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OF THE PROVINCE OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
SESSION 1924

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Monday, November 3rd, 1924.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Sixteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WALTER CAMERON NICHOL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 4th day of October, 1924, the Members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour WALTER CAMERON NICHOL, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Honourable Mr. *Sloan*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

*Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. the Premier, Member for Nelson Electoral District, moved, seconded by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, Member for Revelstoke Electoral District, That *John Andrew Buckham*, Esquire, Member for Columbia Electoral District, do take the Speaker's Chair, and preside over the meeting of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

*William H. Langley*, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared *John Andrew Buckham*, Esquire, duly elected, he was taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and the Mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Honourable Mr. Sloan then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all reasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature:*

I welcome you to the First Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

During the present year the Province has again been honoured by a visit from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Whilst this visit was entirely unofficial, it evoked demonstrations which evidenced the continued affection of the people for the person of His Royal Highness, and gave renewed assurance of their loyalty to the Throne and Empire.

The reduction in railway transportation rates, resultant upon the efforts of my Government, has had the effect of immensely increasing the amount of grain for export shipped through British Columbia ports. It is the intention of the Government to continue its efforts to obtain a greater measure of justice in respect to railway rates.

Some uncertainty has existed in the lumber industry during the year, but overseas lumber shipments have been well maintained, particularly to the Atlantic seaboard, and the outlook for the future is encouraging.

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

Construction of the University Buildings at Point Grey is well advanced, and a subdivision of Crown lands, set apart for aiding this work, has been made and provided with the necessary utilities. A unit of this subdivision will be placed on sale at an early date.

A Bill to regulate horse-racing within the Province will be submitted for your consideration.

A survey of the educational system of the Province is now being made.

There has been a large increase in the number of industrial establishments within the Province, with a corresponding advance in the number of employees and amount of payroll. The percentage of Orientals engaged in industries has materially decreased.

The value of agricultural products within the Province continues to increase.

Financial assistance has been extended to the Berry-growers' Co-operative Association with satisfactory results.

The products of the metalliferous mines show a steady increase in value.

The value of British Columbia fishery products has increased during the past year.

British Columbia exhibits at the British Empire Exhibition attracted a great deal of attention, and much publicity has been gained. This has been reflected in increased orders for lumber and fruit, and also in more numerous inquiries as to opportunities for mining investments.

Departmental reorganization is proceeding, wherever practical, with a view to securing greater efficiency and lessening cost.

The Statutes enacted at the last Session of the Legislature have been incorporated with the draft Revision previously prepared, and a Proclamation has been issued bringing into force, as on and from this day, the Statutes so revised and consolidated.

The Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1923-24 will be presented at an early date.

The Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board will be placed before you.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, prepared with due regard to economy and the necessities of the Public Service, will be submitted for your consideration and approval.

Gentlemen, I now leave you in full confidence that the work entrusted to you will be faithfully performed, and I pray that the blessing of God shall attend your labours.

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

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Wilson*.

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

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of Members to represent the respective Electoral Districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election and subsequent by-elections was read and *Ordered* to be placed on the Journals of the House, as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
“VICTORIA, October 27th, 1924.

“Whereas the Honourable the Administrator of the Government of the Province of British Columbia, by Proclamation dated the 10th day of May, 1924, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province:

“And whereas it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution:

“I have now to report that under the provisions of the ‘Provincial Elections Act,’ being chapter 27, Statutes of British Columbia, 1920, and amending Acts, elections were held in all the several Electoral Districts of the Province:

“And I hereby certify that from the returns received, it appears that Members were elected to represent the Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective Electoral Districts as is hereinafter set forth, namely, for—

ALBERNI.....	Richard John Burde.
ATLIN.....	Herbert Frederick Kergin.
BURNABY.....	Francis Aubrey Browne.
CARIBOO.....	David Alexander Stoddart.
CHILLIWACK.....	The Hon. Edward Dodsley Barrow.
COLUMBIA.....	John Andrew Buckham.
COMOX.....	Paul Phillips Harrison.
COWICHAN-NEWCASTLE.....	Cyril Francis Davie.
CRANBROOK.....	Noel Stirling Austin Arnold Wallinger.
CRESTON.....	Fred Lister.
DELTA.....	Alexander McDonald Paterson.
DEWDNEY.....	John Alexander Catherwood.
ESQUIMALT.....	Robert Henry Pooley.
FERNIE.....	Thomas Uphill.
FORT GEORGE.....	Harry George Perry.
GRAND FORKS-GREENWOOD.....	John McKie.
THE ISLANDS.....	Cyrus Wesley Peck.
KAMLOOPS.....	James Reginald Colley.
KASLO-SLOCAN.....	Charles Sidney Leary.
LILLOOET.....	Albert Edward Munn.
MACKENZIE.....	Michael Manson.
NANAIMO.....	The Hon. William Sloan.

NELSON.....	Kenneth Campbell.
NEW WESTMINSTER.....	Edwin James Rothwell.
NORTH OKANAGAN.....	Kenneth Cattanach MacDonald.
NORTH VANCOUVER.....	John Melvin Bryan.
OMINECA.....	The Hon. Alexander Malcolm Manson.
PRINCE RUPERT.....	The Hon. Thomas Dufferin Pattullo.
REVELSTOKE.....	The Hon. William Henry Sutherland.
RICHMOND-POINT GREY.....	George Alexander Walkem.
ROSSLAND-TRAIL.....	James Hargrave Schofield.
SAANICH.....	Thomas George Coventry.
SALMON ARM.....	Rolf Wallgren Bruhn.
SIMILKAMEEN.....	William Alexander McKenzie.
SKEENA.....	Horace Cooper Wrinch.
SOUTH OKANAGAN.....	James William Jones.
SOUTH VANCOUVER.....	Robert Henry Neelands.
	{ Charles Woodward.
	{ Victor Wentworth Odlum.
VANCOUVER CITY.....	{ Christopher McRae.
	{ Ian Alistair Mackenzie.
	{ Mary Ellen Smith.
	{ Andrew McCreight Creery.
	{ Reginald Hayward.
VICTORIA CITY.....	{ Joshua Hinchliffe.
	{ Harold Despard Twigg.
	{ Allan Lyons.
YALE.....	The Hon. John Duncan MacLean.

"And whereas a vacancy subsequently occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of the said Kenneth Campbell, Member thereof for the Nelson Electoral District; and

"Whereas on the 9th day of August, 1924, a writ for the election of a Member to represent the aforesaid Electoral District was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District:

"Now I do certify that on the 6th day of September, 1924, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer with certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said District have chosen the Hon. John Oliver to represent the Nelson Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

"And whereas a vacancy subsequently occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the acceptance by the said Kenneth Cattanach MacDonald, Member thereof for the North Okanagan Electoral District, of the Office of Provincial Secretary; and

"Whereas on the 6th day of September, 1924, a writ for the election of a Member to represent the aforesaid Electoral District was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District:

"Now I do certify that on the 9th day of October, 1924, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer with certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said District have chosen Arthur Ormiston Cochrane to represent the North Okanagan Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

"J. L. WHITE,

"Deputy Provincial Secretary.

"To the Clerk, Legislative Assembly, British Columbia."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sloan, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Manson, it was Resolved,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of Members be entered upon the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Manson, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, seconded by Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House express its sincere regret at the untimely death of John McKie, Esquire, Member-elect for the Electoral District of Grand Forks-Greenwood; and that the Clerk do convey to Mrs. McKie and the family of the late Member the condolence and sincerest sympathy of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

*Resolved*, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *Harry George Perry*, Esquire, Member for Fort George Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

Third Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Period April 1st, 1923, to March 31st, 1924.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Municipalities for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

Annual Report of the Game Conservation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board on the Administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended September 30th, 1924.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended September 30th, 1924.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

Annual Report of the Official Guardian for the Year ended October 31st, 1924.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1924.

Report of the Board of Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Provincial Legislation in Canada.

Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924.

Report of Proceedings and Discussions of National Conference regarding Winter Employment in Canada, held at Ottawa, September 3rd and 4th, 1924.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

Report by Hon. Mr. Justice Gallihier, made pursuant to Commission under the Great Seal, bearing date the 20th day of February, 1924, under the "Public Inquiries Act."

