

Tuesday, 6th November, 1923.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. G. Wilson, D.D.

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. Hinchliffe, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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 'Administration Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 6th, 1923.*

*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 'Administration 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.

Mr. Jackson presented the First Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 6th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have been complied with.

No. 1—Corporation of the District of Burnaby.

No. 2—City of Prince Rupert.

Your Committee would recommend that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bills. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.  
The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

In the absence of Mr. Kergin, on the motion of Mr. Clearihue Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to validate and amend By-law No. 403 of the City of Prince Rupert" 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. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

On the motion of Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Jones*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Federal Government at Ottawa dealing with the Resolution passed by this House on December 11th, 1922, touching claims for compensation for reconstruction of that part of the wagon-road between Hope and Spences Bridge, destroyed by reason of the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railway.

Pursuant to such Order of the House, the Hon. the Premier presented the above Return.

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

1. What is the amount of fire insurance placed on buildings or other Government property administered by the Department since the year 1916?
2. What is the amount of premiums paid thereon since the year 1916?
3. What insurance companies sold said insurance (if any)?
4. What persons or firms have represented each of said companies in Victoria from time to time from 1916 to date?

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

- "1. None.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. Answered by No. 1."

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

How much money was paid to the Creston Service Garage (Lydgate Bros.), Creston, for hire, repairs, and supplies for motor-cars, trucks, tractors, etc., for the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 to date, by your Department?

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

"1920, \$170.87; 1921, \$346.40; 1922, \$764.80; 1923, \$223.50; total, \$1,505.57."

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

1. What insurance covering buildings or other Government property controlled or administered by the Department has been placed with the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd from 1916 to date?
2. What are the amounts of premiums paid by the Government on the said insurance to the said firm?

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

- "1. None.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.

"The Victoria directors of French's Complex Ore Reduction Company, Limited, placed insurance upon that company's property with the above-mentioned firm before Mr. Hart became Minister of Finance. The Government had a mortgage on the property of the Reduction Company, which mortgage is still in force. Messrs. Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Limited, continue to superintend the placing of the insurance by checking schedules and policies, but do not write any of the risk in companies represented by them. This, however, is not Government property, but the policies are payable to the Government in keeping with the terms of the mortgage.

"Registered mail insurance, the premiums on which amounted to less than \$1,000, was written by the firm during the above period, their tenders being the lowest."

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

1. The total amount of revenue collected from the Yale Riding during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1923?
2. The different sources from which said revenue was derived and the amounts?

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

"1. As the boundaries of Yale Electoral District do not conform to the boundaries of the assessment districts affected, it is impossible to furnish the information.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Have the Ryan-McIntosh Timber Company, Limited, completed its timber-cruising equalization contract?
2. If so, when?
3. If not, when will the work be completed?
4. What is the total amount of money paid to this company for this work to date?

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

- “1. Contract practically completed.
- “2. Answered by No. 1.
- “3. Answered by No. 1.
- “4. In addition to amount shown in Public Accounts for year ended March 31st last to 31st ultimo, \$47,980.96.”

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

1. How many cars of American fruit have been reported coming into Canada this season by the British Columbia Markets Commissioner?
2. Details of where they came from?

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

- “1. Customs statistics compiled at Ottawa showing importations of fruit into the whole of Canada not available until after March 31st, 1924. Records of the Inspection Branch of the Provincial Department of Agriculture show a quantity equal to 333 cars of American fruit imported into British Columbia between January 1st and October 31st, 1923.
- “2. Washington, Oregon, and California.”

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

1. Has a school been opened in a bunk-house in the Granby Townsite, Cassidy?
2. If so, who authorized the opening of this school?
3. Has said bunk-house been condemned by the Medical Health Officer of this district?

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

- “1 and 2. The Department of Education authorized the opening of a school in temporary quarters at Cassidy on the recommendation of the School Inspector for the district.
- “3. No communication has been received from the Medical Health Officer regarding the school building.”

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

1. How much money was spent on the Agassiz-Harrison Road during the year 1922?
2. Was any money spent on the Agassiz-Harrison Mills Road during the year 1923?
3. If not, why not?
4. When does the Minister contemplate finishing said road?
5. Will the Minister include a sufficient sum to complete the road in the Estimates for next year?

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

- “1. \$363.95 on Harrison Hot Springs Road.
- “2. \$3.90 (survey), Harrison Mills to Agassiz.
- “3. Answered by No. 2.
- “4. Under consideration.
- “5. Answered by No. 4.”

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

1. What was the total cost of the Ymir Road?
2. Has any surfacing been done?
3. How many miles were constructed by contract?
4. What is the total sum paid the contractors?
5. How many miles were constructed by day-labour?
6. What was the total sum paid for day-labour?

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

- "1. \$268,955.28 on Nelson-Ymir Road.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Approximately 18 miles.
- "4. \$176,457.73 to date.
- "5. 9 miles.
- "6. \$56,008.90."

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

1. What is the amount of fire insurance placed on buildings or other Government property administered by the Department since the year 1916?
2. What is the amount of premiums paid thereon since the year 1916?
3. What insurance companies sold said insurance (if any)?
4. What persons or firms have represented each of said companies in Victoria from time to time from 1916 to date?

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

- "1. Technical School, Vancouver, \$120,000.
- "2. From 1916 to 1921, none; from 1921 to 1924, \$720.
- "3. General Accident Assurance Co., Toronto; Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Co., Vancouver; Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Co.; British Empire Underwriters' Agency; North Empire Fire Insurance Co.; The Century Insurance Co., Ltd.; The Firemans Insurance Co.; Essex & Suffolk Insurance Society; Canadian Fire Insurance Co.; California Insurance Co.; Providence Washington Insurance Co.
- "4. Matheson & Thompson, 432 Pender Street West, Vancouver, B.C."

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

1. Were tenders called for the erection of a building at Tranquille for the accommodation of the employees of the institution?
2. If so, how many tenders were received?
3. What are the names and addresses of each tenderer and the amount of each tender?
4. To whom was the contract awarded?
5. How many tenders were received for the plumbing in connection with this building?
6. What are the names and addresses of each tenderer and the amount of each tender?
7. Which tender was accepted?
8. On what date is the building to be completed?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Four for the bungalows and four for boarding-house.
- "3. *Bungalows*.—H. J. Davies, Kamloops, \$14,900; MacBeth & Miller, Ltd., Kamloops, \$18,000; F. D. Woodward, Kamloops, \$18,526.96; and Robert MacKay, Kamloops, \$22,678.20.
- "*Boarding-house*.—H. J. Davies, Kamloops, \$17,900; MacBeth & Miller, Ltd., Kamloops, \$19,155; Baynes & Horie, Vancouver, \$19,161; Smith Bros. & Wilson, Ltd., Vancouver, \$20,350.
- "4. Bungalows, H. J. Davies; boarding-house, H. J. Davies.
- "5. Separate tenders were not invited for the plumbing, it being embodied in the general specifications for the building. Two were received for the bungalows, but neither accepted.
- "6. F. W. Carr, Kamloops, \$1,800; J. McKinnon, Kamloops, \$1,930.
- "7. Answered by No. 5.
- "8. Both contracts completed."

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

1. What is the amount of fire insurance placed on buildings or other Government property administered by the Department since the year 1916?
2. What is the amount of premiums paid thereon since the year 1916?
3. What insurance companies sold said insurance (if any)?
4. What persons or firms have represented each of said companies in Victoria from time to time from 1916 to date?

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

- " 1. None.
- " 2. Answered by No. 1.
- " 3. Answered by No. 1.
- " 4. Answered by No. 1."

*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, 7th November, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. F. Dimmick*.

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

Mr. *Esling* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lister*,—

That an Order of this House be granted instructing the Department of Railways to give any Member of this House access to the monthly estimates of the Northern Construction Company in connection with the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern.

That this Order shall permit a Member to be accompanied by an accountant.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1923.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—Report of the Civil Service Commissioner for the Period ended December 31st, 1922.

By the Hon. the Minister of Railways—Statement of Accounts of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway as at June 30th, 1923.

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

1. Have any arrangements been arrived at between the Provincial and Dominion authorities in regard to the protection of the river-bank at Nicomen Island?
2. If so, what are they?

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

" 1 and 2. An understanding was arrived at that, conditional upon the Province securing the construction of certain dyke repairs, the Dominion Government would protect the river-bank by the construction of mattrass-work. The Province has made the repairs to the dyke, and the Government understands that the Dominion is preparing for the construction of the mattrass-work."

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

How much money has been spent on roads (including maintenance, repairs, hard-surfacing, and construction) in the Kaslo Electoral District since April 1st, 1923, to date?

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

" \$57,208.02."

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

1. Did D. B. Brankin, Superintendent of Industrial and Subnormal Boys' School, address a political meeting held by the Minister of Mines at Nanaimo this year?

2. If so, on what date?

3. Did the Provincial Secretary give his approval or consent to this official attending such meeting?

4. Is it the policy of the Government to allow Civil Servants to address such meetings?

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

"1 and 2. No; but Mr. D. B. Brankin, in the course of his duties as Superintendent of Neglected Children, arranged with the Secretary of the Children's Aid Society of Nanaimo to address a public meeting in that city on February 9th last on the subject of the society's work. The meeting was postponed until February 16th, and subsequently again postponed until February 23rd, when Mr. Brankin accepted the invitation of the Rotary Club and the Children's Aid Society of Nanaimo to address a public meeting there on February 23rd under the auspices of the joint societies. On the same evening another public meeting was arranged for in Nanaimo, at which the Hon. the Minister of Mines was to speak. Those in charge of the child-welfare meeting suggested that, owing to the fact that they could not secure two large audiences on the same evening, their meeting should adjourn to the larger hall and that Mr. Brankin should deliver his address at the other public meeting. Mr. Brankin consented, and spoke on child-welfare work to the same audience which later in the evening was addressed by the Hon. the Minister of Mines.

"3 and 4. No."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. How many acres were purchased as part of the assets of the Pacific Great Eastern near Williams Lake, and for what purpose?

2. When was purchase made and from whom?

3. How much has been spent on this property since date of purchase?

4. What return has the Government received from it, and on what account?

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

"1. None.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Is the Western Fuel Corporation of Canada, Limited, observing Rule 24 of the General Rules of the "Coal-mines Regulation Act"?

2. If not, has the company been prosecuted?

3. If not, is it the intention of the Minister to enforce the mining regulations against the mine-workers only?

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

"1. Yes.

"2 and 3. Answered by reply to No. 1."

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

What was the total amount of the travelling expenses of the Provincial Secretary for the year 1923 up to November 1st?

What was the total amount of the travelling expenses of the Minister of Railways for the year 1923 up to November 1st?

What was the total amount of the travelling expenses of the Minister of Education for the year 1923 up to November 1st?

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

"Travelling expenses for Hon. J. D. MacLean for the year 1923 up to November 1st amount to \$1,093.45. This amount includes expenses for trips necessitated by the work of all three portfolios under his control. It is difficult to distribute the various amounts between the three departments. Trips on some occasions cover work connected with all three departments."

Mr. *Wallinger* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industries the following questions:—

1. Did Don. B. Martyn, Industrial Commissioner, attend and sit on the platform of a meeting of District 12 Liberal Association held in the Liberal Headquarters, corner of Granville and Hastings Streets, Vancouver, on the evening of September 25th, 1923?

