

Friday, 14th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. S. Colwell.

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.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of Works to prevent the Encroachment of Rivers upon their Banks," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 14th, 1919.

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. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of Works to prevent the Encroachment of Rivers upon their Banks," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 14th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief 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 House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. Hanes on 10th inst. (re questions to be answered by D'Arcy Tate).

The debate was, on motion of Mr. Fisher, again adjourned to the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—The Twenty-second Report of the Provincial Board of Health for Six Months ending June 30th, 1918.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—Report of the Proceedings of the Civil Service Commissioner of British Columbia, covering the period July 1st, 1918, to January 31st, 1919.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—Report of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs of the Province.

Dr. *McIntosh* moved, seconded by Mr. *Giolma*,—

That a Committee of the House composed of Messrs. *Whiteside*, *Weart*, *McGeer*, *Rose*, *Burde*, and the mover of this motion be appointed to draft a "Bill on State Health Insurance," and to report, bringing in said Bill, at the next Session of this House.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the motion out of order as dictating and interfering with Government policy. (*See Speakers' Decisions*, pages 80, 81.)

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Monday, 17th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. R. Littler*.

The Hon. the Premier informed the House of the death of the Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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 2.50 p.m.

Tuesday, 18th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Archdeacon *Sweet*.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 17th, 1919.

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. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia," 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. *Stoan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 18th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918,'" 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. *Oliver* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 17th, 1919.

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. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company," 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 Fourth and Fifth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 18th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the undermentioned petition has complied with Standing Orders.

No. 3—The City of Port Coquitlam and the Corporation of the District of Port Coquitlam. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 18th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Rossland Water and Light Company" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on 10th February (*re* D'Arcy Tate and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co.).

On the motion of Mr. *Bell*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Weart* moved, seconded by Mr. *McGeer*,—

That the petition "from some 1,500 or more residents of the Municipality of South Vancouver opposing present system of municipal government" be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Thompson*, *Jones*, *Manson*, *W. A. McKenzie*, and *Pauline*, with instructions to inquire into all the allegations contained in the said petition, and to report its findings and recommendations to this House; and that the said Committee shall have power to call for the attendance of persons, the production of books, papers, and all things necessary in carrying out a full inquiry; and the Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations and to take evidence under oath.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Giolma*,—

Whereas there are many of our men who are returning from the war partially disabled by loss of limb or other disability:

And whereas many such men will still be able and willing to fill certain positions in the control of our public bodies:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature go on record as being in favour of all such positions in Provincial, Dominion, City and Municipal Councils, and public bodies, when becoming vacant, being offered to returned men.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* stated that he thought the motion was out of order. (*See* Speakers' Decisions, pages 80, 81.)

The Rules were suspended.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. *Giolma* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hanes*.—

Whereas many Civil Servants left the employment of the Provincial Government in order to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government of British Columbia now puts itself on record as guaranteeing to such men re-employment in the Provincial Civil Service in their old positions or in other positions at the same or higher remuneration.

Mr. Speaker *Keen* stated that the motion was out of order on the same grounds as stated in dealing with the previous Resolution.

The Rules were suspended.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until to-morrow.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time to-morrow:—

By Mr. *Anderson*—Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

By Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Mr. *Giolma* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hanes*.—

Whereas there are at the present time many bodies and associations of citizens in British Columbia working on schemes and suggestions with a view to rehabilitating the returned soldiers:

And whereas it is desirable that there be some recognized body in this House whose duty it will be to receive and consider such schemes and suggestions:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government appoint a Select Committee representative of the whole House to deal with such matters.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

That *F. A. Pauline*, Esquire, Member for Saanich, be appointed Deputy Chairman (Chairman of Ways and Means).

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

That *A. M. Manson*, Member of this House for Omineca, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this House for the present Session.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of July, 1918," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House.

February 14th, 1919.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of July, 1918," 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. *Anderson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What Engineer was employed by the Public Works Department to make a complete road-location from Hope to Princeton, and when and what was the amount paid for such surveys?
2. What is the length and width of road determined by the final survey?
3. What is the highest elevation or summit, the maximum ruling gradient adopted, and the total length (approximately) of road having such grade on the Hope-Princeton location?
4. What portion of the year does the Engineer state this road, if constructed, would be clear of snow?
5. When and what mileage was constructed: (a) At the Hope end; (b) at the Princeton end?
6. What was the estimated cost of the mileage so constructed, and what was the actual cost of same?
7. What mileage of this location has yet to be constructed?
8. What was the estimate of the total cost of the Hope-Princeton location made by the Engineer employed in 1911?
9. What was the total estimate of cost of the same location made by the Public Works Engineer in 1913?
10. What would be the total cost of the Hope-Princeton location if the balance of the road cost to the estimated cost of such balance in the same ratio as the actual cost to the estimated cost of the mileage constructed?
11. Has any investigation been made by the Public Works Department regarding the feasibility of constructing a road from Yale to Boston Bar (twenty-five miles) by way of the Fraser River and improvement of the existing road from Boston Bar to Lytton?

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

- "1. E. A. Cleveland, of Cleveland & Cameron; 1911-12; \$13,137.53.
- "2. Length, 92.8 miles; width of road, 12 feet.
- "3. Summit level, 4,485 feet; maximum gradient, 8 per cent. for 2.94 miles.
- "4. Nearly one-half.
- "5. (a) 1912, 1913, and 1914; entirely completed, 5.75 miles; partially completed, 1.25 miles. (b) 1912, 1913, and 1914; entirely completed, 13.6 miles; partially completed, 1.2 miles.
- "6. Estimated cost of 19.35 miles of completed road 12 feet wide on original location, \$63,818.94. Actual cost to date for 19.35 miles of completed and 2.45 miles partially completed road, 16 feet wide on revised location, \$176,972.36.
- "7. Seventy-three miles approximately.
- "8. \$307,120 for 12-foot road on original location.
- "9. The Public Works Engineer did not make such estimate.
- "10. Cannot be calculated from available data.
- "11. This matter is under consideration."

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

1. Did the Department of Lands introduce amendments to the "Water Act" of 1914 at Session of 1917?
2. Did not one of the amendments—section 171, subsection (1), paragraph (a)—read as follows: "Declare, upon giving such notice as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may see fit, that all reservoirs, dams, ditches, flumes, water systems, pipe-lines, works, and all other structures of whatsoever kind used for storing or conveying water for the purpose of irrigating lands to which the water licences in connection with which such works have been constructed are appurtenant, are and have been since the construction of the same, appurtenances of the said lands, or, in the event of the company not having provided adequate means for conserving a sufficient water-supply to the whole of said lands, are and have been since the construction of the same, appurtenances of the lands of the individual owners as distinguished from the lands of the company"?
3. How many and what irrigation companies have been informed that a declaration of appurtenancy would be made since the Act was amended?
4. How many declarations of appurtenancy were made in 1917?
5. How many declarations of appurtenancy were made in 1918?