Third Annual Report under the "Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1924.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—

Annual Report of the Forest Branch for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

Illustrated booklet advertising the Water Powers of British Columbia.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1923.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.47 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Odlum* presented a petition from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of vesting certain property in the United Church of Canada, and for other purposes.

Mr. *Cochrane* presented a petition from the Associated Growers of British Columbia, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating certain contracts, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. *Colley* (Kamloops) moved, seconded by Dr. *Wrinch* (Skeena),—

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

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

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Davie*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consist of nine Members, as follows: Messrs. *Rothwell*, *Paterson*, *Wrinch*, *Munn*, *Leary*, *Stoddart*, *Catherwood*, *Lister*, and *Coventry*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Railways shall consist of nine Members, as follows: Messrs. *Munn*, *Perry*, *Bryan*, *I. A. Mackenzie*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Browne*, *Uphill*, *Hinchliffe*, and *Bruhn*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Mining shall consist of nine Members, as follows: Messrs. *Kergin*, *Munn*, *Wrinch*, *Leary*, *Harrison*, *Uphill*, *Schofield*, *Wallinger*, and *Lister*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of thirteen Members, as follows: Messrs. *I. A. Mackenzie*, *Kergin*, *Paterson*, *Bryan*, *McRae*, *Woodward*, *Odlum*, *Stoddart*, *Burde*, *Pooley*, *Jones*, *W. A. McKenzie*, and *Lyons*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Printing shall consist of four Members, as follows: Messrs. *Bryan*, *Rothwell*, *Neelands*, and *Hinchliffe*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall consist of thirteen Members, as follows: Messrs. *Perry*, *Wrench*, *McRae*, *Woodward*, *Colley*, *Odlum*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Harrison*, *Creery*, *Browne*, *Twigg*, *Davie*, and *M. Manson*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters shall consist of eleven Members, as follows: Messrs. *Paterson*, *Rothwell*, *Perry*, *Bryan*, *Colley*, Mrs. *Smith*, Messrs. *Walkem*, *Neelands*, *Cochrane*, *Peck*, and *Hayward*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the accounts of the Liquor Control Board for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1924, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Period January 1st, 1923, to March 31st, 1924.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.50 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 5th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Cochrane* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Vernon, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating certain Acts of the Municipal Council of the City of Vernon, and for other powers.

Mr. *Hayward* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the extension of licensing powers, and for other powers.

On the motion of Mr. *Odlum* that the petition from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of vesting certain property in the United Church of Canada, and for other purposes, be received,

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The petition from the Associated Growers of British Columbia, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating certain contracts, and for other purposes, was received.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Michael Manson*, 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 5.02 p.m.

Thursday, November 6th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented the following papers:—

Return of Indian Reserves, under section 92 of the "Land Act," chapter 131, Revised Statutes, 1924.

Return pursuant to section 42 of the "Forest Act."

Mr. *Walkem* presented the following petitions:—

From the Corporation of Point Grey, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for local improvement purposes, and for other powers.

From the Corporation of Point Grey, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of replotting and resubdividing certain areas, and for other powers.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of Vernon, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of validating certain Acts of the Municipal Council of the City of Vernon, and for other powers, was received.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* on the motion of Mr. *Odlum* to receive the petition from the Presbyterian Church in Canada for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of vesting certain property in the United Church of Canada, and for other purposes, as follows:—

"On the motion of the Hon. the Second Member for Vancouver City to receive the petition from the Presbyterian Church in Canada and others for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of vesting certain property in the United Church of Canada and for other purposes, objection was taken by the Hon. the Fourth Member for Vancouver City that the petition was not properly signed by the Presbyterian Church, and that the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church had no authority to authorize the said petition.

"Any one has a right to petition the House for the passing of any Bill or upon any subject. If it is a corporation it should sign by its seal, but the Presbyterian Church in Canada is not a corporation and therefore cannot so sign, but must sign by an agent who is authorized by its governing body. The Rules of the House so permit a petition to be signed. (See Rule 75, which requires the authority of the agent to be filed with the Clerk of the House.)

"The authority of the Moderator of the General Assembly, which consists of a resolution of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has been filed with the Clerk and the Rules of the House have been complied with.

"The fact that the petition is signed by one man rather than another when presented to the House may or may not add strength to the application, but no legal point is involved. The members of the House are the judges as to what weight shall be given the signature and the petition.

"As to the capacity of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to petition, I might add that, while it is not incorporated by Statute, it has been recognized as an existing entity in a great deal of legislation throughout Canada and as a proper person to petition this Legislature.

"The question arose as to whether an unincorporated trade-union could be given a legal entity in the case of the Taff Vale Railway *vs.* the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, 1901, A.C. 426. In this case it was held that any group of persons which has sufficient permanence to exercise a real will and to function in personal decisions must be regarded in law as a real personality whether the group be incorporated or not.

"For the purpose of petitioning this Legislature, I so hold the Presbyterian Church in Canada to be a sufficient legal entity.

"In 1901 the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by its Moderator, petitioned this Legislature for a Private Bill to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and the petition was received by the House. (See the Journals of B.C. Legislature, 1901, at pages 8 and 11.)

"I hold that the Presbyterian Church in Canada can petition this Legislature, and any question as to the authority of the General Assembly to so authorize the petition is one which should be considered by the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills when the whole question of the petition is brought before them for consideration, and not at this stage of the proceedings.

"And I so rule."

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

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

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

1. Did the Government call for tenders for the sale of timber on the Capilano Watershed?
2. If so, when? What tenders were received, giving details?
3. Was any tender accepted?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. September 26th, 1924. One from the Capilano Timber Company, Limited.

"3. Matter not yet disposed of."

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

1. Did the Government employ S. S. Taylor, K.C., formerly of the City of Vancouver, in connection with the drafting of the "Government Liquor Act"?

2. If yes, when was he so employed?

3. What work did he do in connection therewith, and what was the amount of fees paid him for said work?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. February 7th to March 2nd, 1921.

"3. Consultations and advising as to provisions of the 'Government Liquor Act,' including opinions as to various aspects of proposed Act. Fee taxed and allowed by taxing officer at \$750."

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

1. Has any sum of money been paid to R. E. Gosnell, of Ottawa, in connection with work done by him in the freight-rates case?

2. If so, what was the amount paid and when?

3. What work was he engaged in?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$150; April 12th, 1921.

"3. Research-work in connection with subsidies granted by the Provincial Government to the Dominion Government in aid of the construction of the C.P.R."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Friday, November 7th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* presented the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1923.

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of Point Grey, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for local improvement purposes, and for other powers.

From the Corporation of Point Grey, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of replotting and resubdividing certain areas, and for other powers.

From the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the extension of licensing powers, and for other powers.

From the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of vesting certain property in the United Church of Canada, and for other purposes.

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

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 7th, 1924.*

*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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Escheats Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act.'"  
Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"  
Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"  
Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plans Cancellation Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, Bill (No. 8) 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.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a Return under section 189 of the "Provincial Elections Act."

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1924.

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1924, be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. *Catherwood* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Has the Dewdney Pound District been declared yet? If not, why not?
2. How many of the residents of the pound area were in favour of said pound area? How many against?

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

- "1. No. Awaiting results of investigation of representations in various petitions.
- "2. Thirty-four petitioners; twelve objectors."

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

What were the costs of conducting the by-election in the North Okanagan Electoral District?

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

"North Okanagan by-election, \$2,320.21."

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

What were the costs of conducting the by-election in the Nelson Electoral District?

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

"Nelson by-election, \$776.25."

Mr. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. How many copies of the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1923 were printed?
2. Has the major portion of these reports been distributed?
3. If so, where; and, if not, why not?
4. Have any of these reports been destroyed or changed since printing?
5. If so, how many, and when?

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

- "1. 1,400 copies of Eighteenth Annual Report for year 1923.
- "2. No.
- "3. Answered by No. 2; not yet presented to the Legislature.
- "4. No.
- "5. Answered by No. 4."

Mr. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What was the total cost of the Sumas reclamation-works to November 1st, 1924?
2. Who were the contractors who did the said work?
3. Have all accounts been settled with the said contractors?
4. If not, what accounts are outstanding, and what are the contractors' claims in connection therewith?