2. If so, did the Minister consent to this?

3. Does the Minister approve of Civil Servants attending political meetings?

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

"1. No information.

"2. No.

"3. No approval has been asked for or given."

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

What was the total amount of the travelling expenses of the Minister of Lands for the year 1923 up to November 1st?

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

"\$1,455."

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

1. To whom was the first contract given this year for the Science Building at Point Grey?

2. On what date was the contract awarded?

3. On what date was construction commenced?

4. What is the estimated cost of the building?

5. By whom were the estimates prepared?

6. Was the contract awarded on the 10-per-cent. basis? If not, on what basis and terms was it given?

7. On what date was the contract to be completed and ready for occupancy?

8. Were public tenders called for this contract?

9. If so, who tendered, and what was the amount of each tender?

10. What amount of deposit money was to be put up by the contractor?

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

"1. E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Limited.

"2. February 1st, 1923.

"3. About February 15th.

"4. \$715,000.

"5. The architects (Sharpe & Thompson).

"6. On a 10-per-cent. basis of cost up to \$600,000; the contractors to supply necessary scaffolding, hoisting equipment and plant.

"7. September 1st, 1924.

"8. After consultation with the architects it was decided, on account of revision of original layout of building, and that the completion of the building did not lend itself to the ordinary contract procedure, also as the Government saved sales-tax, it was in the interests of economy to award contract on above terms.

"9. Answered by No. 8.

"10. No deposit necessary."

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

1. Did the Minister of Finance take a trip this year to England, Ireland, and France?

2. If so, what was the object of this trip?

3. What were the total expenses of the trip?

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

"1. No. The Minister of Finance made a trip to London. (He also visited Ireland.)

"2. Trip to London was on Government business. Visit to Ireland was for purpose of seeing his relatives and his old home.

"3. A voucher for expenses of the trip to London will be put through and this question answered at an early date. Expenses of visit to Ireland were personal and naturally will not be charged to Government."

Mr. *Wallinger* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industries the following questions:—

1. Did Don. B. Martyn, Industrial Commissioner, take a trip East this year?
2. If so, was he on public business, and what was the nature of it?
3. Did the Department pay his expenses?
4. If so, what was the amount paid?
5. How long was said Martyn absent from his Department?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Visiting industries in Eastern Canada and the United States; interesting them in the possibilities of British Columbia; also collecting industrial data.

“3. Expense account submitted but not yet paid.

“4. Amount submitted, \$740.38.

“5. July 10th to September 10th.”

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

What was the total amount of the travelling expenses of the Minister of Finance for the year 1923 up to November 1st?

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

“\$125.75, not including expenses of trip to London, voucher for which will be put through and question answered at an early date.”

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

How much money was paid to the Creston Service Garage (Lydgate Bros.), Creston, for hire, repairs, and supplies for motor-cars, trucks, tractors, etc., for the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 to date, by your Department?

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

“Fiscal year 1920–21, nil; 1921–22, \$905.97; 1922–23, \$1,204.79; 1923–24 (to date), \$228.44.”

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

1. What was: (a) The agricultural production in the Province; (b) the agricultural imports from other Provinces; (c) the agricultural imports from foreign countries, in each year from 1910 to 1922, inclusive?

2. What is the total number of cattle supplied by the Government through cattle clubs?

3. What was the total value of cattle purchases financed by the Government?

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

“1. (a.) 1910, \$14,398,990; 1911, \$21,641,928; 1912, \$22,269,768; 1913, \$26,222,033; 1914, \$30,184,100; 1915, \$31,127,801; 1916, \$32,182,915; 1917, \$37,661,850; 1918, \$49,444,308; 1919, \$65,384,556; 1920, \$68,926,090; 1921, \$59,742,994; 1922, \$55,322,971.

“(b.) 1910, \$12,833,593; 1911, \$10,859,671; 1912, \$9,406,750; 1913, \$12,936,980; 1914, \$19,908,455; 1915, \$13,493,807; 1916, \$14,399,965; 1917, \$16,623,497; 1918, \$18,400,835; 1919, \$18,590,214; 1920, \$18,902,981; 1921, \$15,329,479; 1922, \$12,970,001.

“(c.) 1910, \$2,353,632; 1911, \$3,840,183; 1912, \$5,693,135; 1913, \$7,133,777; 1914, \$5,290,670; 1915, \$2,941,163; 1916, \$2,799,697; 1917, \$3,162,709; 1918, \$3,495,611; 1919, \$4,314,313; 1920, \$7,913,488; 1921, \$5,640,943; 1922, \$4,173,321.

“2. 1,312 head of cattle.

“3. \$96,100.84.”

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

1. How much money has been spent on “hard-surfacing” in the Erickson area, Kaslo Electoral District, since April 1st, 1923, to date?

2. Also in Alice Siding, in similar work during same time?

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

“1. \$4,680 expended on Creston–Goatfell macadam.

“2. \$4,392.”



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

1. How many land areas have been established by the Land Settlement Board?
2. Where are these located, and what is the acreage in each?
3. What sum of money has been invested in each area by the Land Settlement Board?
4. What acreage has been sold in each area?
5. What has been the total sum realized from the sale of lands in these areas?
6. What amount has been received as cash payment?
7. How many settlers have been located in each area?
8. How many settlers have left since locating in these areas?
9. What amount of penalty tax has been assessed against unimproved lands in each area?
10. What amount of penalty tax has been paid?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. Thirteen settlement areas have been established.

"2. In Bulkley Valley: Area 1, Telkwa, 17,214 acres; Area 6, Smithers, 5,310 acres; Area 11, 19,232 acres; total 41,756 acres.

"In Nechako Valley: Area 2, Vanderhoof, 35,358 acres; Area 4, Marten Lake, 14,268 acres; Area 12, 31,556 acres; total, 81,182 acres.

"At Francois Lake: Area 10, Francois Lake, 15,621 acres.

"At Prince George and Cariboo District: Area 5, Prince George, 18,663 acres; Area 7, Rose Lake, 6,521 acres; Area 8, Alexandria, 3,311 acres; Area 9, Ten-mile Lake, 4,875 acres; Area 13, Cariboo District, 16,723 acres; Area 14, Quesnel and Soda Creek, \$4,487 acres; total, 54,580 acres.

"3. Investigation and survey: Area 1, \$3,297.78; Area 2, \$7,904.73; Area 4, \$1,540.57; Area 5, \$2,657.09; Area 6, \$1,125.58; Area 7, \$895.32; Area 8, \$581.44; Area 9, \$545.49; Area 10, \$3,058.68; Area 11, \$1,561.28; Area 12, \$930.97; Area 13, \$2,400.29; Area 14, \$1,486.46.

"Purchase: Area 1, \$30,246.80; Area 2, \$98,475.60; Area 4, \$16,726.42; Area 5, \$58,192.25; Area 6, \$5,318.40; Area 7, \$43.18; Area 8, \$1,448.88; Area 9, \$16,455.54; Area 10, \$28,748.18; Area 11, \$2,508.90; Area 12, \$2,759.68; Area 13, \$2,483.96; Area 14, \$5.48.

"4. Area 1, 4,849.08 acres; Area 2, 8,604.6 acres; Area 4, 2,681.71 acres; Area 5, 7,203 acres; Area 6, 924.4 acres; Area 7, 160 acres; Area 8, none; Area 9, 1,093 acres; Area 10, 2,493 acres; Area 11, 320 acres; Area 12, 320 acres; Area 13, 480 acres; Area 14, none.

"5. Sale price: Area 1, \$33,928.36; Area 2, \$62,169.39; Area 4, \$14,750.05; Area 5, \$40,312.05; Area 6, \$6,737.61; Area 7, \$520; Area 8, none; Area 9, \$4,019; Area 10, \$18,718; Area 11, \$1,608; Area 12, \$1,936; Area 13, \$2,240; Area 14, none.

"6. Cash received: Area 1, \$25,217.22; Area 2, \$51,160.54; Area 4, \$7,804.69; Area 5, \$27,724.76; Area 6, \$5,681.72; Area 7, \$162.60; Area 8, none; Area 9, \$2,776.31; Area 10, \$6,671.21; Area 11, \$1,291.95; Area 12, \$1,936; Area 13, \$1,183.65; Area 14, none.

"7. Settlers located: Area 1, 34; Area 2, 59; Area 4, 17; Area 5, 48; Area 6, 7; Area 7, 1; Area 9, 5; Area 10, 16; Area 11, 2; Area 12, 2; Area 13, 4; Area 14, none.

"8. Settlers left: Area 1, none; Area 2, 2; Area 4, 1; Area 5, 4; Area 6, none; Area 7, none; Area 9, none; Area 10, none; Area 11, none; Area 12, none; Area 13, none; Area 14, none.

"9. Area 1: 1919, \$1,745.62; 1920, \$1,254.51; 1921, \$1,182.51; 1922, \$1,301.91.

Area 2: 1919, \$4,725.90; 1920, \$4,256.54; 1921, \$5,132.19; 1922, \$4,208.73.

Area 4: 1920, \$2,325.99; 1921, \$1,917.55; 1922, \$1,735.43.

Area 5: 1920, \$569.31; 1921, \$669.76; 1922, \$799.73.

Area 6: 1920, \$772.97; 1921, \$482.04; 1922, \$457.62.

Area 7: 1921, \$523.95; 1922, \$459.95; 1923, \$437.57.

Area 8: 1921, \$91.92; 1922, \$69; 1923, \$77.

Area 9: 1921, \$22.12.

Area 10: 1921, \$2,187.96; 1922, \$1,352.26; 1923, \$986.26.

Area 11: 1922, \$3,010.89; 1923, \$2,565.22.

Area 12: 1922, \$5,636.57; 1923, \$5,716.38.

Area 13: 1922, \$2,395.39; 1923, \$2,165.13.

Area 14: 1922, \$495.46; 1923, \$443.85.

"10. No information. Land Settlement Board does not collect the tax."

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

What was the total amount of the travelling expenses of the Minister of Mines for the year 1923 up to November 1st?

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

“1. \$1,368.20.”

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

1. What is the cost to date of construction of new road between Goat River Crossing and Kitchener, Kaslo Electoral Riding?
2. What is the total estimated cost when complete?
3. When will this piece of road be completed?

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

- “1. \$21,960.
- “2. Work will be completed within the contract price.
- “3. November 15th.”

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

1. Was one Francis Percy in the employ of the Department and in what capacity?
2. When did his services commence and when did they end?
3. Has he been paid for his services? If so: (a) The amount of payment; (b) date of payment; (c) period covered?

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

“1. Yes. Francis Percy was appointed as assistant to C. P. Williams in carrying out the provisions of the ‘Mineral Survey and Development Act.’

“2. Commenced November 15th, 1920. As Williams made his report in June, 1921, it is assumed that Percy remained as assistant until June, 1921.

“3. Advances were made to C. P. Williams in November and December, 1920, on account of professional services, employment of assistants, disbursements, and expenses, and a final settlement is under consideration.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Thursday, 8th November, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. V. Hitchcox*.

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

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 ‘Official Guardians Act.’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House.*

*November 7th, 1923.*

*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 'Official Guardians 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 'Fire Marshal Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*November 7th, 1923.*

*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. 8) 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 Attorney-General presented a Return pursuant to the "Municipal Proportional Representation Act," chapter 51 of the Statutes of 1917.

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

1. Was Alfred Poole, of Mapes, lately appointed a Justice of the Peace?
2. If so, when?
3. Was said Poole tried before two Justices of the Peace some time previously for abusing his wife?