6. Why have declarations of appurtenancy not been made on all companies served with notices?

7. How many dyking and drainage districts have been formed in North Okanagan, South Okanagan, Similkameen, Greenwood, and Grand Forks Ridings, respectively, since May, 1918?

8. How many and what dyking and drainage districts in the above ridings have borrowed money from the Government?

9. The amount (if any) for each district?

10. What (if any) is the rate of interest?

Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the question out of order under Rule 45, and see Speakers' Decisions, pages 127, 129.

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

1. What parcels of land are open for pre-emption in the area bounded on the south by Ootsa Lake; on the east by the extension northerly and southerly of the eastern boundaries of Lot 491, Range 4, Coast; on the north by Francois Lake and the Nadina River; and on the west by the extension of the westerly boundary of Lot 1202, Range 4, Coast, northerly to the Nadina River?

2. What parcels of land within said area are covered by applications to purchase not to date disposed of?

3. What are the dates of the applications to purchase covered by question 2?

4. Is the Government aware that many hundreds of settlers have sought land within the aforementioned area within the last eighteen months but have been compelled to abandon intention of settling in said area by reason of the fact that no detailed information as to unoccupied land was available in the vicinity of the area referred to?

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

"1. Lots in Range 4: E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 712, 713, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 839, 841, 1701, N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1704, 724, 1705, 1706A, 1706, southerly 160 acres of 1707, 2557, 2564, 2563, 2556, 953, 1740, 950, 2559, 2558, 2560, 946, 949, 947, 948, 948F, 2562, 717, 2390, 2386, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 2385, 2393, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 472, N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1697, 1698, 1699, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 843, 718, 719, 720, 721, 728, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 732, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 479, S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 2387, 2392, 2391, 746, 2389, 2388, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 2384, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2383, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 2382, 745, 740, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 739, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 738, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 737, 742, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1658, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1691, 1692A, 1694, 1694A, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2407, 2408, 708, 784, 781, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 313, 2418, 2409, 2410, 783, 1661, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1659, 1660A, 1713, 407, 496, Fr. S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1746, 904A, 1746A, 833, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2401, 837, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1640, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ 788, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ 793, 768, 1714, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1717, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ and E. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1718, 1719, 1719A, 777A, 1720, 1733, 1732, 1731, 2424, 2421, 2420, 1722, 1734, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1735, 2419, 2422, 2423, 735, 734, 1721, 2431, 2432, 2434, 2435, 2547, 1681, Block A of 1683, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 2394, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2395, 2396, Fr. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1685, 1686, 1692, 1688, 1690, 722, 2565, 2561, 729, 730, Block B of 1716, 727, 726, 1724, 733, 731, 2555, 2553, 2552, 2551, 2554, 1665, 500, 1759, 509, 511, 669, 510, 1674, 1758, 507, 665, 1743A, 666, 667, 668, 2542, 2548, 2549, 2541, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2538, 2540, 2550, 501, 504, 2537, 2539, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and Fr. S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 497, 495, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1744, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1745, 1747, 1746A, 2399, 2398, 2400, 2402, 747, 2092, 832, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1651, 1649, Block A of 1648, 2404, 2405, 2403, 1656, 2095, 2094, 787, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 785, 786, 789, 791A, 2417, 2414, Fr. S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 2415, 2416, 2411, 2412, 2413, 791, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 795, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 859, 792, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 856, 857, 858, 860, 861, 867, 866, 865, 864, 863, 862, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 1160, 1159, 1158, 1164, 1165, 1166, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1726, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1728, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 2427, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2430, 1624, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1169, 2437, Fr. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1621, 850, 2438, 1163, Fr. N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1623, 674, 672, 2546, 2460, 673, 422, 1162, W. portion of 2451, 2450, 2449, 2452, 2447, 2446, 484, 398, 2445, 2442, 2441, 2440, 2453, 2454, 2456, 2426, 399, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 678, 2456, 2469, W. portion of 489, 2457, 2467, 2468, 845, 442, 1174, 431, 1182, 1189, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ portion of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1188, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1185, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1190, 1192, 1191, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ 1186, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1187, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 685, 684, Fr. S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 683, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 693, 692, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 691, easterly portion of 690, 689, 681, 487, 687, 687A, 688, 686, 2439, 1639, 2087, 2088, 2090, 2091, 1637, 1642, 2532, 2533, 2531, 2530, 2528, 2529, 2480, 2481, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 2478, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2476, 2475, 2477, 2474, 2473, 2472, 2096, 2471, 2470, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 704, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 2089, 790, 2448, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1228F, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ 397. Approximately 843 parcels available for pre-emption.

"2. N. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 397, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 443, 436, 437, 441, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 470, all in Range 4, Coast, and covered by applications to purchase which were approved on 24th December, 1912; 24th December, 1912; 11th March, 1910; 23rd February, 1910; 24th December, 1912; 24th December, 1912, respectively.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. No."

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

1. Was one John Edwards, of Kamloops, road foreman or in charge of a road-gang at Hefley Creek on June 3rd, 1918?

2. Did he have an Austrian working in his gang?

3. If so, what was his name and how long had he been working?

4. How much was paid said Austrian?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes; but when brought to the attention of Department he was immediately discharged, and foreman with him.

"3. Emil Khaluck; 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ days.

"4. \$82.25."

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

1. From how many spruce permits issued during 1918 under the provisions of the "Aeroplane Spruce-cutting Act" were royalties collected from J. R. Morgan, or the firm of J. R. Morgan & Co., or J. R. Morgan & Co., Ltd.?

2. If any such collections were made as aforesaid, what were the numbers and locations of said spruce permits from which such collections were made?

3. What amounts were collected in each case?

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

"1. None, as no cuttings took place under the permits obtained by this company.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Was one John Abrahamson appointed as watchman on the bridge at Revelstoke?

2. Was he formerly a hotelkeeper?

3. How long did he act as watchman, and how much did he receive for said services?

4. What was the age of said Abrahamson when appointed?

5. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No information.

"3. Three months and twelve days; \$312.

"4. No information.

"5. No applications submitted."

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

1. Who are the owners of the lands or timber licences included in Permits Nos. 72, 79, 124, 126, 127, 128, 130, 131, 132, 135, 136, 140, 174, 175, 211, 236, 284, 285, and 329?

2. For what reasons were the said applications withdrawn in each case?

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

"1 and 2. Permit number, owner, and reasons for withdrawal are as follows:—

72, Crown and G.T.P. jointly; contractor withdrew application.

79, Crown; application not proceeded with.

124, Ludwig von Brendel; application withdrawn by I.M.B.