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

- "1. Cost \$2,903,171.05, plus interest \$206,422.89; total, \$3,109,593.94.
- "2. Marsh Construction Company; Hodgson, King & Marble; Dominion Engineering Works; Canadian Westinghouse Co.; Canadian Fairbanks-Morse; Vancouver Engineering Works; Menzies Hardware Company; Vancouver Machinery Depot Co.; A. B. Palmer & Company.
- "3. All accounts that are due have been paid.
- "4. It is not considered in the public interest to give this information."

Mr. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Has the Government dispensed with the services of any of the members of the Land Settlement Board?

2. If so, what are their names and when were their services dispensed with respectively?

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

"1. No. Not since the reorganization of the Board in May, 1920.

"2. One member of the Land Settlement Board, Colonel R. D. Davies, voluntarily tendered his resignation, which took effect on July 31st, 1924."

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province on November 1st, 1924?

2. What was the net debt of the Province on November 1st, 1924, after deducting sinking funds only on hand at that date?

3. What amount is now owing to the Canadian Bank of Commerce for money borrowed on Treasury bills, giving particulars of the same?

4. When did these bills fall due?

5. Has any money been borrowed by the Government from any other bank or from any other source on Treasury bills?

6. What amounts are still available for borrowing purposes under the various Loan Acts and other Acts passed by the Legislature, giving particulars?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. \$76,739,861.

"2. Gross debt as at November 1st, 1924 ..... \$76,739,861 00

    Less Sinking Funds ..... \$13,957,605 89

    Less P.G.E. Stock ..... 5,925,125 00

    Less Revenue-producing debt ..... 15,234,728 00

35,117,458 89

Net debt as at November 1st, 1924 ..... \$41,622,402 11

"3. Highways and bridges ..... \$ 555,000 00

    B.C. University ..... 400,000 00

    Public Buildings ..... 475,000 00

    Land Settlement Board ..... 50,000 00

    'Soldiers' Land Act' ..... 25,000 00

    Conservation ..... 10,000 00

    Industries ..... 125,000 00

Total for Treasury bills now owing to the Canadian Bank of

Commerce ..... \$1,640,000 00

"4. January 2nd, 1925.

"5. No.

"6. 'Loan Act, 1916' ..... \$ 220 00

    'Department of Industries Loan Act, 1920' ..... 875,000 00

    'B.C. University Loan Act, 1920' ..... 1,150,000 00

    'P.G.E. Construction Loan Act, 1920' ..... 165 65

    'Loan Act, 1921' ..... 213,270 00

    'P.G.E. Construction Loan Act, 1921' ..... 621,768 80

    'Loan Act, 1921 (Second Session)' ..... 1,550,000 00

    'Loan Act, 1922' ..... 196,288 00

    'Loan Act, 1923' ..... 567,437 65

Total borrowing-powers ..... \$5,174,150 10 "

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

1. Did the Provincial Health Officer for British Columbia order berry-pickers at Hatzie to be inoculated against diphtheria during the summer of the present year?

2. If so, did the children have any option as to whether they would, or would not, be inoculated?

3. Did the Provincial Health Officer obtain the consent of the parents or guardians of children before performing the operation?

4. Is the Department of Health aware that the death-rate from diphtheria for twenty-five years following the introduction of antitoxin for diphtheria (in 1894) is higher than it was in the twenty-five years preceding the introduction of antitoxin?

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

"1. Local Medical Health Officer reported epidemic of diphtheria amongst berry-pickers at Hatzie. Instructed to take charge, and his reports disclose the fact that the methods adopted were those recognized as the proper means universally adopted for the control of diphtheria.

"2. No.

"3. No.

"4. No."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11th, 1924.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House regrets the death of Mr. Frederick Coates Wade, K.C., Agent-General for the Province of British Columbia at London, England, and desires to place on record its appreciation of his services, and its sympathy with the bereaved family; and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Wade.

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* presented the Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board for the Year 1923.

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

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

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

1. Has the Government asked for the resignations of A. M. Johnson, J. H. Falconer, and Colonel Winsby as members of the Liquor Board?

2. If so, when?

3. Have resignations been received from any of these gentlemen?

4. If so, on what date?

5. Is it the intention of the Government to keep any of these gentlemen in the Government service?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. October 31st, 1924.

"3. Verbal, yes; written, no.

"4. October 31st, 1924.

"5. No decision made."

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

1. What was the quantity of Bonvino wine purchased from the California Wine Company by the Government during the period from January 1st, 1923, to November 1st, 1924?
2. At what price was this wine purchased?
3. At what price was this wine sold from the Government Liquor Stores?
4. What quantity was in stock on November 1st, 1924?
5. When was the last purchase made?
6. What was the amount purchased, and what was paid therefor?
7. Were any of the products manufactured by the California Wine Company and sold to the Government destroyed by the Liquor Board as unfit for consumption?
8. If yes, how many cases, and when was it condemned?
9. What was the cost price to the Government of the condemned stock?
10. Has any claim for refund been made to the California Wine Company in connection therewith?
11. If yes, when, and what was the amount of the claim?
12. Has any refund been received from the California Wine Company?
13. If yes, when, and to what extent?
14. Based on the average monthly sales, how many years' supply has the Liquor Board now in stock?

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

- "1. 1,544 cases.
- "2. 400 cases at \$8; 1,144 cases at \$7.20.
- "3. \$10.80 per case till August 18th, 1924; \$7.20 per case since August 18th, 1924.
- "4. 728 cases.
- "5. December 24th, 1923.
- "6. 994 cases at \$7.20=\$7,156.80.
- "7. No; 157 $\frac{1}{2}$  cases damaged or destroyed in Victoria Warehouse fire of August 25th, 1923, and of this what remained intact was destroyed because of fire damage. Loss fully covered by insurance and paid by insurance companies.
- "8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. See answer to No. 7.
- "14. Purely hypothetical question. Board now selling other British Columbia wines in competition, thus slowing up movement of products mentioned."

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

1. What was the total cost of the Commission under the "Public Inquiries Act" dealing with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. What was the amount paid by way of counsel fees to the various counsel engaged therein?
3. What was the cost of printing the report thereon?

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

- "1. \$50,037.05.
- "2. Counsel fees:—S. S. Taylor, K.C.: Account rendered at \$22,500, including expenses; counsel fee taxed and allowed by taxing officer at \$13,400. Douglas Armour, K.C.: Account rendered at \$10,500, including expenses; counsel fee taxed and allowed by taxing officer at \$5,600. Dugald Donaghy: Account rendered at \$10,373.80, including expenses; counsel fee taxed and allowed by taxing officer at \$5,600.
- "3. \$3,785."

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

1. Did the Attorney-General call in the services of the R.C.M.P. in the Janet Smith case?
2. If yes, when?
3. If not, why not?
4. Are the Royal Canadian Mounted Police acting on the case now?

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

- "1, 2, 3, and 4. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are a Federal Force, over which the Attorney-General has no control."

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

1. Were tenders called for during the present year for a supply of number-plates for motor-cars in the Province?
2. If yes, when were the tenders called?
3. From what firms or persons were tenders received?
4. What was the amount of the tender in each case?
5. To whom was the contract awarded?
6. Was the contract awarded to the lowest tenderer?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Call for tenders inserted in Vancouver and Victoria papers May 23rd (three issues); closed at noon June 16th.
- "3. Messrs. John R. Tacey & Son, Vancouver, B.C.; The B.C. Iron Works, Victoria, B.C.
- "4. Messrs. John R. Tacey & Son, \$14,510; The B.C. Iron Works, \$15,158.
- "5. Messrs. John R. Tacey & Son, Vancouver, B.C.
- "6. Yes."

Mr. *Coventry* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What are the names of the Market Commissioners employed with regard to the fruit industry?
2. When were they appointed?
3. Where are their headquarters?
4. What are their salaries?

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

- "1. James A. Grant.
- "2. April 16th, 1917.
- "3. Calgary, Alta.
- "4. \$2,520."