4. Did said Poole last fall desert his wife and family, leaving them destitute?

5. Was said Poole out of the Province at the time of his appointment?

6. Where is said Poole at the present time?

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

"1. Yes; but he did not qualify and no Commission was issued to him.

"2. February 22nd, 1923.

"3, 4, 5, and 6. No record."

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

1. Did the Attorney-General notify any Chief of Police this year not to prosecute certain newspapers for carrying advertisements relating to guessing contests on certain baseball and football games?

2. If so, who was notified?

3. What were the reasons for doing so?

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

"1. No.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What is the amount of fire insurance placed on buildings or other Government property administered by the Department since the year 1916?
2. What is the amount of premiums paid thereon since the year 1916?
3. What insurance companies sold said insurance (if any)?
4. What persons or firms have represented each of said companies in Victoria from time to time from 1916 to date?

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

- "1. No fire insurance placed.  
"2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. In accepting the resignation of Mr. Buckworth, Deputy Minister of Railways, was it a term that the Department was to pay him salary for the month of November?
2. Is it correct that Mr. Buckworth has left the Province and gone to Mexico?
3. If so, what justification did the Department have for paying him salary for the month of November?

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

- "1. No.  
"2. No official knowledge in the Department.  
"3. November salary has not been paid."

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

What was the total amount of the travelling expenses of the Minister of Agriculture for the year 1923 up to November 1st?

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

"For present fiscal year up to November 1st, \$1,408.50."

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

1. When was the drainage of Sumas Lake undertaken?
2. What was the estimated cost?
3. Were tenders called? If yes, from whom were tenders received, and what was the amount of each?
4. Which tender was accepted?
5. What has been the cost of this work up to October 1st or November 1st?
6. Has the work been carried on by the firm whose tender was accepted?
7. By whom has this work been carried on?
8. Has any of the work been carried on upon the cost-plus basis? If so, give the particulars?
9. What was the estimated cost per acre given to the farmers in this area when the project was undertaken?
10. What further sums will be necessary to complete the project?
11. What will be the probable cost per acre to be levied upon the lands of this area?

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

"1. Drainage of Sumas Lake undertaken as part of Sumas Reclamation Project, in conjunction with the diversion of the Vedder River and the reclamation of 24,000 acres of agricultural land outside the lake area. Work began in April, 1920.

"2. First estimate for dykes, canals, and ditches amounted to \$1,800,000. Did not include estimates for Main Dam and pumping plant, which could not be determined until later.

"3. Tenders were called for the following: (a.) Earth-work, including dykes, canals, ditching, etc. Tenders for above received from: Northern Construction Co., \$1,527,657; Pacific Construction Co., \$1,525,819.62; Foundation Co. (incomplete), \$950,186.37; Marsh Construction Co., \$1,182,063.99. Tender of Marsh Construction Co. accepted.

"(b.) McGillivray Creek concrete culvert, sluice-gates, and pumping equipment. Tenders for concrete culvert received from: Hodgson, King & Marble, \$20,571.25; Smith Bros. & Wilson, Ltd., \$20,827.50; Western Construction Co., \$21,040; Harrison & Lamond Construction Co., Ltd.,

\$24,537.50; Broley & Martin, \$24,635.12; Palmer Bros., \$26,970; J. S. Connell, Ltd., \$28,399.75; E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$28,935; Marsh Construction Co., \$29,300; Robertson & Partners, Ltd., \$29,852.15. Tender of Hodgson, King & Marble accepted. Tenders for pumping equipment received from fourteen firms; tender of Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co. for \$13,021 accepted. Tenders for sluice-gates received from thirteen firms; tender of Vancouver Engineering Works, Ltd., for \$1,975 accepted.

"(c.) Main pumping plant, motors, pumps, electrical equipment, etc. Tenders for above received from: Dominion Engineering Works, Ltd., \$110,700; Hodgson, King & Marble, \$111,500; Engineering Corporation, Ltd., \$119,659; Fraser & Chalmers of Canada, Ltd., \$144,400; Robt. Hamilton & Co., \$124,680; Dominion Commercial Co., Ltd., \$145,000; Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co., Ltd., \$155,830; Engineering Corporation, Ltd. (Escher Wyss pump), \$186,176; General Supply Co. of Canada, \$119,160; John Inglis Co., Ltd. Tender of Dominion Engineering Works, Ltd., accepted.

"(d.) Ten sluice-gates for Main Dam. Tenders for above received from: General Supply Co. of Canada (part equipment only), \$8,007.75; Vancouver Machinery Depot, Ltd., \$21,655; Vancouver Engineering Works, Ltd., \$28,560; Frank Sawford, \$28,473; Frank Sawford (alternative tender), \$29,061; Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd., \$50,000. Tender of Vancouver Engineering Works, Ltd., accepted.

"(e.) Travelling-crane, Main Dam. Tenders for above received from: Vancouver Machinery Depot, Ltd., \$1,975; B.C. Equipment Co., Ltd., \$1,952.80; Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co., \$2,087; C. W. Brockley & Co., \$2,150; Mussen's, Ltd., \$2,502; Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd., \$3,222. Tender of Vancouver Machinery Depot accepted.

"(f.) Electric transformer equipment. Tenders for above received from: Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd., \$11,610; Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd., \$12,855; Northern Electric Co., Ltd., \$15,450. Tender of Canadian Westinghouse Co. accepted.

"No tenders called for large earth dams in Sumas River and for reinforced-concrete foundation and concrete structure and power-house on Main Dam. This was done by Marsh Construction Company with equipment and force on ground.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Cost of work up to September 30th, 1923: Main contract, \$1,490,524.30; Sumas River Dam, concrete foundation, power-house, sluiceways, etc., \$637,660.98; machinery, \$119,190.27; McGillivray Creek and Wilson Creek Dam, pump-house, equipment, motors, etc., \$47,069.97; power-line, \$21,994.46; Special Force Account, including emergency work, loss on temporary dam, 1922, and other special work ordered by Engineer, \$90,063.31; right-of-way purchase, \$56,267.48; fencing, \$13,695.81; engineering—previous to contract \$42,571.57, during project \$79,319.95; maintenance and Vedder River clearing, \$30,087.28; miscellaneous, \$5,793.89; administration—old Commission, \$11,601.24, new Commission, \$7,322.77; interest, \$85,915.87; total, \$2,739,079.05. Moneys held back on contract and Sumas Dam included above, \$80,969.84.

"6. Yes in each case.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. Yes. All work, including earth-work on dams, concrete foundation, power-house, and concrete sluices at main controlling dam. Arrangement cost-plus fixed fee not to exceed \$40,000.

"9. No estimated cost per acre given to farmers.

"10. Dependent on engineering survey now in process. Work substantially completed excepting for portion of Lake Canal.

"11. Answers to all questions by Sumas Commissioners limited to recorded facts. No responsibility for premature conjectures as to probabilities."

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

1. Was William Bunting, of Fort Fraser, lately appointed a Justice of the Peace?
2. If so, when?
3. Was this same Bunting previously convicted under the "Game Act" in connection with a fur transaction?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. February 22nd, 1923.

"3. Yes; the charge reading, 'being a fur-trader not keeping the proper books.'"

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

1. Does the Liquor Board carry any marine insurance on the consignments of liquor from Europe?
2. If so, what company carries the insurance?
3. What firm in Victoria is the agent of the said marine insurance company?

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

"1. Yes. The insurance in question is applied for and placed by the shippers.

"2. British Traders Insurance Company; Insurance Company of North America; Atlanta Mutual Insurance Company; British General Insurance Company, Limited; Lloyd's; Eagle Star & British Dominions; Thames & Mersey Company, Limited; The Union Marine Insurance Company, Limited; The Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Company; The Ocean Marine Insurance Company, Limited; Maritime Insurance Company, Limited; New Zealand Insurance Company; The Standard Marine Insurance Company; Norwich Union; Marina Insurance Company, Limited; London Assurance Company; The Imperial Marine Transport & Fire Insurance Company; Atlas Assurance Company; The Ulster Marine Insurance Company, Limited; Sun Insurance.

"3. No information. Have never had any occasion to deal with any agent of any of said companies."

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

1. Was a man named McEachern tried at Prince Rupert in October, 1922, for shooting a man named Matthews?
2. Was the said McEachern found guilty by the jury?
3. Did Mr. Gonzales, of the firm of Williams, Manson & Gonzales, defend the said McEachern?
4. Was the said McEachern allowed out on suspended sentence?
5. If so, did the Attorney-General's Department agree to such sentence?
6. Was the decision to allow McEachern out on suspended sentence rendered by the Judge after the 1922 Session of Parliament was closed?

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

"1. No. Charged with attempted murder.

"2. Found guilty of wounding, with recommendation to mercy.

"3. Mr. Gonzales, of the firm of Williams & Gonzales, defended.

"4. Yes.

"5. Yes; in following terms:—Telegram from A. Donaghy, Crown Counsel, reading as follows: 'Rex versus McEachern. Jury found accused guilty on third count, adding recommendation to mercy. Judge desires to let accused out on suspended sentence. Shall I agree?' The Department replied as follows: 'If Court is of opinion that it is expedient and in the interests of justice to suspend sentence, then you may consent.'

"6. No. October 25th, 1922."

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

1. Was a man named La France, of Stewart, tried and convicted at Prince Rupert for defiling a child of 13 years of age?
2. If so, when, and what sentence was imposed?
3. What counsel defended said La France?
4. Is said La France now at liberty?
5. If so, when was he released?
6. Did the Attorney-General recommend his release?
7. Will the Attorney-General table all the papers in connection with said case?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. November 1st, 1919. Sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and thirty lashes.

"3. A. M. Manson.

"4. This Department has no information

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. There are no papers."

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

1. How many officials were on the staff of the Workmen's Compensation Board and the Mothers' Pensions Board previous to the combination of the two Boards, with respective salaries?
2. How many officials are in the employ of said Boards now, with respective salaries?

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

"1. Workmen's Compensation Board staff as of December 31st, 1921: 43 employees; monthly salaries, \$6,361. Mothers' Assistance Department staff as of December 31st, 1921: 10 employees; monthly salaries, \$990.

"2. Workmen's Compensation Board staff as of October 31st, 1923: 43 employees; monthly salaries, \$6,280. Mothers' Assistance Department staff as of October 31st, 1923: 7 employees; monthly salaries, \$830."

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

1. In what capacity was P. P. Brown employed in connection with the erection of the Acute Mental Hospital at Essondale?
2. What was the date of such employment?
3. What was the total amount of money paid P. P. Brown for services in connection with this building?

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

"1. Not employed by the Department in any capacity.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Was one William H. Dickinson, of Fort St. James, lately appointed a Justice of the Peace?
2. If so, when?
3. Was said Dickinson convicted at Quesnel for an offence previous to this?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. February 22nd, 1923. Commission cancelled September 19th, 1923.

"3. No information."