- 126, 127, 128, 130, and 131, Bank of Hamilton; cutting rights obtained by I.M.B. direct from licensee.
- 132, A. Gothard and A. Blakemore; application withdrawn by I.M.B.
- 135, British Canadian Lumber Corporation; application withdrawn by I.M.B.
- 136, British Canadian Lumber Corporation; application withdrawn by I.M.B.
- 140, H. M. Pellatt; application withdrawn by I.M.B.
- 174, L. Hillis; cutting rights obtained by I.M.B. direct from licensee.
- 175, Crown; permit issued.
- 211, Dominion Trust Co.; application withdrawn by I.M.B.
- 236, Alex McLean; application withdrawn.
- 284, Moresby Island Lumber Co.; cutting rights obtained direct from licensee.
- 285, Moresby Island Lumber Co.; cutting rights obtained by I.M.B. direct from licensee.
- 329, Crown land; Permit 26 over same area was reinstated, rendering application unnecessary."

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

1. Who are the owners of the lands or timber licences included in Permits Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 21, 25, 33, 89-164, 207-263 to 280, applied for under the "Aeroplane Spruce-cutting Act"?
2. For what reasons were the said permits not issued in each case?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. Permit number, owner, and reason permit not issued are as follows:—

- 8, Crown; application not proceeded with.
- 9, J. R. Black, A. L. Parson, S. T. Hopkins, F. F. Converse, M. and W. H. Burgess, and E. Heelman; application not proceeded with.
- 10, Crown; application not proceeded with.
- 11, J. Shields, W. A. Robertson, W. Wilson, and S. W. Buckman; application not proceeded with.
- 12, Crown; application not proceeded with.
- 15, Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting, and Power Co.; provisional permits withdrawn owing to conflict with T.L. 1496 and no further applications made by I.M.B.
- 21, Crown; application not proceeded with.
- 25, Crown and J. Martin; application withdrawn.
- 33, Crown; application withdrawn.
- 89, Illinois Vancouver Lumber Co., Ltd.; application not proceeded with by I.M.B.
- 164, Crown; clerical error in return, permit issued, but no operations took place.
- 207, Crown; application not proceeded with.
- 263 and 280, Crown; permit numbers not used."

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

1. Who is at present discharging the duties of the late John Stevenson, Assessor and Collector of the Barkerville Assessment District?
2. Is the appointment temporary or permanent?
3. Is the appointee on the permanent staff of the Civil Service of the Province?
4. Is the appointee a returned soldier?
5. Was any effort made to acquaint the different Returned Soldiers' Associations that the position was vacant?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

- "1. William Couldwell.
- "2. Temporary. The intention of the Department is to promote a former chief clerk in the office, now serving overseas, as soon as he returns.
- "3. Yes; since December, 1914.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. Answered by No. 3."

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

Who applied for the position as clerk to the Purchasing Agent besides J. Smith?

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

“It has never been the practice in any department of the Public Service to give the names of unsuccessful applicants for positions.”

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

Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Commissioner to inquire into the question of compensation to those formerly engaged in the liquor business in the Province on account of the bringing into force the “Prohibition Act”?

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

“No decision on this question has been made by the Government.”

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

1. Was the Dominion Crown grant to F. C. Wade of Lots 4001 and 4002 issued while the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in power?

2. Was the application by said Wade for a Provincial Crown grant not refused by the late Conservative Government?

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

“1. Dominion title to F. C. Wade to lands known as Lots 4991 and 4992, Group 1, New Westminster District, is dated January 10th, 1910.

“2. An application by F. C. Wade to purchase the land from the Provincial Government was refused on March 31st, 1911; said land being considered in a general reserve of islands in the North Arm of Burrard Inlet.”

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

1. Did W. H. Gee write for a teacher's certificate at any examination during the last few years?

2. If so, what year?

3. For what class of licence did he apply?

4. What class did he secure?

5. What class of licence does he now hold?

6. If different from the class secured by the examination, how did he get it?

7. Under what authority was it issued?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. 1917.

“3. Third class.

“4. Third class.

“5. First class.

“6. On qualifications obtained in Saskatchewan and Ontario.

“7. Under an agreement entered into by the Departments of Education of the four Western Provinces, the holder of a teacher's certificate issued by one of these Provinces is entitled, on application and the payment of the usual registration fee, to a certificate for any of the other three Provinces to which he may apply. Mr. Gee held a first-class certificate for Saskatchewan, where he taught school before coming to British Columbia.”

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

1. What departmental requirements in connection with the application to purchase the North Half of Lot 397, Range 4, have not been complied with?

2. In what applications to purchase land in the vicinity of Lot 397, Range 4, was C. E. Mahon agent?

3. What are the dates of such applications?

4. Which ones of such applications have been Crown-granted (if any)?

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

"1. Furnishing of a certificate under section 275 of the "Taxation Act."

"2. N. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 397; W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 443; Lots 436, 437, 441; E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 470; Lot 430; E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 438; Lots 439, 480, 483, 892, 893, 894, 896, 897, 898, 900, 902, 903; N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Lot 906; Lots 907 and 457, Range 4, and Lots 2504, 2505, 2506, Range 5, Coast District; and covered by applications to purchase which were approved on the 24th December, 1912; 24th December, 1912; 11th March, 1910; 23rd February, 1910; 24th December, 1912; 24th December, 1912; 19th September, 1908; 8th August, 1910; 11th November, 1909; 24th December, 1912; 1st November, 1909; 22nd March, 1909; 22nd March, 1909; 22nd March, 1909; 22nd March, 1909; 22nd March, 1909; 22nd March, 1909; 22nd March, 1909; 22nd March, 1909; 20th January, 1910; 22nd March, 1909; 22nd March, 1909; 22nd March, 1909, respectively.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Lot 430; E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 438; Lots 439, 480, 483, 892, 893, 894, 896, 897, 898, 900, 902, 903; N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Lot 906; Lots 907 and 457, Range 4, and Lots 2504, 2505, and 2506, Range 5, Coast District."

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

1. Is M. H. Nelems a member of the Land Settlement Board?
2. If so, when was he appointed?
3. If so, is he Chairman of said Board?
4. Has the said Nelems been, during his appointment to the Land Settlement Board, also a member of the firm of Robert Cavers & Co., produce merchants, of Vancouver, B.C., or has he been financially interested in the said firm?
5. Is the said M. H. Nelems still a member of said firm of Robert Cavers & Co., or financially interested in the same?
6. Has the said Nelems acted in the capacity of purchasing agent for said firm since the date of his appointment as a member of the Land Settlement Board?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. August 1st, 1917.

"3. Yes.

"4. Have no knowledge of such.

"5. Have no knowledge of such.

"6. Have no knowledge of such."

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

1. Was a ferry scow constructed in Quesnel for the Fraser River Ferry at Quesnel in the winter of 1917-18?
2. What was the total cost of said ferry scow, if constructed?
3. Who was in charge of construction?
4. What is the name of each workman employed and what amount of wages was paid to each workman?
5. Why was it necessary to construct a ferry scow at this time?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$1,090.25.

"3. T. Norwood.

"4. T. Norwood, foreman, \$110.50; J. Norwood, carpenter, \$105; H. Joyce, carpenter, \$93; E. S. Carson, rough carpenter, \$36; J. Miller, rough carpenter, \$54; G. Broughton, rough carpenter, \$26; Johnston Bros., teams, \$31.50; C. Johnston, labour, \$3.50.