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

1. Has the Government Publicity Bureau been closed?
2. If yes, when?
3. If yes, who is carrying on this work?
4. Give the names of the old employees whose services have been dispensed with?
5. Have any of these employees been taken on in any other capacity in the Government service?
6. If so, in what capacity?
7. Has the Government any information showing the number of tourists who came to the Province during the year 1923?
8. If yes, what is the estimated amount of money left by them in the Province?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

- "1. Activities temporarily suspended.
- "2. October 31st.
- "3. Future of Bureau under consideration. Correspondence being attended to in Finance Department.
- "4. H. W. Hart, he having declined to accept another position.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. F. Mellor, Taxation Branch; G. R. Wood, stenographer, awaiting transfer.
- "7. No official information.
- "8. Answered by No. 7."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* presented the Report of the Minister of Public Works of the Province of British Columbia for the Fiscal Year 1923-24.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General of the Province of British Columbia, 1924-25, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chap. 7, 7 & 8 Geo. V.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by Mr. *Perry*,—

Whereas the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway was undertaken primarily to afford a rail connection between the City of Vancouver and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway at or near the City of Prince George (chap. 34, Schedule A, and chap. 36, sec. 3 (a), 1912) :

And whereas by chapter 34, Statutes of 1912, the Government of British Columbia was authorized to and did guarantee certain bonds issued by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to the amount of \$20,160,000 :

And whereas it was the intent of the Legislature to aid the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company in extending its line of railway to the eastern boundary of British Columbia by authorizing the Government (in addition to the guarantees previously authorized) to guarantee bonds of the Railway Company to the extent of \$35,000 per mile for each mile of railway between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia (chap. 65, 1914, sec. 2 (c)) :

And whereas it was the intent of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to extend its line of railway to the eastern boundary of the Province within or near to the "Dominion Peace River Block" (chap. 36, sec. 3 (b), 1912) :

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company failed to complete their undertaking :

And whereas, in order to protect its bond guarantees, the Government of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, acquired the ownership of all the capital shares and other assets of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, the Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, and the Pacific Great Eastern Development Company (chap. 66, 1918) :

And whereas the aggregate cost (*including guarantees*) of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to the Province of British Columbia is now in excess of \$45,000,000 :

And whereas the annual payment out by the Province on account of interest charges on bonds guaranteed and moneys advanced for construction and losses in operation is now in excess of \$2,000,000 per annum :

And whereas such payments out on account of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway impose a heavy burden upon the taxpayers of British Columbia :

And whereas the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is not completed from the seaboard to Prince George and no work of construction has been done between Prince George and the eastern boundary of the Province :

And whereas, without such completion to Prince George and without such extension to the eastern boundary of the Province and a connection with some railway system in Alberta, there is little prospect of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway becoming self-sustaining within a reasonable period of time :

And whereas it is not expedient to add to the monetary obligations of the Province the amount necessary to ensure the completion of the railway to the eastern boundary of the Province :

And whereas the completion of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George, and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province, and its connection with a railway system in the Province of Alberta is very desirable:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the acquisition of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and all its assets by a railway company, on such conditions as would result in its completion from the City of Vancouver via North Vancouver, Squamish, and Prince George to the eastern boundary of the Province and its continued maintenance and operation, and which would also relieve the Province of a substantial portion of the burden now being carried, would meet with the approval of this House.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed before this House for its consideration a Bill authorizing the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and other assets upon such terms and conditions as are in the said Bill contained, and that the said Bill do contain provision for aiding the completion of the said Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George and its extension to the eastern boundary of the Province at or near the Dominion Peace River Block, and that such aid should be by means of grants of Crown lands adjacent to the said line of railway.

And be it further Resolved, That such Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be prepared by such Members as are of the Executive Council, and that it be presented to His Honour by the Premier.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Perry*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 11th, 1924.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petition.

No. 3—The Corporation of Point Grey.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 11th, 1924.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders have not been strictly complied with in reference to the undermentioned petition, but as there has been a substantial compliance with the Rules your Committee recommends that the same be suspended and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

No. 6—The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Methodist Church, and the Congregational Union of Canada.  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The reports were received.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the following papers:—

Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the Year 1923.  
The Twenty-eighth Report of the Provincial Board of Health.

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

1. Who was the contractor engaged in the construction of the Science Building of the University at Point Grey?
2. What was the price shown by his tender, or was it a cost-plus contract?
3. Was the work carried out to the satisfaction of the Department?
4. Have any difficulties arisen by reason of water-seepage through the joints of the stone used in the construction of the building?
5. If yes, what steps were taken to remedy the defect? Who did the work and what was the cost of it?
6. How many inspectors are engaged in the supervision of the construction of the building? What are their names and what salaries are they paid?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

- "1. E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited.
- "2. Contractor is paid on fixed cost basis.
- "3. All work being completed to the satisfaction of the Department.
- "4 and 5. The only moisture that appeared was during last winter's gales before the building was completed; since joints have been pointed, no trouble. Cost of all pointing is included in the cost of masonry.
- "6. One; C. H. Effinger, \$250 per month."

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

1. What was the amount of money paid during the year 1923 for whitewashing the bridges on the Malahat Drive?
2. To whom was this money paid?
3. Was the work carried out to the satisfaction of the Works Department?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

- "1. \$305.39.
- "2. F. L. Cummings & Co., Ltd.
- "3. Yes."

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

What was the total cost entailed in the moving of the Public Works Office and buildings from Head Street, Esquimalt, to Langford, giving details as to moving, cost of new buildings, and the price paid for land?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"Total cost, \$6,059.96. Clearing site and erecting fence, \$148.75; cost of taking down building at Wollaston Road, removing and re-erecting same with additions at Langford, \$5,161.21; land purchased for site, \$750; area, 1.9 acres."

Mr. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. How many acres of reclaimed lake-bottom lands at Sumas were put under crop during the past year?
2. What was the nature of the crop planted?
3. Was the whole crop gathered in? If not, why not?
4. What was the total crop recovered from said acreage, and what was the value of it?
5. Was any grain grown in the cultivated area of the lake-bottom lands?
6. If yes, how many bushels to the acre were gathered therefrom?

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

- "1. Approximately 4,500 acres.
- "2. All of the reclaimed lake-bottom land, excepting a block of approximately 3,000 acres which was not dewatered until July 1st, was seeded to timothy without any preparation of the soil as the water receded; 100 acres of lake-bottom land was put into clover with oats as

nurse-crop. (In addition to the above, 700 acres of marginal lands were ploughed and seeded to tame grasses and clovers. Oats were sown as a nurse-crop, being incidental to the main object, as the land was not in proper physical condition for the growing of grain-crops. Over 400 acres of these oats were harvested, yielding 11,853 bushels, valued at approximately \$7,400.)

"3. No. Timothy and clover are not usually harvested the same season as sown. Oats on the lake-bottom lands did not thrive on account of the necessity for maintaining high-water level while canals and ditches were being excavated; consequently the crop was not cut. A splendid catch of clover and timothy has, however, been secured on this area and prospects for a good crop in 1925 are favourable.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Answered by No. 3.

"6. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Has the Government purchased during the last year any signs to be placed on roads warning motorists of dangerous corners?
2. If so, how many were purchased?
3. What price was paid for same?
4. From whom were they bought?
5. Were the signs made in Canada or in the United States?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1 to 5. The Public Works Department purchased no signs."

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

1. Were tenders called for the painting of the Pitt River Bridge?
2. How many tenders were received, and who was the successful tenderer?
3. What was the amount of the successful tender?
4. What did the said painting actually cost?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1, 2, and 3. Work done by using plant, etc., of F. L. Cummings & Co., Ltd.

"4. \$23,580.59."

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

1. Has the Government let a contract for the building of a road east from Golden towards the Yoho National Park?
2. If yes, when was the contract awarded, and to whom?
3. Were tenders called for the work? If so, when?
4. If so, give the name and amount of the tenders?
5. If tenders were not called, on what basis was the contract let?
6. Has the work been started?
7. What is the object of building this road at the present time?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. October 8th, 1924; F. J. Dawson, Vancouver, B.C.

"3. Yes. B.C. Gazette, October 2nd, 1924; also Vancouver Morning and Evening Sun, Vancouver Daily Province, Vancouver Star, and B.C. Record.

"4. F. J. Dawson, \$62,362.31; W. P. Tierney & Co., \$64,555.15; and Dartt & Patterson, \$68,025.54.