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

1. What is meant by "net sales" itemized in the Report of the Liquor Control Board for the year ended March 31st, 1923, and what items should be added to ascertain the gross sales for said period?
2. What are the total gross sales made by the Liquor Control Board for the year ended March 31st, 1923?
3. What are the total gross sales of liquors of all classes by the Liquor Control Board for the period from March 31st, 1923, to October 31st, 1923? Give items for each month separately.
4. What are the total gross sales of liquors of all classes in each month from April to October, 1923, inclusive, in the City of Vancouver?
5. Has the Liquor Control Board sold any liquors to any person, Government, or organization in Yukon Territory or elsewhere outside British Columbia? If so, what are such transactions, and under what authority were same made?
6. What amounts have been paid or are now owing to the Dominion Government for excise or other duties in respect of liquor purchased by the Liquor Board since commencement of its operations?
7. Have these moneys been charged or taken into account in the financial statements of the Liquor Control Board presented to this House?

8. Have these moneys been added to the cost of liquor purchased by the Liquor Control Board in the reports presented to this House?

9. What amounts have been paid by the Liquor Control Board during the year ended March 31st, 1923, for liquors and merchandise of all classes manufactured within British Columbia?

10. What amounts have been paid by the Liquor Control Board during the year ended March 31st, 1923, for liquors and merchandise of all classes manufactured outside British Columbia?

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

"1. Net sales. See Second Annual Report of Liquor Control Board, page B 19, line 8, and page B 33, line 8. Items shown page B 19, lines 3, 4, 5, 6; page B 33, lines 3, 4, 5, 6.

"2. Total gross sales. See Second Annual Report of Liquor Control Board, page B 19, line 2; page B 33, line 2.

"3. April .....	\$ 783,575 81	
May .....	884,124 73	
June .....	984,958 29	
July .....	969,587 30	
August .....	1,076,538 62	
September .....	1,018,839 48	
		\$5,717,624 23
October (returns not as yet complete) .....	930,193 13	
		<u>\$6,647,817 36</u>

"4. April .....	\$ 276,724 43	
May .....	303,323 10	
June .....	324,962 42	
July .....	327,381 42	
August .....	349,693 59	
September .....	348,554 97	
October .....	345,992 73	
		<u>\$2,276,632 66</u>

"5. On October 27th, 1922, the Vendor at Atlin sold to the Yukon Territory 25 barrels of beer at \$32 per barrel. The Vendor had on hand at that date 123 barrels of beer, and at the request of the Yukon Vendor, White Horse, Y.T., shipped said 25 barrels of beer the day before navigation closed. The Board made a profit of \$172 on this sale. The Vendor, considering the sale was justified under existing conditions, did not report the sale to the Board until November 2nd, 1922.

"The Purchasing Agent sold to the Government of the Province of Manitoba: 1 bottle French Vermouth; 1 case French Vermouth; 1 case Pommard, quarts; 2 cases French Vermouth.

" Authority Purchasing Agent.

"6. June 15th, 1921, to October 31st, 1923, \$5,641,469.77.

"7. Yes.

"8. Yes.

"9. Liquors manufactured within British Columbia, \$1,922,797.26. Other merchandise manufactured in British Columbia: No record kept.

"10. Liquors manufactured outside British Columbia, \$3,871,902.92. Other merchandise manufactured outside British Columbia: No record kept."

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

1. Who is the present incumbent of the Sheriff's office at Vancouver?

2. When was he appointed?

3. What salary is he in receipt of?

4. Since his appointment have there been any difficulties about the management of his office, and particularly as to his finances and book-keeping?

5. Has the Department found it necessary to have one or more audits or other investigations in this office since his appointment?

6. If so, what has been the result of same?

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

"1. Charles Macdonald.

"2. July 1st, 1918.

"3. Amount voted by Legislature in Estimates for fiscal year 1923-24.

"4. As to book-keeping, yes.

"5. Yes, at the Sheriff's request.

"6. Books balanced and in order."



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

1. Is one F. van Sicklin employed in any branch of the Department of Lands?
2. If so, on what date did his employment commence?
3. What salary is he receiving?
4. Are special qualifications necessary to the proper performance of the work the said F. van Sicklin is supposed to do?
5. If so, what are these special qualifications?
6. Does the said F. van Sicklin possess such special qualifications?
7. Did the said F. van Sicklin leave Canada for the U.S.A. during the period of the recent Great War?
8. If so, when did he return to Canada?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. September 17th, 1923.
- "3. \$90 per month.
- "4. Clerical.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Was attending boarding-school in Portland. In August, 1914, although barely 15 years of age, he endeavoured to enlist in the 50th Gordon Highlanders, but, being unable to conceal his age, was rejected, and returned to school in September. In December, 1915, while home on vacation, he attempted to join the 103rd Battalion, with similar results. In January, 1916, he was permitted to join the Canadian Army Service Corps, but after serving ninety-seven days was declared medically unfit for overseas service and was discharged on April 15th. In October, 1917, he made a further unsuccessful attempt to join the Royal Air Force.
- "8. Returned to Victoria at Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and midsummer vacations of each year."

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

1. What was the total amount of money paid to J. W. Potter for superintending the construction of the Court-house at Prince Rupert?
2. Was he a member of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia at time of employment?
3. Is he still a member of the Architectural Institute?
4. At the time of his employment on the Court-house was he also supervising the construction of the Booth Memorial School at Prince Rupert?

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

- "1. \$4,000.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. No.
- "4. No official information. Understand that Booth Memorial School completed before construction-work commenced on Court-house."

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

1. Have the victims of the L. R. Steel Company in this Province brought their case to the Attorney-General?
2. Have they asked for an investigation or prosecutions? If so, which?
3. Is it the intention of the Attorney-General to proceed with any action against this company?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes. For an investigation as to whether the company had complied with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and as to any criminal responsibility of the directors and officials of the company.
- "3. The company complied with the laws of British Columbia and no criminal responsibility has been divulged."

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

1. Who is the Censor of Moving Pictures at Vancouver?
2. When was he appointed and what salary is he paid?
3. What is his present age?
4. Has the Civil Service Commissioner extended or recommended his appointment until May, although past the age of superannuation?
5. If so, why has this been done?
6. Have any protests been received on account of this?
7. If so, from whom?

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

- "1. Walter Hepburn.
- "2. September 5th, 1917. Salary, \$2,820.
- "3. 65 last birthday.
- "4. No.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. No.
- "7. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. Have the employees of the Liquor Board in Victoria received their salaries for the month of October?
2. If so, when? If not, why not?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. October 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 6 p.m.

Friday, 9th November, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Daniel Walker*.

With the leave of the House, the Hon. the Premier presented certain copies of correspondence and other papers dealing with the audit of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway's accounts.

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

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 Provincial Police Force and Provincial Gaols," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.  
*Government House,*  
*November 9th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act respecting the Provincial Police Force and Provincial Gaols," 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 respecting Rural Telephone Systems," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 9th, 1923.*

*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. 9) intituled "An Act respecting Rural Telephone Systems," 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 Mr. *Neelands*, Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act respecting Sanipractic Physicians" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

With leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson* in the absence of Mrs. *Smith*, Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act for the Protection of Women and Girls in certain Cases" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Clearihue*, Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" 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*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act respecting the Hours of Labour of Employees of certain Municipal Fire Departments."

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Two-platoon System for Employees of certain Municipal Fire Departments."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pooley* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of copies of the voters' list of each electoral district as compiled at the last revision.

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*,—

That all the words after the word "Return" be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor: "showing (a) the list of electoral districts in the Province; (b) the number of voters registered in each district at the last revision; and (c) the number of voters registered in each poll in each district at such revision, and that a copy of this Return be supplied to every Member of this House."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Esling* on the 7th instant, as follows:—

That an Order of this House be granted instructing the Department of Railways to give any Member of this House access to the monthly estimates of the Northern Construction Company in connection with the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern.

That this Order shall permit a Member to be accompanied by an accountant.

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

That all the words of the Resolution after the first word "That" be struck out, and the following words be substituted therefor:—

"Whereas an audit of the accounts of the Northern Construction Company with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company is now in progress:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of this House be granted authorizing the Directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to permit the Member for Rossland, with a chartered accountant, to examine the monthly estimates and all the accounts of the Northern Construction Company with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company: Provided, however, that such examination shall not interfere with nor hinder the audit now in progress."

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

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the amount of fire insurance placed on buildings or other Government property administered by the Attorney-General's Department since 1916, and showing the amount of premiums paid thereon, and showing what insurance companies sold said insurance, and showing what firm or firms have represented each of said companies in Victoria from time to time from 1916 to date.

Pursuant to such Order of the House, the Hon. the Attorney-General presented the above Return.

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 'Factories Act.'"

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act respecting Cemetery Companies."

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the Cancellation and Amendment of Plans."

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

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act.'"

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 'Land Settlement and Development Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*November 9th, 1923.*

*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 'Land Settlement and Development 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 'Apiaries Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*November 9th, 1923.*

*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 'Apiaries 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.

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

1. Were tenders called for supplying meat to the various camps in connection with the South Okanagan Irrigation Project?
2. What firm or firms has supplied the meat during each of the years since commencement of this work?
3. What price per pound has been paid for fresh meat of various kinds during each of the years since commencement of work in connection with this project?
4. Has each delivery of meat been weighed by a representative of the Government at the time of delivery?
5. If so, who is responsible for the weighing of the meat at each camp at time of delivery?
6. What number of men were employed monthly at each camp during each of the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 as at November 1st?
7. How many pounds of fresh meat or fish were delivered monthly at each camp during the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 as at November 1st?
8. How many pounds of meat (other than fresh meat or fish) were delivered monthly at each camp during the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 as at November 1st?

In answer to such questions the Hon. the Minister of Lands, with leave of the House, presented a Return.

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

How much unmanufactured timber has been exported under permit (section 17, chapter 44, Statutes of British Columbia, 1920) since December 1st, 1922?

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

"46,449,394 F.B.M."

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

1. Did the Bee Inspectors destroy any bees or equipment belonging to Wilfred Smith during the summer of 1923? If so, what amount?
2. Did the Government compensate or offer to compensate W. Smith for said bees or equipment?
3. Did A. W. Finlay visit the ranch of H. L. Chittenden or Alex. Kier, of Kennedy, during 1923? If so, for what purpose?
4. Did he destroy any comb, honey, bees, or equipment belonging to the above? If so, what number and amount, and for what cause?
5. Has the Department or its officials given or offered any compensation or equipment covering loss (if any)? If so, how much?
6. Were Wilfred Smith, Alex. Kier, H. L. Chittenden, or W. H. Turnbull in the employ of the Department during the years 1922 or 1923?
7. If so, in what capacity, and how much were they paid?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. Yes. Reports of Provincial Apiarist and of Inspector of Apiaries for the Lower Mainland show the following equipment destroyed: 67 hive-bodies; 60 bottom boards; 2,265 combs.

"2. Yes. Offered compensation.

"3. Yes. To inspect and destroy hives reported by owners as diseased.

"4. Yes. Destroyed in the apiary of H. L. Chittenden on account of presence of American foul-brood, 2,190 combs; 200 sacks; 1,000 lb. infected honey. Destroyed in the apiary of Alexander Keir on account of presence of American foul-brood, 250 combs.

"5. Yes. Paid to H. L. Chittenden \$169.31; to Alexander Keir, \$42.

"6. No.

"7. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. What was the total amount of money spent on repairing and renovating the School for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind at Point Grey?
2. Was the work done by contract or on a cost-plus basis?
3. By whom was the work done?
4. If done on a cost-plus basis, what amount of money did the contractor receive for superintending the work?
5. What length of time was required to do the repairs?
6. What was the total cost of materials used in connection with such repairs?
7. What was the total cost of labour?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. \$29,724.38.

"2. Contract.

"3. E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., and A. V. Lewis.