"5. Prolonged mild weather in January caused ice-jams in the canyon to go out, and heavy run of ice and rapid rise in the river (no less than 4 feet in one night) was responsible for ferry-scow being swept away."

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

1. How many and what are the names of the Land Settlement Board?
2. What salaries have been paid to each per month during 1918?
3. What have been the expenses of each member per month during 1918?
4. What is the total average monthly salaries paid to all members of the Land Settlement Board and their employees during 1918?
5. What is the total average monthly amount paid out by the said Board on account of salaries and travelling expenses of staff and all other incidental disbursements?
6. Has the Land Settlement Board secured any land for development-work; if not, why not?
7. How much (if any) land is being developed by the Land Settlement Board; if not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. Five; M. H. Nelems, C. R. Ward, F. R. E. DeHart, D. D. Munro, and J. A. MacDonald.

"2. Chairman, \$275 per month; Directors, \$175 each per month.

"3.

	M. Smith.	J. A. MacDonald.	D. D. Munro.	M. H. Nelems.	C. R. Ward.	F. R. E. DeHart.
January	\$105 15	\$122 75	\$114 50	\$129 40	\$151 10	
February	140 55	114 05	116 25	143 55	106 95	
March	105 15	136 57	103 52	72 94	64 51	
April	\$66 05	115 25	132 80	109 90	192 00	156 50
May	157 15	99 10	150 80	177 75	259 74	
June	68 10	112 05	184 80	87 90	149 60	200 05
July	80 05	117 35	78 45	119 45	118 55	
August	66 50	83 90	238 50	99 60	114 20	205 98
September	109 25	173 20	123 55	191 15	120 27	
October	29 75	77 30	192 15	86 35	167 30	154 64
November	26 95	137 55	122 35	107 10	104 87	
December	40 20	47 42	147 15	121 80	142 95	134 65

"4. \$1,736.13.

"5. \$2,153.34.

"6. Yes.

"7. None. Up to the present the policy of the Board has been to sell the lands acquired to practical men conditionally, one of the conditions being performance of a certain amount of development-work annually."

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

1. What is the total revenue for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1918, brought into account by the Assessor and Collector of the Barkerville Assessment District?

2. What amount of revenue has been brought into account by the same office from April 1st, 1918, to December 31st, 1918?

3. What amount was realized from the tax sale held in the Assessor's Office in Quesnel in November and December last?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"1. \$171,964.13.

"2. \$146,132.42.

"3. \$4,439.18."

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

1. How many settlers have been placed on the Crown lands of the Province by the Land Settlement Board since appointed in July, 1917?

2. If any, where located, and the names in each case?

3. How many returned soldiers have been located on Crown lands since November, 1916? Give particulars.

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

"1. Land Settlement Board has no jurisdiction over Crown lands.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. No information regarding such locations."

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

1. What sum of money was paid by the Forestry Branch as a monthly salary to A. Shaw, of Parksville, for services as Ranger in Parksville District during June, July, and August, 1918, referred to in the report of the Comptroller-General of the Province, 1918-19?

2. At whose suggestion or recommendation was said Shaw appointed?

3. Who employed said Shaw?

4. Who was said payment made by?

5. Who certified to the correctness of the voucher for said payment?

6. What sum of money was paid by the Public Works Department to the said A. Shaw for services as labourer and teamster, Victoria-Campbell River Road, during the said months while the said Shaw was employed on a monthly salary by the Forestry Branch?

7. Who was said payment made by, and when?

8. Who employed said Shaw as said labourer and teamster?

9. At whose suggestion was said Shaw so employed?

10. Who certified to the correctness of the said voucher to the Public Works Department?

11. Who was said payment made by?

12. When were said duplicate payments to, and dual employments of, the said Shaw first discovered?

13. Has said Shaw been employed by any department of the said Government since the date said duplicate payments were discovered?

14. Has said Shaw made any refund of any of said moneys so paid to him?

15. If so, when, and what is the amount of said refund, and to what department?

16. If not, has any demand been made for a refund?

17. If yes, by whom, and when?

18. How could said Shaw carry out his duties as Forest Ranger while employed as teamster and labourer on the Campbell River Road by the Public Works Department?

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

"1. Shaw was paid \$4 a day while engaged as temporary Forest Patrolman from June 16th, 1918, to August 30th, 1918.

"2. He applied to the District Forester on April 24th for the position of Forest Patrolman between Parksville and Union Bay, and as he had been engaged on the same work the previous summer he was taken on.

"3. Forest Branch.

"4. Government Agent, Vancouver.

"5. District Forester, Vancouver.

"6. May, \$200; June, \$80.50; July, \$108; August, \$10.50. Shaw was not employed on a monthly salary by the Forest Branch.

"7. Government Agent, Alberni, on monthly pay-list.

"8. The Road Foreman.

"9. So far as known, Shaw applied to the Road Foreman for work.

"10. May pay-list certified by G. B. Whitehead, Road Superintendent; J. E. Hooson, Government Agent; G. P. Napier, Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department; J. E. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Public Works. June, July, and August pay-lists certified by Superintendent Whitehead; A. G. Freeze, Government Agent; S. F. McPherson, Assistant Engineer; and the Deputy Minister.

"11. Answered by No. 7.

"12. By R. V. Stuart, Inspector of Rangers, who reported to the Forest Branch on August 23rd. Shaw's services were dispensed with on August 30th,

"13. No.

"14. No.

"15. Answered by No. 14.

"16. Yes.

"17. On October 10th the Forest Branch submitted the facts to the Attorney-General's Department, with instructions to take the necessary action to obtain a refund of the amount paid to Shaw as a Forest Patrolman. On October 12th the Deputy Attorney-General made a demand on Shaw for a refund, failing which proceedings would be taken to collect. On October 15th Shaw refused to make any refund, denying that the Forest Branch had any exclusive right to his services, and asserting that he had rendered service for the payments from both departments.

"18. Shaw claims that he did his forest patrolling at nights. Assistant Ranger Muir, who is believed to have been cognizant of the fact that Shaw was working for the Public Works Department as well as for the Forest Branch and who failed to report the matter, was dismissed from the Service on October 9th."

Dr. *McIntosh* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What was the approximate cost of the Island Highway from Goldstream to Mill Bay?
2. How much money was spent upon that section in 1916, 1917, and 1918 respectively?

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

"1. \$312,618.43, including survey.

"2. \$3,182.45, 1916-17; \$1,768.48, 1917-18; \$3,247.90, 1918-19 (to date)."

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

1. What is the total amount expended by the Government covering all headings in connection with the leasing and taking over and return to the owner of Frondeg Farm?

2. What was the total amount expended by the Department in the purchase of live stock from time to time for the said farm?

3. What was the total amount received by the Department for the sale of live stock from the said farm?

4. What was the net loss to the Province over the leasing and operating said farm?

5. What was the said farm assessed for during the years 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, and 1919?

6. What was the amount of taxes on the said farm for the said years?

7. When were they paid, and who by?

8. Was any rebate made and allowed to the said Hughes on account of taxes during any of the said years?

9. Who is H. Silverthorne who purchased four horses and one colt from the Government for the sum of \$700 on November 18th, 1918, and for which he gave his note at six months?