"5. Answered by No. 3.

"6. Yes.

"7. Part of programme for construction of main trunk road to connect with Yoho Park and Alberta Provincial Highway."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 13th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Reports No. 1 and No. 2 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders were adopted.

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 13th, 1924.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Rules and Orders have not been strictly complied with in reference to the undermentioned petitions, but as there has been a substantial compliance with the Rules your Committee recommends that the same be suspended, and that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bills.

No. 1—The Associated Growers of British Columbia, Ltd.

No. 2—The Corporation of Point Grey.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

On the motion of Mr. *Odium*, Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Churches therein named" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

On the motion of Mr. *Neelands*, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to define the Boundary between The Corporation of the Township of Richmond and The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Barbers of British Columbia" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Colley*, *Harrison*, *Neelands*, *Walkem*, and *Davie*, with power to such Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the House.

Mr. *I. A. McKenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burde*,—

Whereas in Canada in the years following the Armistice all ex-service men's associations made repeated requests for the establishment of a Royal Commission to investigate all phases of re-establishment:

And whereas in response to that demand the present Federal Government instituted the Ralston Commission:

And whereas the said Commission visited and heard evidence in all the Provinces of Canada:

And whereas, as a result of the comprehensive reports and recommendations of said Commission and of the recommendations of Special Parliamentary Committees representing all parties in the House of Commons, legislation was introduced in and approved by the House of Commons for the more complete solution of the problems of re-establishment:

And whereas such legislation was either completely annihilated or was so severely mutilated by the Senate of Canada as to make it very largely impractical and of little effect:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly, endeavouring to represent the cause of our ex-service men and their dependents, humbly petition the Government of Canada to take such steps as are necessary at the next session of Parliament to so curtail the powers of the Canadian Senate as to make it impossible for an appointive body to thwart legislation in the interests of ex-service men and their dependents already approved by the elected representatives of the people in the House of Commons.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be conveyed to the Secretary of State for Canada the foregoing Preamble and Resolution.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Burde*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

With reference to questions standing in the name of Mr. *Hinchliffe* on the Order Paper of November 13th, and numbered 21 to 29, inclusive,

Mr. Speaker ruled that the questions asked for information contained in the Public Accounts already presented to the House. That the questions were therefore not in order and the series would be dropped from the Order Paper.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented the following corrected answers to questions asked by Mr. *Schofield*, and appearing in Votes and Proceedings No. 4 of Thursday, November 6th:—

1. Has any sum of money been paid to R. E. Gosnell, of Ottawa, in connection with work done by him in the freight rates case?
2. If so, what was the amount paid and when?
3. What work was he engaged in?

“The Hon. Mr. *Manson* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. \$150, April 12th, 1921; \$100, September 6th, 1921.

“3. Research-work in connection with subsidies granted by the Provincial Government to the Dominion Government in aid of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.”

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

1. What expenditure has been incurred to date by the Commission on the Educational Survey?
2. What salaries do the Commissioners receive?
3. What travelling allowances do they receive?
4. What living allowances do they receive?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

“1. \$6,749.75.

“2. Dr. Putnam, \$750 a month; Dr. Weir, \$400 a month.

“3. Actual transportation charges.

“4. \$5 per diem.”

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

1. Were Provincial voters' lists for Victoria City printed in the Government Printing Office, or were they printed by a private printing firm or firms?
2. If printed by a private firm or firms, were tenders called for? If so, what firm or firms tendered, and the amounts?
3. Who printed the lists and what was the amount paid?
4. Why were the Victoria City lists not printed by the Government Printing Office?

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

“1. Printed by private firms.

“2. No.

“3. T. R. Cusack, \$2,388.75; A. E. Greenwood, \$940.50.

“4. Usual practice.”

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

1. What are the names and occupations of the two Commissioners now sitting on the Commission on Education?
2. By whom are these gentlemen employed and paid?
3. What salary do they receive?
4. What daily allowance is made for expenses?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. Dr. J. H. Putnam, Chief Inspector of Schools, Ottawa; Dr. G. M. Weir, Professor of Education, University of British Columbia.

"2. Temporarily employed by Government of British Columbia.

"3. Dr. Putnam, \$750 a month; Dr. Weir, \$400 a month.

"4. \$5 per diem."

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

1. Whether his attention has been called to the report of the grand jury relative to conditions at the Provincial Home for Incurables?
2. What action he proposes to take to remedy those conditions?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. On September 8th last a contract was let in the sum of \$52,340 for extensive remodelling, alterations, and improvements to the Provincial Home for Incurables. This work includes external and internal painting, varnishing, and kalsomining; a new passenger-elevator; a new arrangement of dining-rooms providing better accommodation for women and men inmates, and separate dining-rooms for female and male employees; a new main entrance with new offices for doctor, clerk, matron, etc., with new nurses' duty rooms; a complete revision of the sanitary equipment, new lavatories, bath-rooms and showers; construction of large wards, matron's suite, orderlies' rooms, and semi-private wards, new balconies, fire-escapes, invalid-chair sloping runways; overhauling, altering, and extending the electric-wiring system, electric bells, and fire-alarm system; and improvements to the heating system. The above-mentioned alterations and renewals were being actively proceeded with at the time of the grand jury's visit to this institution on October 29th, 1924."

Mr. *Lister* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Is it a fact that interest payments on returned men's allotments in the Camp Lister area became due on November 1st last?
2. If yes, how many settlers have made payment of same?
3. How many settlers paid their interest last year (1923)?
4. What was the amount of unpaid interest last year (1923)?
5. How many settlers are there in this area who are considered to be *bona fide* at the present time?
6. How many settlers who took up allotments and had improvements done on them have either given them up or pulled out silently and left them since the settlement's inception to date?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Three in full.

"3. Sixteen in full; seven in part.

"4. As at December 31st, 1923, \$6,417.23; as at October 31st, 1924, \$3,596.74.

"5. Thirty-three.

"6. Seventeen."

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

1. How many liquor export warehouses are situated in Greenwood?
2. On what date were permits granted, and to whom?

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

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What was the total cost of the last Provincial election?
2. What was the cost incurred in each Provincial riding?
3. What was the cost charged to travelling expenses, printing and publication of literature, and postage?

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

"1. General election, 1924: Returning Officers' expenses (including Vancouver City Electoral District expenses, approximately only), \$125,892.21; printing voters' lists, forms, etc., and miscellaneous expenses, \$49,604.30; total, \$175,496.51.

"N.B.—Of this total it is proposed to charge one-half against the 'Government Liquor Act.' (See sec. 15, chap. 147, R.S.B.C. 1924.)

"2. Including liquor-control plebiscite, as follows: Alberni, \$2,246.90; Atlin, \$2,647.94; Burnaby, \$5,064.86; Cariboo, \$3,370.91; Chilliwack, \$1,299.30; Columbia, \$1,151.32; Comox, \$4,311.81; Cowichan-Newcastle, \$2,106.22; Cranbrook, \$2,172.85; Creston, \$1,965.82; Delta, \$2,540.05; Dewdney, \$2,743.74; Esquimalt, \$2,192.86; Fort George, \$4,867.76; Fernie, \$2,314.50; Grand Forks-Greenwood, \$1,777.26; Islands, \$1,482.07; Kamloops, \$2,221.82; Kaslo-Slocan, \$2,049.19; Lillooet, \$2,263.22; Mackenzie, \$3,617.51; Nanaimo, \$1,512.50; Nelson, \$875.67; New Westminster, \$1,940.58; North Okanagan, \$2,261.33; North Vancouver, \$2,747.74; Omineca, \$2,908.41; Prince Rupert, \$3,393.28; Revelstoke, \$1,717.08; Richmond-Point Grey, \$2,784.20; Rossland-Trail, \$1,135.63; Saanich, \$1,352.71; Salmon Arm, \$2,578.71; Similkameen, \$1,817.17; Skeena, \$2,915.70; South Okanagan, \$1,433.48; South Vancouver, \$3,779.20; Vancouver City, \$26,546 (approximate); Victoria City, \$7,491.53; Yale, \$2,293.38; total, \$125,892.21.

"3. To segregate the travelling expenses of Returning Officers and other election officials would involve much work and could not be furnished immediately.