"4. Answered by No. 2.

"5. Three months.

"6 and 7. As stated in answer to No. 2, the work was done by contract."

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

1. How many men were employed on the Southern Okanagan Irrigation Project during each of the months October, November, December, 1922, and January, February, March, and April, 1923?
2. In what capacity was each employed?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. October, 1922: 27 men worked full time; 10 men worked part time (145 man-days). November, 1922: 26 men worked full time; 8 men worked part time (107 man-days). December, 1922: 22 men worked full time; 5 men worked part time (86 man-days). January, 1923: 11 men worked full time; 13 men worked part time (202 man-days). February, 1923: 12 men worked full time; 6 men worked part time (32 man-days). March, 1923: 20 men worked full

time; 14 men worked part time (215 man-days). April, 1923: 143 men worked full time; 20 men worked part time (299 man-days).

"2. One Project Engineer; 1 Assistant Project Engineer; 1 accountant; 1 clerk; 1 draughtsman; 1 time-keeper; 1 watchman; 1 cook. The above worked full time from October to April, inclusive.

"One clerk; 1 draughtsman; 1 lumber-yard man; 2 bailiffs (water); 1 bricklayer; 1 camp foreman; 22 carpenters; 1 finisher, cement pipe; 1 finisher; 3 chainmen; 5 foremen; 1 cost clerk; 2 instrument-men; 1 leveller; 1 barn-boss; 1 blacksmith; 2 carpenter foremen; 5 cooks; 1 finisher, pipe-laying; 6 flunkeys; 1 fireman; 68 labourers; 1 machinist; 1 storekeeper; 1 straw-boss; 2 truck-drivers; 2 watchmen; 3 rodmen; 1 scaler; 3 teamsters; 3 time-keepers. The above worked part time."

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 at Oliver up to September 30th last, including purchase of lands?
2. How many lots, and what is the total acreage sold?
3. What is the value of the lands sold?
4. What sum of money has been received on land-sales?
5. What amount of acreage was purchased by returned soldiers?
6. What was the value of purchases by them?
7. How many lots were irrigated this season, and what was the total acreage irrigated?
8. What was the charge per acre for irrigation?
9. Does this charge cover sinking fund, operation, and maintenance?
10. If not, how is it proposed to meet the same?
11. What amount of irrigation taxes are in arrears for 1922?
12. What amount has been paid for 1923?
13. What are the arrears for 1923?
14. If irrigation rates are not paid before next season, will the Department refuse to deliver water to settlers on this project?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. \$2,947,071.55.

"2. (a) 1,391.61 acres, sold in 171 acreage parcels; (b) 85 town lots.

"3. (a) Acreage lots, \$318,602.58; (b) town lots, \$23,010.

"4. (a) Acreage lots, \$77,416.85; (b) town lots, \$11,636.51.

"5. 863.80 acres.

"6. \$206,277.

"7. 177 lots; 1,562.78 acres irrigated, which includes Government lots under irrigation

"8. See page 72, Journals, 1922.

"9. See page 72, Journals, 1922.

"10. See page 72, Journals, 1922.

"11. \$2,098.05.

"12. \$2,891.19.

"13. None.

"14. We know not what the morrow will bring forth."

Mr. Guthrie asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. How many tons of rails were purchased for the Pacific Great Eastern?
2. What was the purchase price per ton?
3. Who were the parties or contractors supplying same?
4. What were the dates of deliveries?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. 22,689 tons of rails and accessories.

"2. Rails, \$33 per ton; angle-bars, \$2; spikes and bolts, \$3.75 per 100 lb.; nut-locks, \$15 per 1,000 pieces.

"3. The U.S. Steel Products Co.

"4. Various dates."

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

1. How many thousand feet of lumber, board measure, did the Provincial Government donate towards relief of the Japanese nation?
2. How many thousand feet of each grade was shipped?
3. What price was paid per thousand feet for each grade?
4. From what firm or firms was the lumber purchased?

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

"1. 1,873,905 feet B.M.; 960,000 shingles; of which 138,905 feet B.M. has already been shipped from Prince Rupert per 'Canadian Skirmisher.'

"2. No. 1 Common, 117,069 feet B.M.; No. 2 Common, 21,836 feet B.M.; ordered for shipment per 'Canadian Skirmisher.' 1,735,000 feet B.M., 75 per cent. No. 1 Common, 25 per cent. No. 2 Common; 960,000 shingles, XXXXX; per 'Canadian Transporter.'

"3. Material shipped per 'Canadian Skirmisher,' \$22 per M., F.A.S. Ordered for shipment per 'Canadian Transporter' now loading: Boards, 1- by 4-inch and 1- by 6-inch random, \$18.50 per M.; 1- by 8-inch and 1- by 10-inch random, \$21.50 per M.; 1- by 12-inch, \$22.50 per M. Dimension, 2- by 3-inch, 2- by 6-inch, 2- by 8-inch, 2- by 10-inch; lengths, 6 to 14 feet, \$20 per M.; lengths, 16 to 24 feet, \$23 per M.; shingles, \$3.90 per M. All prices F.A.S.

"4. Material shipped per 'Canadian Skirmisher' purchased from George Little, Lakelse Lumber Company, and Big Bay Lumber Company. Material shipped per 'Canadian Transporter' purchased through Associated Timber Exporters of British Columbia, Limited. Shingles purchased from the Shingle Manufacturers' Association of British Columbia."

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

1. On what date was W. Turnbull appointed to the position of secretaryship in the Agent-General's office in London, England?
2. On what date did he resign from the position?
3. What reason did Mr. Turnbull advance for resigning this position?
4. Was any retiring allowance granted to said W. Turnbull; and, if so, what amount was allowed?
5. Were any travelling expenses allowed himself and family either going to England or returning to Canada; and, if so, what amount was allowed?
6. Who has been appointed to fill the position of secretary in the Agent-General's office in London?
7. Were any travelling expenses allowed him prior to leaving British Columbia for London, England; and, if so, what amount was allowed?
8. Were travelling expenses of himself and family paid from British Columbia to London, England; and, if so, what amount was allowed?
9. Is Mr. Turnbull at present in the employ of the Government; and, if so, what position does he hold and what salary does he receive per month?

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

"1. Acting-Secretary, October 1st, 1921; Secretary, August 1st, 1922.

"2. May 31st, 1923.

"3. None.

"4. No.

"5. Mr. Turnbull was already stationed in London as Lumber Trade Commissioner.

"6. W. A. McAdam.

"7. Yes; \$219.33 for trip through Province.

"8. Travelling expenses will be allowed; voucher not yet presented.

"9. Yes; Acting Lumber Trade Commissioner; \$260."

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

1. What is the total amount paid to G. G. McGeer, K.C., up to November 1st, 1923, on account of the freight-rates case?
2. How much of this amount is for professional fees and how much for disbursements?
3. Is the said McGeer still receiving pay from this Government?
4. If so, when will these services cease?
5. What are the terms of remuneration fixed between the Government and said McGeer?



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

"1. \$48,645.44, plus advances to be accounted for of \$12,500.

"2. \$25,000; disbursements, \$23,645.44.

"3. An unascertained amount is still owing to Mr. McGeer.

"4. Mr. McGeer is not now in the employ of the Government.

"5. No agreement made as to remuneration."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

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## Wednesday, 14th November, 1923.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented the Summary Report of the British Empire Forestry Conference, Canada, 1923.

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 'Coal and Petroleum Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*November 14th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum 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.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* 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 Probate Duty," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*November 14th, 1923.*

*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. 22) intituled "An Act respecting Probate Duty," 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. *Hart* 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 'Revenue Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 14th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue 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 'Land Registry Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 14th, 1923.*

*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. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry 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 Public Works presented corrected answers to the questions standing in the name of Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* on the Order Paper of November 8th, as follows:—

1. In what capacity was P. P. Brown employed in connection with the erection of the Acute Mental Hospital at Essondale?
2. What was the date of such employment?
3. What was the total amount of money paid P. P. Brown for services in connection with this building?

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

"1. In consultation as structural engineer.

"2. October 24th, 1922.

"3. \$62.50."

And it being 6 o'clock Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume it again at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Whereas the Canadian Department of Customs has in force a regulation providing that Canadian produce or manufactures in transit from one Province of Canada to another Province of Canada, and being transhipped at a foreign port, shall, upon the re-entry of such produce or manufactures into Canada, be subject to the imposition of Canadian Customs duties, as if such produce or manufactures were the produce or manufactures of the country where such transshipment took place, unless such transshipment had been done under the supervision of a Canadian Customs Officer:

And whereas the produce and manufactures of Eastern Canadian Provinces destined for British Columbia, and routed via the Panama Canal, are frequently transhipped at the Port of New York:

And whereas there is no Canadian Customs Officer stationed at the Port of New York, and therefore no supervision of transshipment, as required by Customs regulations, can be had at that port:

And whereas such Canadian produce or manufactures as above recited are subjected to the imposition of Customs duties upon their arrival in British Columbia:

And whereas the imposition of Customs duties as aforesaid inflicts an unnecessary hardship both upon the Eastern producer and the Western purchaser of such produce or manufactures:

And whereas the foregoing recitals are equally true in respect of the produce or manufactures of Western Canada routed through the Panama Canal via New York and destined for places in Eastern Canada:

And whereas section 121 of an Act of the Imperial Parliament, and known as the "British North America Act," reads as follows: "All articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of any one of the Provinces shall, from and after the Union, be admitted free into each of the other Provinces":

And whereas by section 10 of the Terms of Union the provisions of the "British North America Act" were made applicable to the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas at the time of the enactment of the "British North America Act," and also at the time of the approval of the Terms of Union, there was no railway connection between the Eastern Provinces of Canada and the Province of British Columbia; and because of the above fact it is abundantly clear that it was not the intent of the Imperial Parliament that the operation of section 121 of the "British North America Act" should be limited to produce or manufactures transported between Provinces through all Canadian territory:

And whereas the Customs regulation hereinbefore referred to appears to be solely in the interest of transportation companies:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is in the interest of all the Provinces of Canada that a Canadian Customs-house Officer should be appointed at the Port of New York, in order to facilitate the transportation of Canadian produce and manufactures via the Panama Canal.

And be it further Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the imposition of Canadian Customs duties upon the produce or manufactures of any Province of Canada and destined to any other Province of Canada (no matter by what route transported or where transhipped) is contrary to the provisions of the "British North America Act," and that such imposition should at once cease.

And be it further Resolved, That this House urge upon the Provincial Government to take such steps as it properly may to resist the imposition of Customs duties upon Canadian products and manufactures destined to British Columbia or produced or manufactured in British Columbia and destined to any other Province of Canada.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the recitals and resolutions hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State, or other proper official at Ottawa, for presentation to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*—Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs.”

By the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 20) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal-mines Regulation Act.’”

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Factories Act.’” was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act respecting Cemetery Companies” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act respecting the Cancellation and Amendment of Plans” was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Official Guardians Act.’”

Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coroners Act.’”

On the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act respecting the Provincial Police Force and Provincial Gaols” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

How many miles of new road were built in the Slocan Riding in the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 as at November 1st?

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

“1917, *nil*; 1918, *nil*; 1919, 4.25 miles; 1920, 10.75 miles; 1921, 3.25 miles; 1922, 5.75 miles; 1923, 8.50 miles.”

