (15B), chapter 72, Statutes of 1943, from date of operation until December 31st, 1943?
2. How many workmen (a) have been and (b) are now being assisted under the above provisions?

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

“1. \$11,277.69.

“2. (a) 301 at December 31st, 1943; (b) 110 at December 31st, 1943.”

FOUR MINUTES TO SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

William H. Langley, K.C., the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the “Companies Clauses Act.”
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the “Public Libraries Act.”
- (No. 3) An Act to ratify an Agreement relating to Old-age Pensions, dated the First Day of September, 1943, between the Governor-General of the Dominion of the First Part and the Administrator of the Government of the Province of British Columbia of the Second Part.
- (No. 5) An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to “The National Physical Fitness Act,” being Chapter Twenty-nine of the Statutes of Canada, 1943.

- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to enable the Government to enter into Agreements with the Dominion pursuant to "The Vocational Training Co-ordination Act, 1942," of the Dominion.
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Credit Unions Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Trustee Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Court of Appeal Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 14) An Act to appropriate a Part of Revenue Surpluses for certain Expenditures.
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to incorporate the City of Kimberley.
- (No. 22) An Act respecting the Glen Valley Dyking District.
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Milk Act."
- (No. 24) An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing.
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Civil Service Superannuation Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Greater Vancouver Water District Act."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Water Act, 1939."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Small Debts Courts Act."
- (No. 32) An Act to authorize an Agreement between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the Province respecting the Liquor Revenues of the Province.
- (No. 33) An Act to authorize the Village of Dawson Creek to borrow certain Moneys from the Dominion and to authorize the Province to guarantee the Loan.
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Free Miners' Exemption Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Police and Prisons Regulation Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Attachment of Debts Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 44) An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- (No. 45) An Act respecting Coal.
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Municipal Superannuation Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to control the Employment of Children.
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to make the Wartime Labour Relations Regulations of the Dominion Applicable to Industries in respect of which the Employer-Employee Relations are within the Exclusive Legislative Jurisdiction of the Province.
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Health Act."
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Fraser Valley Fibre Flax Loan Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Male Minimum Wage Act."
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Cemetery Companies Act."

- (No. 71) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 72) An Act authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to reserve Lands for the Purposes of "The Veterans' Land Act, 1942," of the Dominion.
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "War-time Prospectors' Grub-stake Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Motor Carrier Act."
- (No. 75) An Act to extend certain Benefits, Rights, and Privileges to certain Mariners who have served in a War Zone.
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Female Minimum Wage Act."
- (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Public Utilities Act."

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did thereupon say:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing the Third Session of the Twentieth Parliament of British Columbia, I desire to express my appreciation for the care and sincerity that has characterized your deliberations.

The introduction of progressive measures for the further improvement of conditions of those in receipt of social assistance has given me great satisfaction.

I am pleased to observe that grants to cities, district municipalities, and rural areas have been increased with respect to the cost of education; that an exhaustive inquiry will be conducted into the whole field of Provincial-Municipal relations, particularly with respect to education; that provisions have been made for the lightening of the burden of taxation; remission of a percentage of automobile licence fees, and the extension of the distribution of free text-books.

It is with gratification that I note the ready acceptance of my Government to attend a Dominion-Provincial conference at Ottawa to discuss post-war plans. Your action in establishing a bureau of post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction; the creation of research departments; land grants to veterans; assistance to prospectors; provision for vocational training in conjunction with the Dominion Government; and a large programme of public works also affords me great satisfaction.

The additional privileges extended to those in the services by way of tax rebates and exemptions, thus safeguarding the interest of our men and women in the armed forces, are indeed commendable.

The construction of an outlet from the Peace River District to the Pacific Coast should inure to the economic well-being of our people.

I am pleased to note that provision has been made for an extraordinary programme of road maintenance amounting to \$1,500,000, and this sum, added to the regular vote, should assist very substantially in placing our highway system in an excellent state of repair.

The setting aside of funds amounting to \$2,000,000 for institutional buildings is a very wise measure and should materially assist in creating more adequate accommodation for those who have need of the treatment and care that these facilities will provide.

I am likewise gratified to note that regulations have been provided to promote the development of our potential oil and coal resources. Study by a Royal Commission of our forests and the industries dependent thereon will, I feel sure, be most beneficial to the people of this Province.

The decision to review further the operations of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, and to continue to study the feasibility of rural electrification should be most valuable.

Continued improvements in British Columbia's financial position by further debt refunding and debt retirement and the resultant rise in the credit rating of the Province, together with the substantial savings effected, I am sure will commend itself to all.

I thank you for the adequate provision you have made for the public services and believe that your efforts will redound to the benefit of the people of this Province.

In relieving you of your labours, I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your homes and that when this House again convenes we shall find a world at peace.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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