10. What security did the said Silverthorne give to the Government on said purchase other than the said promissary note?

11. What publicity was given of the intention of the Government to sell the stock at said farm before the same was sold to G. R. Hughes at a price fixed by the Government?

12. What practical instruction in agriculture has been given to returned soldiers on said farm?

13. Give names and term of instruction given?

14. Has the Department found the letter from Mr. Hughes to the late Premier Brewster under which the said farm was taken over, and which letter the Hon. John Oliver was unable to find in the 1918 Session?

15. If the said letter has now come into the possession of the Government, will the Hon. the Minister table the same?

16. If not in the possession of the Government, will the Hon. the Minister obtain a copy of the same from the said Hughes and table the same, so that the Members of this House can see the conditions under which the said farm was taken over?

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

"1. \$19,878.19.

"2. \$5,265.75.

"3. \$7,532.20.

"4. \$8,718.41.

"5. Total taxes paid by Government were: 1917, \$349.11, November 27th, 1917; 1918, \$34.93, January 15th, 1919 (school tax).

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. Answered by No. 5.

"8. Have no knowledge of any rebate.

"9. A farmer at Houston, B.C.

"10. Bill of sale withheld until payment is made.

"11. At time farm was taken over by Government it was agreed that Mr. Hughes was to have the option of purchasing stock at price set by Government at such time as farm was turned back to him.

"12. Preference was given to returned soldiers in the employment of labour for said farm.

"13. Practical; but no technical instruction was given to returned soldiers employed on said farm.

"14. No.

"15. Answered by No. 14.

"16. No."

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Survey and Development Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act respecting the Depasturing of Cattle upon Crown Lands" was resumed.

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

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 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, 19th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. L. Macrae*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on 10th February (*re D'Arcy Tate and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co.*).

On the motion of Mr. *Jones*, the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Weart* on 18th inst., as follows:—

That the petition "from some 1,500 or more residents of the Municipality of South Vancouver opposing present system of municipal government" be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. *Thompson, Jones, Manson, W. A. McKenzie, and Pauline*, with instructions

to inquire into all the allegations contained in the said petition, and to report its findings and recommendations to this House; and that the said Committee shall have power to call for the attendance of persons, the production of books, papers, and all things necessary in carrying out a full inquiry; and the Committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations and to take evidence under oath.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *Weart*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Port Coquitlam Incorporation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*,—

That an Order of the House be granted to have the following laid on the table for inspection: All papers, letters, documents, telegrams, reports by Government Engineers of materials and equipment, etc., in connection with the negotiations and settlement between the Government and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company; Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, Limited; Pacific Great Eastern Development Company, Limited; Foley, Welch & Stewart; P. Welch; and all correspondence in connection therewith, together with a list of materials and equipment, etc., which the Government has received under clause 14 of the Agreement between the Government and above said parties.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

1. Who are the members of the reconstructed Game Board?
2. What were their former occupations?
3. What are their present occupations?
4. What allowances or salaries are allowed them?
5. When were they appointed?
6. What amounts have been paid each member to date on account of travelling or other expenses?
7. Where do each of them reside?
8. How often do they meet together, and where?

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

"1. Dr. A. R. Baker, Chairman; F. Kermode, Secretary; F. H. Mobley, M.L.A.; F. A. Dunn; R. Gidley.

"2. Dr. A. R. Baker, dentist; F. Kermode, Curator, Provincial Museum; F. H. Mobley, merchant; F. A. Dunn, retired; R. Gidley, Acting Chief Game Inspector.

"3. Dr. A. R. Baker, dentist; F. Kermode, Curator, Provincial Museum; F. H. Mobley, merchant; F. A. Dunn, retired; R. Gidley, Acting Chief Game Inspector.

"4. No salary or allowance; their actual reasonable travelling expenses in attending meetings of the Board are paid under authority of subsection (3) of section 37 of the 'Game Act Amendment Act, 1918.'

"5. Dr. A. R. Baker and F. H. Mobley appointed April 26th, 1918; F. A. Dunn appointed July 11th, 1918; F. Kermode, Curator, Provincial Museum, and R. Gidley, Acting Chief Game Inspector, are by the 'Game Act' ex-officio members of the Board.

"6. F. Kermode, \$244.80; F. A. Dunn, \$117.85; Dr. A. R. Baker, \$664.99.

"7. Dr. A. R. Baker, Vancouver; F. Kermode, Victoria; F. H. Mobley, Prince Rupert; F. A. Dunn, Cranbrook; R. Gidley, Victoria.

"8. Four times a year, at places designated by the Minister."

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

1. Was one Joseph Cook, of Vancouver, appointed Inspector of Hotels?
2. If so, when was he appointed, what salary is he in receipt of, and what are his duties?
3. What is his age and what was his occupation before being appointed?

4. Was he formerly secretary of the Liberal Association in Ward 2, Vancouver?
5. Is he still in the Government employ?
6. What official is he under and to whom does he report?
7. Why was a returned soldier not appointed to this position?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. No information.

"5. Yes; as a constable.

"6. Superintendent of Provincial Police. Reports to the Deputy Inspector of Police, Vancouver.

"7. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What salary did Dr. J. S. Burris receive as Gaol Surgeon for the Kamloops Gaol and Physician for the Provincial Home?
2. What salaries do Drs. Irving and Murphy now receive for this work?
3. Was said Burris asked by the Department if he would carry on this work at the salaries paid his successors in office?
4. If not, why not?

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

"1. Dr. J. S. Burris received \$400 per annum as Gaol Surgeon for Kamloops Gaol and \$400 per annum as Physician for the Provincial Home.

"2. In June, 1918, Drs. Irving and Murphy were appointed Surgeons for both institutions and were to receive as salaries for the year 1918-19 the sum of \$500. By this arrangement the departments concerned received the services of two surgeons instead of one and a saving of \$300 a year was effected. Since that date the Kamloops Gaol has been closed and Drs. Irving and Murphy are not in receipt of salaries as Gaol Surgeons.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Was one R. Lamont appointed Stipendiary Magistrate at Creston?
2. If so, when, and at what salary?
3. Has the said Lamont been dismissed or his resignation asked for?
4. If so, when, and for what reason?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Appointed December 28th, 1917, without salary.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Was the commission of W. H. Jones, of Grande Prairie, as Justice of the Peace cancelled?
2. If so, when, and for what cause?
3. How long had said Jones been acting as Justice of the Peace?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. February 21st, 1918. Found unsuited for the position.

"3. Have no information as to how long said Jones has been acting as a J.P. He was appointed March 26th, 1914."

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

1. What expenditures have been made on the Boys' Industrial School, Point Grey, since December 1st, 1916, each year, and in kalsomining, painting, improving ventilation, furniture, improvements on recreation-grounds, and roads?
2. What is the total acreage of the grounds?
3. What has been spent on clearing of land?
4. What amount of land is now under cultivation?