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

1. How many attendants' cottages have been erected at Essondale?
2. Were they built by contract, day-labour, or on a cost-plus basis?
3. If by contract, how many tenders were received, what was the amount of each tender, and who received the contract?
4. How much did each cottage cost?
5. If the work was done on a cost-plus basis, what amount of money was paid the contractor for his services?

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

“1. Eight.

“2. Built by day-labour and patient-labour, directed by institution mechanics.

“3. Answered by No. 2.

“4. Average of \$3,800.

“5. Answered by No. 2.

“NOTE.—These cottages were built when all building material was very high.”

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. Was G. A. McAfee employed in the Pacific Great Eastern Railway (Construction Department) between the years 1920 and 1922?
2. In what capacity?
3. And between what dates?
4. What were his duties?
5. What were his qualifications and experience?
6. When did he leave?
7. Has he done any work for the Government since his retirement?
8. If so, what?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. First as Assistant Accountant and Construction Accountant later.
- "3. January 5th, 1920, to July 31st, 1922.
- "4. Checking accounts, vouchers, and pay-rolls.
- "5. Previous training.
- "6. July 31st, 1922.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. Checking accounts, vouchers, and pay-rolls."

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. When was the final Northern Construction Company estimate submitted for payment in regard to their contracts on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. What was the amount of said estimate?
3. Were vouchers, properly audited, attached?
4. When paid?
5. By what auditor was this estimate verified?

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

- "1. October 24th, 1922.
- "2. \$15,591.30.
- "3. Certified vouchers were attached.
- "4. October 31st, 1922.
- "5. G. G. Macafee."

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

Were representations made personally to the Dominion Government with reference to a re-enactment of the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904, Amendment Act, 1919"; and, if so, were any assurances received that further legislation in this direction would not be disallowed?

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

"Personal representations were made by the Minister of Mines with reference to the withdrawal of Privy Council Order 242, January 31st, 1920, instructing Lieutenant-Governor to ~~repeal~~ 'Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904,' or amendment Acts. Decision is not expected until the return to Ottawa of the Minister of Justice, which is looked for shortly."

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

1. How many free ferries are being operated by the Government?
2. Where are these located?
3. How many subsidized ferries in the Province?
4. Where are these located and what was the amount of subsidy granted this last year?
5. How many passengers were handled by each ferry during last year?
6. How many horses and vehicles were handled by each ferry during the year?
7. How many autos and auto-trucks were handled by each ferry?
8. What amount of money has the Government invested in each ferry?
9. What is the annual cost of each ferry to the Government?
10. Does the Government intend to take over the subsidized ferries; and, if so, when?

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

" 1 to 9. As follows:—

Name of Ferry and Location.	No. of Passengers, 1922-23.	Autos and Trucks, 1922-23.	Rigs, Vehicles, 1922-23.	Horses, 1922-23.	Amount invested.	Annual Cost Average.
(F.) Alexandria, Fraser River .....	1,409	47	266	399	\$ 2,660	\$ 1,800
(S.) Arrowhead-Beaton, Arrow Lake (privately owned)	1,056	....	....	11	....	3,900
(F.) Avola, North Thompson River .....	2,175	....	80	98	1,860	820
(F.) Barnston, Fraser River .....	2,669	....	12	....	1,100	1,570
* (F.) Bechtel, Kootenay River .....	....	....	....	....	125	150
(F.) Big Bar, Fraser River .....	1,230	....	917	959	2,550	1,000
(F.) Birch Island, North Thompson River .....	3,472	2	401	170	550	820
(F.) Black Pool, North Thompson River .....	3,013	120	792	2	950	1,000
(F.) Braeside, Nechako River .....	772	....	455	259	2,650	950
(F.) Bridge River, Bridge River (privately owned) ....	1,472	....	203	81	....	360
* (F.) Brisco, Columbia River (a) .....	....	....	....	....	....	....
(F.) Brulotte or Flagstone, Kootenay River .....	....	....	....	....	560	150
* (F.) Canoe Pass, Fraser River .....	....	....	....	....	....	....
(F.) Castlegar, Columbia River .....	28,240	3,962	2,872	723	8,700	3,900
(F.) Cedarvale, Skeena River .....	5,633	....	661	10	3,000	700
(S.) Chilliwack-Harrison, Fraser R. (privately owned) .	3,140	....	....	....	....	1,200
(F.) Chinook Cove, North Thompson River .....	2,082	3	2,053	183	500	800
(F.) Clearwater Crossing, North Thompson River .....	2,878	34	786	237	700	1,100
* (F.) Copper City, Skeena River .....	....	....	....	....	2,000	(b)
* (F.) Dermody, Lillooet River (not in operation) .....	....	....	....	....	....	....
* (F.) Donald, Columbia River .....	....	....	....	....	460	350
(F.) Ducks, South Thompson River .....	4,180	53	283	290	500	930
* (F.) Dunster, Fraser River (abandoned) .....	....	....	....	....	....	....
(F.) Fort Fraser, Nechako River .....	1,468	14	678	385	2,000	1,900
(F.) Fort St. James, Stuart River .....	1,169	261	583	181	2,900	900
(F.) Francois Lake, Francois Lake .....	7,878	790	1,801	....	43,700 (c)	5,000
* (F.) Goldstream, Columbia River (no figures; old scow)	....	....	....	....	....	350
(F.) Hall's Landing, Columbia River .....	9,299	204	2,519	286	4,500	1,500
* (F.) Hazelton, Skeena River .....	....	....	....	....	4,500 (d)	1,500 (e)
(F.) High Bar, Fraser River (old scow; new house) ...	1,157	....	27	962	1,220	1,200
* (F.) Horsefly (Woodjam), Horsefly River .....	....	....	....	....	1,200	150
(F.) Hulatt, Nechako River .....	413	....	494	181	2,775	1,100

Name of Ferry and Location.	No. of Passengers, 1922-23.	Autos and Trucks, 1922-23.	Rigs, Vehicles, 1922-23.	Horses, 1922-23.	Amount invested.	Annual Cost Average.
(F.) Isle de Pierre, Nechako River (old scow from Sturgeon Point) .....	424	....	....	....	\$ 500 (f)	....
(S.) Kelowna-Westbank, Okanagan Lake (private) ...	26,841	5,866	304	740	....	\$ 4,000
* (F.) Kitsault, Kitsault River .....	....	....	....	....	750	500
* (F.) Kitwanga, Skeena River .....	....	....	....	....	2,200 (g)	(h)
Ladner-Woodward, Fraser River .....	59,599	24,037	570	286	39,550	28,500
* (F.) Lewis, Kootenay River (only small boat) .....	....	....	....	....	....	4
(F.) Lytton, Fraser River .....	6,154	....	....	....	400	900
(F.) Macalister, Fraser River .....	2,347	33	608	1,893	7,500	1,800
(F.) McBride, Fraser River .....	1,059	....	867	39	2,400	1,000
(F.) McLure, North Thompson River .....	1,975	39	674	632	1,370	800
Mission, Fraser River .....	18,031	17,029	2,643	459	57,350	15,000
(F.) Miworth (No. 3 I.R.), Nechako River .....	870	8	236	7	2,500	1,600
(F.) Mount Olie, North Thompson River .....	7,775	3	836	190	670	1,400
(F.) Nelson, Kootenay Lake .....	90,307	14,195	3,170	707	18,115	9,700
(F.) Pacific, Skeena River .....	814	....	....	16	4,000	480
* (F.) Parson, Columbia River (no figures; only purchase of dredge) .....	....	....	....	....	400	220
(F.) Pavilion, Fraser River (boat) .....	2,033	....	....	20	100	900
(F.) Quesnel, Fraser River .....	23,757	508	2,323	2,074	1,090	2,000
(F.) Quesnel River (at Gravels) .....	352	....	175	161	1,750	700
(F.) Reclamation Farm, Kootenay River .....	3,271	465	2,893	979	4,500	2,000
(F.) Remo, Skeena River .....	2,847	....	234	6	2,170	1,000
Rosedale-Agassiz, Fraser River .....	10,351	4,212	658	130	28,475	14,500
(S.) Shuswap Lake, Shuswap Lake (privately owned) ..	578	....	....	....	....	4,000
(F.) Soda Creek, Fraser River .....	2,471	14	731	74	1,350	1,500
(F.) Sorrento-Scotch Creek, Shuswap Lake .....	4,730	160	573	168	9,918 (c)	3,000
(F.) Squilax-Little River, Shuswap Lake .....	7,055	977	1,194	639	2,770	900
(F.) Stuart Siding, Nechako River (boat) .....	611	....	....	....	50	295
Summerland-Naramata, Okanagan Lake (private) ..	4,629	7	7	....	....	3,000
* (F.) Takla Lake, Takla Lake .....	....	....	....	....	....	200
* (F.) Taylor Flat, Peace River .....	....	....	....	....	6,900	2,000
(F.) Terrace, Skeena River .....	12,022	1,232	3,372	3	3,900	1,800
* (F.) 12-Mile (Revelstoke), Columbia River .....	....	....	....	....	5,500 (d)	1,600
* (F.) Upper Nass River, Grease Harbour (private) ....	....	....	....	....	....	500

(F.) Usk, Skeena River .....	4,394	.....	550	46.	6,160	1,600
(F.) Vavenby, North Thompson River .....	3,135	3	528	229	1,435	1,000
(F.) Vinsulla, North Thompson River .....	1,329	41	342	118	1,300	900

\* No returns. (S.) Subsidized. (F.) Free.

(a) Apparently abandoned; no expenditure last year. No provision in estimate.

(b) This ferry has not been in operation for two or three years, but now reconstructed; no figures of operation yet received.

(c) Cost includes landings.

(d) Estimated cost.

(e) Approximate; ferry not completed.

(f) Approximate; ferry not yet in operation.

(g) Amount authorized.

(h) No figures. This ferry abandoned for years; now to be reinstalled.

"10. To date have not thought it advisable."



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

1. Were tenders called for the construction of a library building on the University site at Point Grey?
2. If so, how many tenders were received, what was the amount of each tender, and who received the contract?
3. What was the estimated cost of the building?
4. By whom were the estimates prepared?
5. Did the tenders submitted exceed the estimated cost of the building; and, if so, how much?
6. What amount of deposit money has been put up by the successful tenderer?
7. On what date is construction to commence?
8. On what date is the building to be completed?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Four. E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$461,500; Adkison & Dill, Ltd., \$478,200; Smith Bros. & Wilson, Ltd., \$484,890; Nickson Construction Co., Ltd., \$485,000. Contract awarded to E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd.

"3. \$425,000.

"4. Sharp & Thompson, architects for the building.

"5. Answered by 2 and 3.

"6. \$38,500.

"7. Work commenced October 29th, 1923.

"8. October 1st, 1924."

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

1. In connection with the agreement between the Dominion and Provincial Governments re the protection of Nicomen Island, is it the intention of the Department to raise the Slough Road which forms part of the dyke?
2. Was this part of the work the Province was to do under the agreement with the Dominion Government?
3. What was the cost of the repairs to the dyke in 1923?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. The Province would consider this work, provided the protection of the banks by the Dominion proves successful.

"3. \$33,867.75 to date."

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

1. On what date did the Government purchase from Jacob Grauer the property now used as a Home for Incurables at Marpole?
2. Did the Government appoint an official of the Department to value the building; and, if so, what is the name of such official?
3. What ground-space does the building cover?
4. How many stories high is the building?
5. What materials are the outside walls built of and what thickness are the walls in each story?
6. What year was the building erected?
7. What was the value of the furniture and fixtures at time of purchase?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. June 1st, 1923.