"No costs of printing literature other than statutory forms, voters' lists, etc., have been charged against the cost of the general election."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, November 14th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Resolution agreed to.

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

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the Resolution.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that the Committee rise and report the Resolution.

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

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

That the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

On the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Report No. 3 of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of Point Grey" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

On the motion of Mr. *Jones*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act for the Relief of the Associated Growers of British Columbia, Limited" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

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

1. How many schools have been burned in Doukhobor settlements in this Province?
2. Where were these schools located?
3. What was the total value of these schools?
4. How many have been rebuilt? If any, was the cost assessed against the Doukhobor colony?
5. Has the amount been paid by the Doukhobors?
6. If the amount has not been paid, what action has the Government taken to collect?
7. Why were these schools burned?
8. Were the incendiaries found, and what punishment was given? If not, why not?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. Eight. Outlook School, five Brilliant schools, Glade School, and Pass Creek School.

"3. Information not available as six of the schools were built by Doukhobors with assistance of a small grant from the Government. Two Brilliant schools erected by Government cost \$3,385.90 and \$3,420.70. Of the total amount, the sum of \$6,000 was levied on the school district.

"4. None.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Answered by No. 4.

"7. Strong objection on the part of Doukhobors to continue the education of their children.

"8. Referred to Attorney-General's Department."

Mr. *Davie* asked the Hon. the Commissioner of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. What was the value of the fishery products in British Columbia for, respectively, the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923?
2. What was the amount of the annual catch of the various fish during the said periods?
3. Which of the said years was the four-year period for salmon?

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

"1. Value of fishery products of Province: 1920, \$22,329,161; 1921, \$13,953,670; 1922, \$18,849,658; 1923, \$20,795,914.

"2. Value of the catch of principal food-fishes of the Province:—

	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.
Salmon .....	\$15,129,348	\$ 8,577,602	\$13,073,927	\$11,936,668
Halibut .....	4,104,869	3,636,076	3,918,441	6,271,993
Herring .....	1,228,131	963,407	850,734	1,338,450
Whales .....	435,746	.....	158,814	332,781
Pilchards .....	540,265	101,945	106,055	92,036
Cod .....	322,737	232,638	212,871	203,056
Black cod .....	181,202	142,558	119,026	136,492
Flounders, brill, etc. ....	55,348	8,397	18,220	3,163
Soles .....	20,012	20,174	59,505	28,757

Other species (see pages 5 and 6, Department Reports).

"3. 1921 was the last of the cycle called the 'four-year period' on the Fraser River. The term was not applied to the run of salmon in our other waters."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. What was the cost of printing the voters' list for each electoral riding, except Victoria, used in the general election held June 20th, 1924?
2. What person or firm did the work in each electoral riding?
3. How many names appeared on each list in each riding?
4. How many copies were printed for each riding?

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

"1, 2, 3, and 4. Replies embodied in following table:—

*Provincial Voters' Lists.*

District.	Printed by.	No. of Names.	No. of Copies.	Cost.
" Alberni.....	Nanaimo Free Press .....	2,613	750	\$ 391 95
Atlin.....	Prince Rupert Daily News, Ltd. ....	1,929	750	323 25
Burnaby.....	Sun Publishing Co., Ltd. ....	7,678	750	1,779 33
Cariboo.....	The Cariboo Observer .....	1,688	750	269 25
Chilliwack.....	C. A. Barber Press, Ltd. ....	5,083	750	823 20
Columbia.....	Revelstoke Review Pub. Co., Ltd. ....	1,333	750	214 95
Comox.....	The Cumberland Islander .....	4,234	750	689 10
Cowichan-Newcastle.....	The Ladysmith Chronicle .....	5,113	750	766 95
Cranbrook.....	The Cranbrook Courier .....	3,169	750	502 05
Creston.....	Sid. J. McDonald .....	2,521	750	391 05
Delta.....	The Surrey Gazette .....	4,805	750	1,044 75
Dewdney.....	S. H. Samuels & Son .....	4,882	750	966 00
Esquimalt.....	Diggon's, Ltd. ....	3,685	1,000	602 85
Fernie.....	The Fernie Free Press .....	3,462	750	552 60
Fort George.....	The Central Interior Printing Co.....	3,247	750	562 50
Grand Forks-Greenwood.....	The Ledge .....	1,932	750	289 80
Islands.....	Sidney and Islands Review .....	2,115	750	324 75
Kamloops.....	The Kamloops Telegram .....	4,180	750	657 60
Kaslo-Slocan.....	The Kootenaian .....	2,729	750	427 95
Lillooet.....	The Ashcroft Journal .....	2,475	750	371 25
Mackenzie.....	Prince Rupert Daily News, Ltd. ....	3,221	750	540 00
Nanaimo.....	The Nanaimo Daily Free Press .....	4,624	750	693 60
Nelson.....	Sid. J. McDonald .....	2,645	750	405 00
New Westminster.....	Jackson Printing Co., Ltd. ....	5,684	750	884 55
North Okanagan.....	The Wayside Press .....	5,531	750	873 30
North Vancouver.....	North Shore Press, Ltd. ....	6,330	750	987 00
Omineca.....	The Interior News .....	1,812	750	342 90
Prince Rupert.....	Prince Rupert Daily News, Ltd. ....	2,750	750	455 85
Revelstoke.....	Revelstoke Review Pub. Co., Ltd. ....	2,190	750	367 95
Richmond-Point Grey.....	Sun Publishing Co., Ltd. ....	8,398	750	1,957 20
Rossland-Trail.....	The Trail Ptg. & Pub. Co., Ltd. ....	2,864	750	429 60
Saanich.....	Diggon's, Ltd. ....	4,753	1,000	771 60
Salmon Arm.....	The Observer Ptg. & Pub. Co., Ltd. ....	3,159	750	514 50
Similkameen.....	The Penticton Herald .....	4,530	750	704 55
Skeena.....	The Omineca Herald .....	2,288	750	384 45
South Okanagan.....	The Kelowna Courier .....	4,646	750	732 00
South Vancouver.....	Sun Publishing Co., Ltd. ....	8,310	750	1,748 25
Vancouver City.....	Sun Publishing Co., Ltd. ....	57,512	3,000	12,260 64
Yale.....	The Merritt Herald .....	3,360	750	532 95"

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

1. Where is located the Berry-growers' Co-operative Association referred to in His Honour's Speech?
2. Who are the directors of the said association?
3. What is the amount of financial assistance extended to the said association?
4. What are the satisfactory results referred to herein?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. The Berry-growers' Co-operative Union is the marketing organization of: Abbotsford District Fruit-growers' and Co-operative Association, Abbotsford; Chilliwack United Growers' Association, Ltd., Chilliwack; Co-operative Fruit-growers' Association of Wynndel, Wynndel; Fruit and Mercantile Exchange, Ltd., Hatzic; Maple Ridge Fruit-growers' Co-operative Association, Port Haney; Nanoose District Berry-growers' Association, Errington, V.I.; Port Kells and District Berry-growers' Co-operative Association, Port Kells; Richmond Berry-growers' Co-operative Association, R.R. 1, Eburne; Strawberry Hill Berry-growers' Association, Strawberry Hill; Salmon Arm Farmers' Exchange, Salmon Arm; Whonnock and District Fruit-growers' Association, Whonnock. Headquarters, 103 Yorkshire Building, Vancouver.

"2. The directorate is composed of one official elected by each local association.

"3. Loan of \$100,000 made.

"4. The surplus berry-crop was taken care of in the manufacture of jam and canned goods. New markets were developed in Great Britain and Eastern Canada, principally Ontario."

*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 5.35 p.m.