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

"1. 1916, \$34.50; 1917, \$198.30; 1918, \$549.95. (NOTE.—Work has also been done in connection with repairing plumbing, taking up and clearing out surface-water drains through lawn and basement floors, and doing general repairs, the accounts for which have not yet been paid. The overhauling and remodelling of the present sewer system is also in operation.)

- "2. Seventy acres.
- "3. No information.
- "4. About 22 acres."

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

1. What timber sales have been effected since March 6th, 1918, under the provisions of the "Forest Act"?
2. If any, how many were effected after advertisement?
3. How many were effected without advertisement?
4. To whom were such sales made?
5. If any sales were effected through advertisement, in what newspapers were such advertisements placed and for how long a period in each case?
6. What was the cost in each case?

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

- "1. (See attached Statement.)
- "2. 171.
- "3. 46.
- "4. (See attached Statement.)
- "5. (See attached Statement.)
- "6. (See attached Statement.)"

STATEMENT.

Sale No. 1188: Made to H. Bendickson; not advertised.

Sale No. 1246: Made to Giscome Lumber Co., Ltd.; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 4 weeks, \$9.36.

Sale No. 1212: Made to J. B. Winlaw; advertised in Cranbrook Herald, 3 weeks, \$5.40, Creston Review, 3 weeks, \$6.72.

Sale No. 1273: Made to Adams River Lumber Co.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 4 weeks, \$5.40.

Sale No. 1115: Made to W. Bradburn; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.80.

Sale No. 1252: Made to L. Rowan; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 1 insertion, \$4.92, Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion.

Sale No. 1288: Made to McKenzie, Spurr & Wall; not advertised.

Sale No. 1287: Made to D. Sanderson; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.

Sale No. 1266: Made to C. Muller; not advertised.

Sale No. 1304: Made to A. D. Horsman; not advertised.

Sale No. 1232: Made to J. McLennan; not advertised.

Sale No. 1000: Made to Stillwater Lumber and Shingle Co.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Sale No. 1284: Made to E. M. Harrison; not advertised.

Sale No. 924: Made to Red Cedar Shingle Co.; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Sale No. 1302: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$2.04.

- Sale No. 1272: Made to J. C. Rady; advertised in Creston Review, 1 insertion, \$2.40.
- Sale No. 1262: Made to A. A. McCormack; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.
- Sale No. 1308: Made to Channel Bros.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 793: Made to R. Simpson; advertised in Revelstoke Review, 1 insertion, \$2.40.
- Sale No. 1205: Made to T. Snell; advertised in Omineca Herald, 1 insertion, \$3.90.
- Sale No. 1183: Made to The Walsh Day Lumber Co., Ltd.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1315: Made to Summerland Lumber Co., Ltd.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1285: Made to C. E. Whitaker; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.
- Sale No. 1218: Made to Brooks-Scanlon O'Brien Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 8 weeks, \$20.40.
- Sale No. 1311: Made to R. A. Smith; advertised in Merritt Herald, 1 insertion, \$3.24.
- Sale No. 1271: Made to W. E. Alaric; advertised in Merritt Herald, 1 insertion, \$3.24.
- Sale No. 735: Made to Bendickson Logging Co., Ltd.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1301: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.80.
- Sale No. 1227: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.92.
- Sale No. 1222: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.68.
- Sale No. 1322: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1292: Made to D. Johnson; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 2 weeks, \$5.10.
- Sale No. 1281: Made to Nelson & Hargreaves; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 2 weeks, \$5.20.
- Sale No. 1318: Made to F. H. Sawyer; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.
- Sale No. 1178: Made to J. S. Deschamps; advertised in Trail News, 1 insertion, \$3.36.
- Sale No. 1312: Made to Kincolith Sawmills Co.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1280: Made to Standard Silver Lead Mining Co.; advertised in Kootenaian, 1 insertion, \$2.52.
- Sale No. 1327: Made to E. L. Kinman; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1108: Made to Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$5.10.
- Sale No. 1321: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.68.
- Sale No. 1332: Made to P. B. Anderson; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 2 weeks, \$5.10.
- Sale No. 1333: Made to Barnstead & Gates; advertised in Fernie Free Press, 1 insertion, bill not rendered.
- Sale No. 1326: Made to Kelowna Saw Mills Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kelowna Courier, 1 insertion, \$1.44, Vernon News, 2 weeks, \$6.40.
- Sale No. 1325: Made to P. J. Sansen; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.
- Sale No. 1075: Made to H. L. McKeen, advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 2 weeks, \$5.25.
- Sale No. 1339: Made to C. Petterson & Co.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.68.
- Sale No. 1329: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.68.
- Sale No. 1306: Made to Aleza Lake Mills, Ltd.; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 4 weeks, \$9.36.
- Sale No. 1343: Made to A. P. Allison & Co.; advertised in Creston Review, 4 weeks, \$10.80.
- Sale No. 1346: Made to Pacific Logging Co.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1277: Made to Barclay McCrea; advertised in Omineca Herald, 1 insertion, \$2.88.
- Sale No. 1348: Made to J. Whitehead; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1313: Made to M. Wigan; advertised in Creston Review, 1 insertion, \$2.64.
- Sale No. 1317: Made to K. K. Lunn; advertised in Cranbrook Herald, 1 insertion, \$1.68.
- Sale No. 1297: Made to C. L. Carless; advertised in Penticton Herald, 1 insertion, \$2.50.
- Sale No. 1289: Made to Pacific Logging & Trading Co.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1310: Made to G. Fennell; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.92.

Sale No. 1344: Made to Federal Lumber Co.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Sale No. 1305: Made to Aleza Lake Mills Co., Ltd.; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 4 weeks, \$9.36.

Sale No. 1356: Made to Faulkner & Naylor; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.80.

Sale No. 1147: Made to Summerland Lumber Co.; advertised in Penticton Herald, 2 weeks, \$5.59, Similkameen Star, 4 weeks, \$13.60, Penticton Herald, 2 weeks, \$3.70.

Sale No. 1364: Made to F. F. Brady; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 2 weeks, \$5.40.

Sale No. 1340: Made to C. Nelson; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Sale No. 1251: Made to Lane & Haga; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Sale No. 1295: Made to The Quance Lumber Co., Ltd.; advertised in Revelstoke Review, 1 insertion, \$2.90.

Sale No. 1351: Made to C. O. DesLaurier; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Sale No. 1334: Made to Dan Pane; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.

Sale No. 1368: Made to J. Ross; not advertised.

Sale No. 727: Made to J. G. Moffat, Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$11.40.

Sale No. 1382: Made to Nimpkish Timber Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.

Sale No. 1374: Made to T. Anderson; advertised in Sun, Grand Forks, 1 insertion, \$2.40.

Sale No. 1363: Made to J. G. Moffat, Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.20.

Sale No. 731: Made to E. A. Laughlin; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$11.40.

Sale No. 1370: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.68.