"2. Yes; H. Whittaker, Supervising Architect.

"3. 9,375 square feet.

"4. Four stories and basement.

"5. Solid brick; basement, concrete, 17 inches thick; ground floor, 17 inches thick; first floor, 17 inches thick; second floor, 13 inches thick; third floor, 13 inches thick.

"6. 1912.

"7. \$10,320.77."

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

1. On what date were tenders called for the construction of Government buildings at Williams Lake?
2. How many tenders were received and what was the amount of each tender?
3. To whom was the contract awarded?
4. On what basis or terms was the contract awarded?
5. Did the contract exceed the estimated cost? If so, how much?
6. How many Government buildings were erected at Williams Lake, with particulars?

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

"1. Court-house, May 23rd, 1922; Forestry cottage, July 23rd, 1923.

"2. Court-house, nine tenders: R. Moneriff, \$15,590; T. Carson, \$18,530; E. Chrystal & Co., Ltd., \$18,803; Broley & Martin, \$19,023; E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd., \$20,490; Robertson & Rendell, Ltd., \$20,535; Smith Bros. & Wilson, Ltd., \$20,640; B.C. Builders, \$21,560; Baynes & Hori, \$23,472.

"Forestry cottage, two tenders: Jacobson & Mackay, \$5,575; Norwood Bros., \$5,751.

"3. Court-house, E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., Ltd. The accepted tender was below the Architect's estimate—namely, \$22,891—to such an extent that it was considered the most rational one.

"Forestry cottage: Bids considered too high. The specification was revised and tenders received from: F. P. Rogers, \$4,925; Norwood Bros., \$5,343; R. MacKay, \$5,350. F. P. Rogers awarded contract.

"4. Contracts awarded on the bids submitted.

"5. No.

"6. Two. Court-house building, offices for the various departments, with small Court-room; cottage, residential for Forest Branch officials."

Mr. *Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What were the operating expenses, operating revenues, the operating deficit, and the increase or decrease of such deficits over the preceding year for each month of the year ended June 30th, 1923, covered by the most recent statement of accounts of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

2. For what months in the year ended June 30th, 1923, has the present management been in charge?

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

"1. 1921-22: Operating expenses—July, \$58,795.97; August, \$56,529.07; September, \$58,275.32; October, \$52,846.49; November, \$32,773.06; December, \$47,260.69; January, \$61,057.19; February, \$62,673.41; March, \$67,262; April, \$64,466.49; May, \$72,869.99; June, \$72,433.92.

"Operating revenue—July, \$47,936.47; August, \$50,532.43; September, \$33,047.13; October, \$45,784.99; November, \$7,170.75; December, \$23,671.42; January, \$19,812.76; February, \$14,889.94; March, \$32,835.69; April, \$28,967.66; May, \$35,202.53; June, \$44,330.80.

"Operating deficit—July, \$10,859.50; August, \$5,996.64; September, \$25,228.19; October, \$7,061.50; November, \$25,602.31; December, \$23,589.27; January, \$41,244.43; February, \$47,783.47; March, \$34,426.31; April, \$35,498.83; May, \$37,667.46; June, \$28,103.12.

"1922-23: Operating expenses—July, \$61,917.45; August, \$66,774.42; September, \$61,213.43; October, \$59,275.13; November, \$54,350.40; December, \$44,580.34; January, \$48,763.94; February, \$37,392.50; March, \$44,332.54; April, \$54,458.91; May, \$66,135.02; June, \$68,241.87.

"Operating revenue—July, \$44,330.68; August, \$47,012.25; September, \$40,106.46; October, \$53,451.04; November, \$40,760.11; December, \$30,371.34; January, \$22,725.46; February, \$18,463.44; March, \$26,468.45; April, \$27,245.52; May, \$37,128.48; June, \$48,296.89.

"Operating deficit—July, \$17,586.77; August, \$19,762.17; September, \$21,106.97; October, \$5,824.09; November, \$13,590.29; December, \$14,209; January, \$26,038.48; February, \$18,929.06; March, \$17,864.09; April, \$27,213.39; May, \$29,006.54; June, \$19,944.98.

"Deficits compared: Increase over previous year—July, \$6,727.27; August, \$13,765.53. Decrease—September, \$4,121.22; October, \$1,237.41; November, \$12,012.02; December, \$9,380.27; January, \$15,205.95; February, \$28,854.41; March, \$16,562.22; April, \$8,285.44; May, \$8,660.92; June, \$8,158.14.

"2. February, March, April, May, and June."

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

Thursday, 15th November, 1923.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented the Report of the Comptroller-General of the Province of British Columbia, 1923-1924, 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 Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Second Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 15th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

No. 3—Corporation of the City of Victoria.

Your Committee would recommend that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Clearihue*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pooley* on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of copies of the voters' list of each electoral district as compiled at the last revision.

And on the amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

That all the words after the word "Return" be struck out, and the following be substituted therefor: "showing (a) the list of electoral districts in the Province; (b) the number of voters registered in each district at the last revision; and (c) the number of voters registered in each poll in each district at such revision; and that a copy of this Return be supplied to every Member of this House."

The Resolution as amended was carried.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 6) 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.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Official Guardians Act'" was committed.  
Progress reported.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act'" was committed.  
Reported complete without amendment.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act respecting Rural Telephone Systems."

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting Probate Duty."

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* 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 'Department of Industries Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 15th, 1923.*

*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. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries 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.

Answer 7 to question No. 11 of Orders of the Day No. 8 of November 8th, standing in the name of Mr. *Pooley*, being omitted in the Votes and Proceedings No. 9 of November 8th, the Hon. Mr. *Manson* filed the following amended answers to questions Nos. 6 and 7 of said question No. 11:—

"6. Did the Attorney-General recommend his release? A.—No.

"7. Will the Attorney-General table all the papers in connection with said case? A.—There are no papers."

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

1. What quantity of coal was consumed at the Government buildings at Tranquille during the year 1922?
2. What amount of coal was consumed at the same institutions during the year 1923 up to November 1st?
3. What kind of coal was used and what did each kind cost per ton delivered?
4. From what mine was the coal taken?

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

- "1. 4,030 tons.
- "2. 4,395 tons.
- "3. Prices varied, as follows: Washed nut coal per ton, 1922, \$10.65, \$10.40, \$9.55, \$9.35, \$9.20; 1923, \$8.25. Lump coal per ton, 1922, \$13.90, \$11.15, \$10.75; 1923, \$10.90.
- "4. 1922, Western Fuel Co. Mine, Nanaimo; 1923, Canadian Collieries Mine, Ladysmith."

Mr. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What books, vouchers, accounts, statements, or other papers of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company will be available for audit by Price, Waterhouse & Co.?
2. What books, vouchers, accounts, statements, or other papers of the Northern Construction Company will be available for audit by Price, Waterhouse & Co.?

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

"1 and 2. The information sought for in these questions has already been conveyed to the House by placing on the table of the House a copy of the letter of instructions given to the auditors, Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co."

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

1. Were tenders called for the erection of an administrative building at Oliver?
2. If yes, how many tenders were received?
3. What is the name and address of each tenderer, and what is the amount of each tender?
4. Which tender was accepted?
5. Was each tender accompanied by the necessary deposit?
6. Was the lowest tender accepted; if not, why not?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Two.
- "3. M. A. Clark & E. C. Fromey, Penticton, \$15,950; John Rossi, Penticton, \$15,980.53.
- "4. M. A. Clark & E. C. Fromey.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Answered by Nos. 3 and 4."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

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Friday, 16th November, 1923.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented a Return pursuant to section 52, subsection (2), of the "Revenue Act Amendment Act, 1922," chapter 62 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1922.

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.

Mr. Jackson presented the Third Report from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

## REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 16th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported as amended.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to validate and amend By-law No. 403 of the City of Prince Rupert."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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 respecting Crown Timber and the Conservation and Preservation of Forests," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*

*November 16th, 1923.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Crown Timber and the Conservation and Preservation of Forests," 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 Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. W. A. McKenzie, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of application for position as Engineer, and any other documents, letters of recommendation, or papers attached thereto, filed by Mr. A. F. Proctor with the Minister of Railways on or about January, 1917.

The Hon. Mr. Oliver rose to a point of order with reference to questions (No. 10 on the Order Paper of November 16th) standing in the name of Mr. Pooley.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

When did one F. van Sicklin (referred to by the Hon. the Minister of Lands on page 2 of Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, Thursday, November 8th, 1923) return from the United States of America and take up his residence in British Columbia?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"After spending nine months in California he returned to Victoria in May, 1923. He is a native son of Victoria and has never changed his domicile."

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

1. Was a petition received by the Department from the settlers at Jesmond and adjacent sections, Lillooet District, requesting the reappointment of H. C. Coldwell as Justice of the Peace?

2. If so, why has he not been reappointed?

3. Why have H. C. Richardson and H. C. Church, also of Lillooet District, not been reappointed?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1, 2, and 3. All of these persons have been reappointed Justices of the Peace."

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

1. Was one F. J. Flanigan fined \$50 in the Vancouver Police Court on October 5th?

2. If so, what was the offence?

3. Was said Flanigan fined in the Vancouver Police Court some time previously for an infraction of the "Prohibition Act"?

4. Is said Flanigan the Government Liquor Vendor at the Cordova Street Store in Vancouver?

5. Does the Government intend to still keep Flanigan in their employ?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. No.

"4. Yes.

"5. Yes."

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

1. Is M. B. Jackson, M.P.P., Chairman of the Game Board?

2. If so, when was he appointed?

3. What is the total amount to November 1st, 1923, drawn by said Jackson on account of travelling expenses?

4. What are the particulars of expenses of each trip?

5. What has been the total amount to November 1st, 1923, paid to the son of said Jackson on account of services rendered said Game Board?

6. What position has the said son been employed in?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. July 2nd, 1921.

"3. \$931.04.

"4. July 14th and 15th, 1921, attending Game Conservation Board meeting, Vancouver, \$24.05; January 17th and 18th, 1922, attending Game Conservation Board meeting, Vancouver, \$27.55; July 27th to 29th, 1922, attending Game Conservation Board meeting, Vancouver, \$40.70; August 25th to September 3rd, 1922, attending conference between British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, *re* fur-trade regulations, at Winnipeg, \$213.31; December 28th to 31st, 1922, attending at Vancouver *re* Game Board matters and consulting with Secretary of Board, \$32.50; January, 1923, visit to Los Angeles, California, to secure fulfilment of contract for moving-picture film and views of big-game hunting made with the J. D. Callicott Kinema Theatre and to inspect and select Government film therefrom, \$230.50; February 21st to 24th, 1923, attending at Vancouver *re* Game Board matters, \$33; June 25th to July 10th, 1923, attending meeting of representatives of Government and heads of Game Departments of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia at Winnipeg, and attending conference of Board with heads of Game Departments of Washington and Oregon, and meeting of Game Board at Golden, B.C., \$242.03; July 20th to 25th, 1923, inspection of Shaw Creek Game Reserve, Cowichan Lake, \$28.45; August 24th to 26th, 1923, attending at Vancouver to settle game regulations and to inspect proposed launch for Cowichan Lake and Shaw Creek Reserve patrol, \$25.45.

"5. None.

"6. None whatever."