## Monday, November 17th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 14th, 1924.*

*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. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 17th, 1924.*

*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. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 14th, 1924.*

*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. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Holding of Race-meetings," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 14th, 1924.*

*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. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Holding of Race-meetings," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 17th, 1924.*

*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. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 11th, 1924.*

*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. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Jones*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bulk Sales Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Twigg*, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Neelands*, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting Sanipractic Physicians" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

On the motion of Mr. *Walkem*, Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jones*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all the correspondence which has taken place since January 1st, 1924, between the Government, or any department or official thereof, and any British capitalist, or group of British capitalists, in regard to the purchase by such capitalist or capitalists of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Davie*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return to be made forthwith, showing: (a) What accounts are outstanding in respect of the Sumas reclamation-works; (b) what is the total amount of such outstanding accounts; (c) what are the claims of the contractors in connection therewith; (d) which of such accounts (if any) are disputed by the Government; (e) what is the amount of such (if any) disputed accounts; (f) showing who the contractors are whose accounts (if any) are disputed.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That on this and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Davie*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plans Cancellation Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Escheats Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to define the Boundary between The Corporation of the Township of Richmond and The Corporation of the District of South Vancouver" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

In further answer to questions (No. 2 on Order Paper No. 6) replied to on Wednesday, November 12th, Votes and Proceedings No. 7, the Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* gave the following information:—

"F. L. Cummings made an offer to paint this bridge for \$4,807 and the work was given to him. When the work started it was found that the work entailed was much greater than had been anticipated, as practically the whole ironwork had to be scoured by sand-blast process. The work was taken out of the hands of the contractor and carried out under the direction of the District Engineer at a total cost of \$23,580.59."

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

What is the amount of grain for export shipped through British Columbia ports during, respectively, the years 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924 to date?

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

“For crop-years 1920–21, export 501,221 bushels; 1921–22, export 7,935,835 bushels; 1922–23, export 19,155,066 bushels; 1923–24, export 54,619,188 bushels.

“(NOTE.—Crop-year is reckoned from September 1st to August 31st. Figures are supplied by Vancouver Board of Trade and for 1923–24 are for eleven months only.)”

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

1. Did the Dominion Government erect a grain-elevator in the City of Vancouver?
2. If so, when was such elevator completed?
3. What amount of grain was exported through this elevator for each crop-year since its completion up to the present time?
4. Has there been any reduction in railway rates for transporting grain for export (since this elevator was completed) from the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan to the Port of Vancouver?
5. If so, what was the amount of such reductions?
6. When did such reductions go into effect?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. In 1916.

“3. Figures available show: 1920–21, 501,221 bushels; 1921–22, 7,935,835 bushels; 1922–23, 19,155,066 bushels; 1923–24, 54,619,188 bushels.

“(NOTE.—Above figures supplied by Vancouver Board of Trade. Crop-year is reckoned from September 1st to August 31st in each year. Figures for 1923–24 do not include the month of August in this year as statistics incomplete.)

“4. Yes; there have been two reductions.

“5. First reduction was 6 cents per 100 lb. and second reduction was 2½ cents per 100 lb.

“6. First reduction, August 1st, 1922; second reduction, October 10th, 1923.”

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

1. Were tenders called for a building to be used as a lock-up and dwelling at Oliver?
2. If yes, how many tenders were received?
3. What was the amount of each tender?
4. Which tender was accepted?
5. On what date is the building to be completed?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. Six.

“3. Fromey & Barton, \$5,900; M. A. Clark, \$5,930.95; Boone & Norton, \$6,330; F. P. Rogers, \$6,550; D. N. Ferguson, \$7,396.18; Penticton Construction Company, \$7,745.

“4. Lowest tender, Fromey & Barton.

“5. Department expects building completed by February 15th.”

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What amount of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works on roads in the Grand Forks Electoral Riding during each of the following months: March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1924?

2. What amount of money was expended on bridges during each of the same months?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

“1. March, \$2,112.34; April, \$3,605; May, \$5,235.75; June, \$5,805.33; July, \$1,979.96; August, \$1,310.17; September, \$1,774.80; October, \$2,120.75.

“2. March and April, *nil*; May, \$329.76; June, \$1,697.15; July, \$162.38; August, \$61.20; September and October, *nil*.”

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What amount of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works on roads in the Yale Electoral Riding during each of the following months: March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1924?

2. What amount of money was expended on bridges during each of the same months?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1. March, \$1,768.10; April, \$13,480.92; May, \$26,444.19; June, \$26,149.54; July, \$18,391.72; August, \$3,931.64; September, \$3,033.52; October, \$3,383.23.

"2. March, \$1,115.76; April, \$1,419.89; May, \$699.73; June, \$4,081.81; July, \$3,263.69; August, \$3,618.82; September, \$3,089.61; October, \$2,468.52."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Were any engineers employed during the present year locating the right-of-way for the Trans-Provincial Highway in the district close to North Bend, on north side of river?

2. If so, who was in charge of the work?

3. On what dates was this work carried out?

4. What did this work cost?

5. Did the engineer in charge recommend that the road be built on the north side of the river?

6. Does the Government intend building the road on the north side of the river?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1, 2, and 3. A reconnaissance of alternative route of Trans-Provincial Highway, North Bend, was made during the month of May, 1923, by O. Gallaher, Assistant Engineer. A further examination of this proposed route was made by Locating Engineer Whitaker during October.

"4. \$559.99.

"5. No.

"6. River generally follows a north-and-south course. Road proposed to be built is located on east and west sides of the Fraser River."

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

1. Has the Government purchased during the last year any signs to be placed on roads warning motorists of dangerous corners?

2. If so, how many were purchased?

3. What price was paid for same?

4. From whom were they bought?

5. Were the signs made in Canada or in the United States?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. 400.

"3. \$599.67.

"4. Californian Metal Enamelling Company.

"5. United States. Forest Branch advise no similar sign made in Canada; special porcelain-enamel process and Branch of opinion no other sign in market comparable for money."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Is one J. M. Stewart employed as Resident Engineer on the Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster?

2. If so, when did he receive such appointment?

3. Has he been employed during each month of the present year?

4. What monthly salary is he in receipt of?

5. Is one McIntyre employed in connection with the Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster?

6. If so, in what capacity is he employed?

7. What months of the present year has he been employed?

8. What salary is he in receipt of?

9. Was said McIntyre in the employ of the Government prior to his being sent to Fraser River Bridge?

10. If so, in what capacity, and what salary did he receive?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

- "1. Not now. He was employed during a period whilst repairs were in progress.
- "2. November 1st, 1923.
- "3. From November 1st, 1923, to September 30th, 1924, and from October 8th to 31st, 1924, as Superintendent on night shift.
- "4. \$250 per month to September 30th, 1924, and \$8 per working-day on night shift, October 8th to 31st, when his services were dispensed with.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Resident Engineer renewing railway and highway approaches.
- "7. From October 11th, 1924.
- "8. \$250 per month.
- "9. Yes.
- "10. Engineer of Railways at \$250 per month."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What amount of money has been expended by the Department of Public Works on roads in the Similkameen Electoral Riding during each of the following months: March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October, 1924?
2. What amount of money was expended on bridges during each of the same months?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

- "1. March, \$2,120.92; April, \$7,318.67; May, \$12,306.35; June, \$18,287.90; July, \$4,345.10; August, \$2,913.56; September, \$2,041.76; October, \$3,277.21.
- "2. March, *nil*; April, \$22.40; May, \$470.95; June, \$71.50; July, \$140.50; August, \$52.90; September, \$782.65; October, \$298.75."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Did the employers of labour make any recommendations to the Minister of Labour as to who should represent them on the Board of Adjustment in connection with the Eight-hour Day Act?
2. If so, was such recommendation acted upon?
3. Did the Trades and Labour Council make any recommendations to the Minister of Labour as to who should represent labour on the Board?
4. If so, was the man so recommended appointed?
5. What salary does each member receive?
6. What daily allowance is made for travelling or other expenses?
7. Does the Minister of Labour expect the Board of Adjustment to complete their report in time to bring the provisions of the eight-hour day into effect on January 1st, 1925?
8. If not, when does the Minister expect said report to be submitted?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. No.
- "5. Chairman, no additional salary; other members, \$225 per month.
- "6. Out-of-pocket expenses.
- "7 and 8. The Statute stipulates that it shall come into effect on the 1st day of January, 1925."

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

1. Is there one Joseph Albert Quesnel, of Lumby, B.C., in the Government employ?
2. If so, in what capacity?
3. If so, when was he appointed?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Temporary Game Warden.
- "3. September 20th, 1924."