Sale No. 1316: Made to M. Hogue; advertised in Slokan Record, 1 insertion, bill not rendered.

Sale No. 1367: Made to Powell Lake Mill Co.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 2 weeks, \$5.70.

Sale No. 1383: Made to J. Parkin; advertised in Cranbrook Herald, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Sale No. 1296: Made to Bella Coola Cannery; not advertised.

Sale No. 1372: Made to T. A. Wilson; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Sale No. 1361: Made to C. Peters; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 2 weeks, \$5.40.

Sale No. 1396: Made to B.C. Express Co.; not advertised.

Sale No. 1299: Made to J. Rose; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Sale No. 1354: Made to J. Johnson; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.

Sale No. 1379: Made to A. Fraser Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.80.

Sale No. 1350: Made to Nimpkish Timber Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.20.

Sale No. 1380: Made to A. Fraser Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.70, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Sale No. 1381: Made to A. Fraser Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.70, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Sale No. 1353: Made to Denis Wren; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 2 weeks, \$5.70.

Sale No. 1404: Made to B.C. Iowa Lumber Co., Ltd.; not advertised.

Sale No. 1415: Made to A. Fraser Co., Ltd.; not advertised.

Sale No. 1392: Made to Carter & Roberts; advertised in Fernie Free Press, 1 insertion, \$1.92.

Sale No. 1378: Made to Powell Lake Mill Co.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Sale No. 1386: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Sale No. 1395: Made to H. Beeman; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Sale No. 1394: Made to H. Beeman; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.70.

Sale No. 1414: Made to R. H. English; not advertised.

- Sale No. 1371: Made to R. P. Butchart; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.20.
 Sale No. 1384: Made to Kildala Packing Co.; not advertised.
 Sale No. 272: Made to Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 8 weeks, \$29.
 Sale No. 1323: Made to T. W. Morrison; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.
 Sale No. 1433: Made to A. D. Horsman; not advertised.
 Sale No. 1362: Made to W. C. Palmer; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.
 Sale No. 1397: Made to B.C. Iowa Lumber Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.70.
 Sale No. 1431: Made to Brooks-Bidlake Cedar Co., Ltd.; not advertised.
 Sale No. 1406: Made to Brooks-Bidlake Cedar Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.
 Sale No. 1403: Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.70.
 Sale No. 1402: Made to J. A. Brown; advertised in Prince Rupert News, 1 insertion, \$2.40.
 Sale No. 1366: Made to J. A. Brown; advertised in Prince Rupert News, 1 insertion, \$2.50.
 Sale No. 950: Made to J. Baptiste; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.
 Sale No. 1416: Made to A. U. Weberg; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.
 Sale No. 395: Made to Brooks-Scanlon-O'Brien Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.80.
 Sale No. 1429: Made to A. D. Horsman; advertised in Cranbrook Herald, 1 insertion, \$1.80.
 Sale No. 1172: Made to Frank King; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$9.60.
 Sale No. 1391: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd.; advertised in Prince Rupert News, 4 weeks, \$9.
 Sale No. 1337: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd.; advertised in Prince Rupert News, 1 insertion, \$2.40.
 Sale No. 1387: Made to H. Johnson; advertised in North Shore Press, 1 insertion, \$3.20.
 Sale No. 299: Made to J. Collins; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.70.
 Sale No. 1438: Made to J. H. Gordon; advertised in Cranbrook Herald, 1 insertion, \$1.80.
 Sale No. 1428: Made to F. H. Price; advertised in Creston Review, 1 insertion, \$3.
 Sale No. 1468: Made to S. Vaughn; not advertised.
 Sale No. 1177: Made to S. P. Pond; advertised in Nelson Daily News, 2 weeks, \$5.40, 2 weeks, \$3.20.
 Sale No. 1446: Made to O. Hanson; advertised in Omineca Herald, 4 weeks, \$10.84.
 Sale No. 1358: Made to D. Jennings; advertised in Omineca Herald, 4 weeks, \$10.84.
 Sale No. 1462: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd.; advertised in Prince Rupert News, 2 weeks, \$6.
 Sale No. 1412: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 4 weeks, \$5.40.
 Sale No. 1426: Made to D. Jennings; advertised in Omineca Herald, 4 weeks, \$10.84.
 Sale No. 1483: Made to G. Fennell; not advertised.
 Sale No. 1484: Made to G. Fennell; not advertised.
 Sale No. 1373: Made to A. W. Holmes; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 2 weeks, \$6.24.
 Sale No. 1469: Made to Lane & Haga; not advertised.
 Sale No. 1211: Made to T. Anderson; advertised in Grand Forks Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.80.
 Sale No. 1478: Made to P. Putnan; advertised in Creston Review, 1 insertion, \$3.
 Sale No. 1432: Made to Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd.; not advertised.
 Sale No. 1461: Made to W. C. Palmer; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.55.
 Sale No. 807: Made to W. N. Jaeck; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 4 weeks, \$9.36, 4 weeks, \$9.36.
 Sale No. 1444: Made to F. C. Bird; advertised in Penticton Herald, 4 weeks, \$9.
 Sale No. 1408: Made to G. W. Moore; not advertised.
 Sale No. 1454: Made to Peers & Anderson; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 2 weeks, \$5.70.
 Sale No. 1463: Made to Pacific Mills, Ltd.; advertised in Prince Rupert News, 4 weeks, \$10.44.
 Sale No. 1437: Made to T. A. Wilson; not advertised.
 Sale No. 1456: Made to A. W. Holmes; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Sale No. 1436: Made to A. W. Holmes; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 2 weeks, \$6.12.
 Sale No. 1471: Made to Nicola Valley Pine Lbr. Co.; advertised in Merritt Herald, 1 insertion, bill not rendered.

Sale No. 1241: Made to I. Swode; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Sale No. 1499: Made to C. O. DesLaurier; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$4.50.

Sale No. 1479: Made to Anderson & Polzin; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.

Sale No. 1498: Made to E. Moore; advertised in Greenwood Ledge, 1 insertion, \$3.36.

Sale No. 264: Made to Grassy Bay Logging Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.50, Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$2.90.

Sale No. 1500: Made to J. E. Morton; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$4.65.

Sale No. 1458: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.92.

Sale No. 858: Made to Drury Logging Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.80.

Sale No. 1522: Made to P. McDonald; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$4.50.

Sale No. 1490: Made to Barrett Lbr. Co.; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Sale No. 1521: Made to H. Charkey; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.92.

Sale No. 1489: Made to J. F. Bogardus; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.92.

Sale No. 1360: Made to Nimpkish Timber Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 8 weeks, \$37.20.

Sale No. 1513: Made to Nimpkish Timber Co., Ltd.; not advertised.

Sale No. 1300: Made to N. Wingan; advertised in Cranbrook Herald, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Sale No. 1514: Made to F. H. Sawyer; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$4.80.

Sale No. 1512: Made to Brooks-Bidlake Cedar Co.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$4.80.

Sale No. 1506: Made to C. O. DesLaurier; not advertised.