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

1. What employees of the Department of Lands have received increases of salary since March 31st, 1923?

2. Give the salary now received by each of the above, the amount of increase received, and the date of the previous increase?

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

“1 and 2. As follows:—

	Salary.	Increase.	Date of Previous Increase.
Alexander, J. L. ....	\$158 33	\$ 8 33	.....
Abramson, Miss V. ....	67 50	2 50	.....
Allen, M. V. ....	175 00	6 66	April 1, 1920
Burns, R. E. ....	115 00	9 00	April 1, 1919
Butler, S. W. ....	50 00	5 00	.....
Brake, D. E. ....	40 00	5 00	.....
Blake, J. H. ....	170 00	5 00	July 1, 1921
Bray, Miss A. ....	75 00	5 00	April 1, 1920
Brown, L. L. ....	300 00	50 00	.....
Bright, A. J. ....	116 00	6 00	April 1, 1922
Bright, A. J. ....	120 00	4 00	April 1, 1922
Brewer, T. ....	165 00	5 00	Jan. 1, 1920
Currie, W. H. ....	166 66	8 33	April 1, 1920
Cathcart, H. ....	290 00	10 00	April 1, 1919
Creech, E. P. ....	60 00	15 00	April 1, 1922
Colbert, J. L. ....	143 33	5 00	Feb. 1, 1922
Copley, G. V. ....	168 33	8 33	April 1, 1920
Cowan, C. S. ....	250 00	25 00	Sept. 1, 1921
Costello, C. L. ....	90 00	15 00	.....
Dare, Mrs. E. J. ....	75 00	2 50	April 1, 1920
Ferris, C. R. D. ....	80 00	5 00	April 1, 1921
Ferris, C. R. D. ....	90 00	10 00	April 1, 1923
Fox, E. P. ....	150 00	8 33	April 1, 1922
Hawkins, S. C. ....	110 00	4 00	April 1, 1920
Henshall, E. H. ....	125 00	4 00	April 1, 1920
Hooper, L. H. E. ....	45 00	10 00	.....
Hoult, Miss C. ....	75 00	2 50	April 1, 1920
Hinder, Miss H. ....	70 00	5 00	.....
Harker, Miss E. ....	75 00	5 00	April 1, 1920
Henderson, C. E. ....	70 00	5 00	April 1, 1921
Henderson, C. E. ....	90 00	20 00	April 1, 1923
Hope, L. S. ....	168 33	10 00	April 1, 1921
Haddon, C. J. ....	183 33	15 00	April 1, 1921
Jacklin, T. A. ....	105 00	5 00	April 1, 1922
Johnson, Mrs. C. ....	75 00	5 00	April 1, 1920
Kerr, J. R. ....	65 00	10 00	April 1, 1922
Little, M. M. ....	116 00	6 00	April 1, 1922
Leyster, Miss H. ....	85 00	5 00	July 1, 1921
Leslie, R. O. ....	120 00	10 00	.....
Leighton, R. H. ....	166 66	6 66	June 20, 1922
Melrose, G. P. ....	210 00	10 00	April 1, 1920
Mulholland, F. D. ....	191 66	8 33	Aug. 1, 1922
McWilliam, Miss E. G. ....	75 00	2 50	April 1, 1920
McIntosh, A. E. ....	45 00	5 00	April 1, 1922
McKay, Miss J. C. ....	75 00	5 00	April 1, 1920
McDougall, Miss G. ....	67 50	2 50	.....
McDougall, Miss G. ....	72 50	5 00	April 1, 1923
McKay, J. ....	175 00	1 66	April 1, 1920



	Salary.	Increase.	Date of Previous Increase.
Nicol, W. ....	\$133 33	\$ 8 33	.....
Nickerson, Miss C. ....	70 00	5 00	.....
Peterson, C. B. ....	260 00	10 00	April 1, 1919
Pearmain, D. ....	45 00	5 00	April 1, 1922
Paton, A. ....	125 00	4 00	April 1, 1920
Pope, C. A. ....	240 00	10 00	April 1, 1919
Prince, Miss N. M. ....	75 00	10 00	.....
Rolls, Miss D. E. E. ....	75 00	5 00	April 1, 1921
Reeves, F. W. ....	166 66	8 33	April 1, 1920
Ross, Miss J. ....	70 00	5 00	.....
Reid, Miss E. M. ....	70 00	5 00	.....
Rorie, Miss N. ....	75 00	5 00	.....
Sargent, A. G. ....	55 00	5 00	April 1, 1922
Sawbridge, Miss D. W. ....	67 50	2 50	.....
Simmons, T. A. ....	133 33	8 33	April 1, 1921
Smith, G. H. ....	175 00	10 00	Mar. 1, 1923
Smith, H. ....	175 00	10 00	April 1, 1923
Stuart, R. V. ....	220 00	10 00	April 1, 1922
Sullivan, Miss N. ....	75 00	5 00	.....
Stevens, W. W. ....	158 33	8 33	.....
Shepherd, H. G. ....	116 00	6 00	.....
Thorpe, W. G. ....	140 00	15 00	.....
Tildesley, C. E. ....	150 00	5 00	May 5, 1920
Trapp, Miss D. ....	70 00	5 00	April 1, 1920
Wilkinson, Miss D. ....	70 00	5 00	April 1, 1920
Wilkinson, T. H. ....	185 00	10 00	Sept. 15, 1922
Wilson, Miss K. F. ....	75 00	5 00	April 1, 1920

*Rangers (in accordance with the Advertised Conditions of Employment).*

Armytage, G. G. ....	140 00	15 00	.....
Boyd, W. W. ....	150 00	10 00	April 1, 1922
Calvert, E. T. ....	140 00	15 00	.....
Conway, J. B. ....	150 00	10 00	April 1, 1922
Eden, R. B. ....	150 00	10 00	April 1, 1922
Little, R. ....	140 00	15 00	.....
MacDougall, D. ....	150 00	10 00	April 1, 1922
Oldham, H. ....	150 00	10 00	April 1, 1922

*Scalers (in accordance with the Advertised Conditions of Employment).*

Barr, W. ....	200 00	30 00	.....
Garrett, J. A. ....	150 00	25 00	.....
Heard, A. C. ....	150 00	25 00	.....
Henderson, W. ....	200 00	25 00	.....
Houston, J. F. ....	200 00	30 00	.....
Ive, R. H. ....	175 00	15 00	.....
Kennedy, A. T. ....	200 00	25 00	.....
Mitchell, A. A. ....	150 00	15 00	.....
McDonald, A. R. ....	200 00	30 00	Feb. 1, 1922
Macleod, J. T. ....	200 00	25 00	May 10, 1920
Younie, J. ....	150 00	25 00	....."

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

What quantity of logs was exported: (a) During the year 1922; (b) from January 1st, 1923, to November 1st, 1923?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"See answers to question No. 24, Order Paper No. 12."

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

1. What kind of coal has been used in connection with the Southern Okanagan Irrigation Project during each of the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 up to November 1st?
2. What kind of coal was used and what did it cost per ton f.o.b. Penticton?
3. From what mine was the coal taken?

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

"1, 2, and 3. As follows:—

	Price f.o.b. Penticton.	
	Highest.	Lowest.
1920—Coalmont .....	\$ 8 40	\$ 6 90
Drumbheller .....	14 75	11 71
Humberstone .....	13 50	13 50
Princeton .....	12 00	12 00
1921—Galt .....	15 00	13 40
Drumbheller .....	13 50	11 75
1922—Drumbheller .....	12 25	10 20
Galt .....	13 00	13 00
Wellington .....	10 85	10 85
1923—Coalmont .....	10 50	10 50
Drumbheller .....	12 25	12 25
1923—Vancouver Island (f.o.b. Oliver, B.C.) .....	11 05	11 05
Drumbheller (f.o.b. Oliver, B.C.) .....	9 65	9 65"

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

1. What was the total cut from non-exportable lands from: (a) January 1st, 1922, to December 31st, 1922; (b) January 1st, 1922, to November 1st, 1923?
2. How much of this cut was exported?

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

"1. (a.) Total scale for 1922, 1,899,158,273 F.B.M. Exported from exportable lands, 101,698,635 F.B.M.; exported from non-exportable lands, 49,820,077 F.B.M.; total, 151,518,712 F.B.M.

"(b.) Total scale, January 1st to October 1st, 1923, 1,915,769,914 F.B.M. Exported from exportable lands, 158,128,659 F.B.M.; exported from non-exportable lands, 35,990,194 F.B.M.; total, 194,118,853 F.B.M.

"NOTE.—(1.) October scale returns not yet received from all districts. (2.) Not possible to show in segregated form figures giving scale from non-exportable lands."

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

1. What amount has been paid J. W. de B. Farris, K.C., on account of professional fees for his recent trip to London?
2. Has his account been finally settled?
3. If not, what is still in question?
4. At what rate was his remuneration allowed?
5. What was allowed him for expenses?
6. How long was he absent from the Province?
7. What other counsel appeared with said Farris in each case?
8. What was the total amount paid the other counsel?

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

"1. \$10,000, which was deemed a reasonable fee by departmental officials when compared with fees charged by senior counsel in similar cases during last fifteen years.

"2. Yes.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Mr. Farris was absent approximately three months and a fee of \$10,000 was allowed, which included preparation of appeals, conferences, etc., with London agents, and counsel fees in the Privy Council in four cases.

"5. \$2,500.

"6. Approximately three months.

"7. United States Fidelity Company *versus* the King. Mr. A. C. Clausen, K.C., and Hon. Geoffrey Lawrence were associated with Mr. Farris.

"Attorney-General of British Columbia *versus* Attorney-General of Canada *et al.*, *re* Oriental Orders in Council ('Validation Act, 1921'). Sir John Simon, K.C., and Hon. Geoffrey Lawrence were associated with Mr. Farris.

"Attorney-General of British Columbia *versus* Attorney-General of Canada *et al.*, *re* Customs-duty case. Hon. Geoffrey Lawrence was associated with Mr. Farris.

"The King *versus* Attorney-General of British Columbia, *Bona Vacantia* case. Mr. A. C. Clausen, K.C., was associated with Mr. Farris.

"8. No information as the London solicitors' costs have not as yet been rendered, except in the case of United States Fidelity Company *versus* the King. This bill has been paid at \$875.48, which includes both solicitor and counsel fees."

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

1. Was Lot 10, Block 23, Section 1, Prince Rupert, sold in 1912 by the Government at auction sale to Scheinman and Gutstein?
2. If so, what was the price?
3. Has this lot reverted to the Government on account of the non-payment of the balance of purchase price?
4. If so, when?
5. Who is collecting the rents of the buildings erected on this lot?
6. How much money has the Government received by way of rentals since the property was taken back by the Government?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$23,900.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. March 31st, 1921.
- "5. The Government Agent at Prince Rupert.
- "6. \$60."

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

1. How much has been expended on newspaper advertising out of the Forest Protection Fund during the current year up to November 1st?
2. How much was spent in 1920?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. April 1st to November 1st, 1923, \$4,582.52.
- "2. April 1st to March 21st, 1920-21, \$2,808.39."

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

1. Does the Liquor Control Board rent a store at Smithers from Moran?
2. If so, when was this lease entered into?
3. How long is it to run?
4. What is the rent paid?

The Hon. Mr. Manson replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. August 15th, 1921.
- "3. Two years. Lease expired by effluxion of time.
- "4. \$30 per month."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.