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

1. What was the total cost of building new highways and bridges in British Columbia each year from 1913 to 1923, inclusive?
2. What was the cost of repairs of highways and bridges each year from 1913 to 1923, inclusive?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. The cost of new construction of highways and bridges from that of maintenance not segregated until the fiscal year 1919–20. All expenditures on highways and bridges for each fiscal year is set out in statement of expenditure in the reports of the Minister of Public Works."

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

1. Did the Department dispose of any machinery formerly stored or kept at the Public Works Depot on Head Street, Esquimalt District?
2. If yes, what machinery was disposed of, to whom, and at what price?
3. If any machinery was disposed of, were tenders called for the sale of the same, and was the property sold to the highest bidder?
4. What was the cost price of each article sold, and what was the price obtained for each article?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Traction-engine, gasolene-engine, rock-pulverizer, donkey-boiler, steam-drill, three trailer wagons, and tractor; sold to R. Spencer, of Vancouver, \$675 the lot.

"3. The machinery having been purchased from five to fourteen years ago and practically worn out and past its usefulness to the Department, tenders were called for at three different times in the Victoria and Vancouver papers and sold to the highest bidder.

"4. The lot cost approximately \$9,600."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.12 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 18th, 1924.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 18th, 1924.*

*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. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

W. C. NICHOL,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1926;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1925;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the Public Service for the period ended 31st March, 1924, and to indemnify the several Officers and Persons for making such Expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 17th, 1924.*

*Ordered,* That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on 17th instant, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return to be made forthwith, showing:

(a) What accounts are outstanding in respect of the Sumas reclamation-works; (b) what is the total amount of such outstanding accounts; (c) what are the claims of the contractors in connection therewith; (d) which of such accounts (if any) are disputed by the Government; (e) what is the amount of such (if any) disputed accounts; (f) showing who the contractors are whose accounts (if any) are disputed.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of the names of all persons, corporations, lodges, associations, or other parties to whom special permits have been granted under the "Government Liquor Act" from November 1st, 1922, to November 1st, 1924.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the purpose of going into Committee of Supply.

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

With the leave of the House, the motion standing on the Order Paper of November 18th in the name of Mr. *Lyons*, relating to the use of narcotics, was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *Lyons*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the Parliament of Canada, recognizing the evils resulting from the opium and narcotic drug traffic in Canada, with a view to preventing this traffic, has from time to time amended the "Opium and Narcotic Drug Act," providing for increasingly severe punishment for offenders convicted of this traffic:

And whereas the Province of British Columbia, occupying as it does a position in which it is more exposed to the importation of narcotic drugs from the Far East than other Provinces of Canada, is vitally interested in the suppression of this traffic:

And whereas by the amendment of 1922 to the said Act it is provided that any person who unlawfully sells, gives away, or distributes any drug, as defined in aforementioned Act, to a minor, upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to be whipped, but does not provide for the lash on conviction for any other infraction of the said Act:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House is of the opinion that an amendment should be passed to the "Opium and Narcotic Drug Act" providing that any person convicted of selling, giving away, or distributing any drug, as defined in aforementioned Act, to any person without

first obtaining a licence from the Minister presiding over the Department of Health shall, in the discretion of the Judge, be liable to be whipped in addition to the penalties already provided by the said Act.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Plans Cancellation Act'" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Escheats Act'" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wills Act'" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Holding of Race-meetings" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Coventry*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bulk Sales Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Were tenders called for repairs and renovations to the Home for Incurables at Marpole?
2. If so, how many tenders were received?
3. What is the name and address of each tenderer?
4. Which firm received the contract?
5. Was the contract awarded for a lump sum? If not, on what terms was it awarded?
6. On what date did work start?
7. On what date is the work to be completed?
8. Did the Government save the sales-tax on this building? If not, why not?

The Hon. Dr. *Sutherland* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Four.

"3. Roger & Purdy, Vancouver; Smith Bros. & Wilson, Ltd., Vancouver; John Galloway & Sons, Vancouver; J. W. Bye & C. F. Perry, West Vancouver.

"4. Roger & Purdy.

"5. Lump sum.

"6. October 27th, 1924.

"7. December 31st, 1924.

"8. No. Under the new regulations of the Dominion Government, the sales-tax is included in the manufacturer's price for supplies."

Mr. *Neelands* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

How much timber was taken up by private interests, to be held for speculative purposes, during the years 1908 to 1916?

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

"None. By an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and a notice published in the British Columbia Gazette on December 27th, 1907, timber on all vacant Crown lands was thereafter reserved from alienation by way of timber licence, after which date Crown timber has only been disposed of for immediate logging under the 'Forest Act.'"

Mr. *Neelands* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

How much timber was taken up by private interests, to be held for speculative purposes, during the years 1917 to 1924?

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

"None. By an Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and a notice published in the British Columbia Gazette on December 27th, 1907, timber on all vacant Crown lands was thereafter reserved from alienation by way of timber licence, after which date Crown timber has only been disposed of for immediate logging under the 'Forest Act.'"

Mr. *Neelands* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

How much lumber has been cut in British Columbia from logs taken out by the firm of Woods & English, Nimpkish Lake, B.C.?

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

"No information."

Mr. *Neelands* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

How much lumber has been cut in British Columbia from logs taken out by the firm of Bloedel, Welch & Stewart, at Myrtle Point, B.C.?

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

"No information."

Mr. *Neelands* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

How much lumber has been cut in British Columbia from logs taken out by the firm of Scanlon & O'Brien, of Stillwater, B.C.?

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

"No information."

Mr. *Jones* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Was a precooling apparatus for use in fruit-carrying refrigerator-cars purchased by the Department of Agriculture during the past summer?
2. Under whose authority was purchase made, and who recommended such purchase?
3. How much did the above-mentioned machine cost?
4. Is it not a fact that the railway companies had condemned as impracticable such a machine before the Department made the purchase?
5. What were the results of the experiments conducted in connection with this machine by the Department of Agriculture marketing officials?

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

"1. No. A precooling apparatus was purchased for experimental purposes in precooling chambers of storage warehouses.

"2. The Hon. the Minister of Agriculture authorized the purchase on recommendation of the Markets Commissioner.

"3. Invoice price, \$250; duty, \$77.50; freight and cartage, \$7; total, \$334.50.

"4. No information to such effect.

"5. Results indefinite owing to lack of proper insulation of store-rooms in which experiments carried out."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Did the Minister of Lands, or any official in the Water Branch Department at Victoria, during the months of May or June last, write a letter to Mrs. Zela M. McGregor or any other resident of Penticton, offering to loan the Corporation of Penticton a sum of money to be applied towards increasing the reservoir capacity of the municipal irrigation system?

2. If so, what is the date of such letter, and what amount of money was offered to the Corporation of Penticton?

3. Did the municipal authorities of Penticton, at any time during the months of July, August, September, or October last, wire or write the Minister of Lands or any official of the Water Branch Department, asking when the loan to the corporation would be available?

4. If so, what reply was forwarded to the Municipal Council?

5. Did the Minister of Lands at any time during the past summer meet representatives of the Municipal Council of Penticton and discuss the matter of the Government granting financial assistance to the municipal irrigation system?

6. If so, did the Minister of Lands promise any financial assistance?

7. What amount of money has been loaned to the Corporation of Penticton during the year 1924 out of the Conservation Fund?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Minister of Lands met delegation of Municipality of Penticton, who requested financial assistance.

"6. No.

"7. Nothing."

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

1. What sum of money has been expended on the Southern Okanagan Land Project up to November 1st, 1924, including purchase of lands, together with interest on moneys invested?

2. What has been the acreage of lands sold to November 1st, 1924?

3. What has been the total cash payments received on all lands sold?

4. What has been the acreage sold during the year 1923 and during the year 1924 up to November 1st?

5. What amount of cash was received from the sales of land sold during 1923?

6. What amount of cash was received from lands sold during 1924 up to November 1st?

7. Has the Government promised a revaluation of lands sold to settlers?

8. Has revaluation taken place? If so, what reduction has been made?

9. What further expenditure will be necessary to complete?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. \$3,136,701.99. Interest has not been computed.

"2. 1,538.01 acres.

"3. \$90,741.56.

"4. 1923, 165.27 acres; 1924, 89.90 acres.

"5. \$6,129.50.

"6. \$2,411.50.

"7. No.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. Estimated at \$525,000."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.