Sale No. 1449: Made to J. H. Jordan; advertised in Cranbrook Herald, 1 insertion, bill not rendered.

Sale No. 1475: Made to F. C. Warner; not advertised.

Sale No. 1474: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.92.

Sale No. 1518: Made to T. Figgis; advertised in Summerland Review, 1 insertion, \$2.88.

Sale No. 1504: Made to A. G. Robertson; advertised in Penticton Herald, 1 insertion, \$3.12.

Sale No. 1487: Made to E. Gavelin; advertised in Merritt Herald, 2 weeks, \$6.48.

Sale No. 1511: Made to Brooks-Bidlake Cedar Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$4.80.

Sale No. 1464: Made to A. W. Holmes; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 2 weeks, \$5.20.

Sale No. 1452: Made to Adams River Lumber Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 4 weeks, \$5.76.

Sale No. 1481: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 2 weeks, \$3.20.

Sale No. 1516: Made to A. J. Farquharson; advertised in Fernie Free Press, 1 insertion, bill not rendered.

Sale No. 1505: Made to Swift Creek Lumber Co.; not advertised.

Sale No. 1445: Made to Swift Creek Lumber Co.; not advertised.

Sale No. 1525: Made to E. Burt; not advertised.

Sale No. 1460: Made to B. M. Hicks; advertised in The Kootenaiian, 1 insertion, \$1.80.

Sale No. 1550: Made to Brooks-Scanlon-O'Brien Co., Ltd.; not advertised.

Sale No. 1524: Made to J. Whitehead; advertised in Cranbrook Herald, 1 insertion, bill not rendered.

Sale No. 883: Namu Box Co., Ltd.; advertised in Prince Rupert News, 1 insertion, \$2.60.

- Sale No. 1553: Made to W. F. Gibson; advertised in Alberni News, 1 insertion, \$2.52.
- Sale No. 1319: Made to Baskin & Stedman; advertised in Nelson Daily News, 4 weeks, \$8.52.
- Sale No. 1517: Made to A. B. Campbell; advertised in Penticton Herald; 1 insertion, \$1.90.
- Sale No. 1390: Made to G. S. Vanstone; advertised in Nelson Daily News, 2 weeks, \$5.40.
- Sale No. 661: Made to Brooks-Bidlake Cedar Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 4 weeks, \$18. Vancouver Daily Sun, \$10.80.
- Sale No. 1543: Made to J. B. Winlaw; advertised in Creston Review, 4 weeks, \$10.80.
- Sale No. 1542: Made to J. Chew Lumber & Shingle Manufacturing Co.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 4 weeks, bill not rendered.
- Sale No. 1417: Made to Wilson & Adams; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 4 weeks, \$10.80.
- Sale No. 1418: Made to Wilson & Adams; advertised in Vancouver Daily Sun, 1 insertion, \$2.85.
- Sale No. 1501: Made to H. G. Moore; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1485: Made to W. H. Tackett; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1388: Made to P. Hiltz; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1540: Made to F. H. Sawyer; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$4.65.
- Sale No. 1455: Made to R. Chambers; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$4.95.
- Sale No. 1427: Made to C. R. Johnson; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$2.85.
- Sale No. 1509: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.80.
- Sale No. 1473: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.92.
- Sale No. 1492: Made to Northern Construction Co., Ltd.; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 1 insertion, \$1.92.
- Sale No. 1480: Made to S. Vaughn; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 2 weeks, bill not rendered.
- Sale No. 1111: Made to Brooks-Bidlake Cedar Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, bill not rendered.
- Sale No. 1269: Made to F. N. Norton; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 2 weeks, \$9.60.
- Sale No. 1559: Made to Highland Shingle Mills, Ltd.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1482: Made to H. Judkins; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1558: Made to J. Simmons; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$5.25.
- Sale No. 1544: Made to C. J. Sahlstron; advertised in Trail News, 1 insertion, \$3.
- Sale No. 1447: Made to G. Fennell; advertised in Kamloops Telegram, 9 weeks, \$12.92.
- Sale No. 317: Made to Summerland Lumber Co., Ltd.; advertised in Penticton Herald, 4 weeks, \$8.05.
- Sale No. 1568: Made to McKee & Milne; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$4.95.
- Sale No. 1534: Made to A. F. Green; advertised in Prince George Citizen, 1 insertion, \$3.12.
- Sale No. 1497: Made to Lightning Creek Gold, Gravel & Drainage Co., Ltd.; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1425: Made to O. Hanson; advertised in Omineca Herald, 2 weeks, \$5.40.
- Sale No. 1465: Made to J. Whitehead; advertised in Prince Rupert News, 4 weeks, bill not rendered.
- Sale No. 1562: Made to W. Rankin; advertised in Cranbrook Herald, 1 insertion, \$1.80.
- Sale No. 1546: Made to Jewell Lumber Co.; advertised in Fernie Free Press, 1 insertion, \$2.40.
- Sale No. 1541: Made to Jewell Lumber Co.; advertised in Fernie Free Press, 1 insertion, \$2.40.
- Sale No. 1472: Made to C. Menier; not advertised.
- Sale No. 1547: Made to Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; advertised in Vancouver Daily Province, 1 insertion, \$5.25.
- Sale No. 1519: Made to A. Beatty; advertised in Penticton Herald, 1 insertion, bill not rendered.

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

What are the names of the old Game Wardens who received other appointments in the Service, the positions given them, and their present salaries?

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

“R. Gidley, appointed Acting Chief Game Inspector at \$105 per month; A. J. Hird, appointed Game Warden at \$90 per month; F. H. Butwell, Game Warden at \$90 per month; A. Carter, appointed Provincial Constable at \$85 per month (since resigned); W. J. Claridge, appointed Assistant Forest Ranger at Fernie, May 14th to October 31st, 1918, at \$100 per month; J. W. Graham, appointed Game Warden at \$95 per month (Mr. Graham's name was omitted in error from answer to question 2 in Votes and Proceedings, No. 8); A. P. Cummins, Deputy Game Warden, Sardis, in charge of the rearing of pheasants, was retained in the Service at \$95 per month.”

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

1. What licences to hunt big game were issued during 1918 to non-residents of the Province by the Provincial constable or any other authorized official of the Department at the Government Agency at Golden, B.C.?

2. If any such big-game licences have been issued as aforesaid, what licences have been issued to non-resident Indians, giving names and date in each case?

3. If any such big-game licences have been issued as aforesaid, did any non-resident Indians, and how many, hunt under the same in British Columbia during 1918?

4. If any such big-game licences were issued to non-resident Indians in 1918, what statutory authority exists for the issuing of said licences to non-resident Indians?

5. What steps were taken to watch non-resident Indians hunting under said big-game licences and to see that they did not exceed the bag limit provided by section 10 of the “Game Act”?

6. If non-resident Indians hunted in British Columbia during 1918, what heads of grizzly bear, moose, sheep, wapiti, caribou, black or brown bear, mountain-goat, mule-deer, or deer of any other species did such Indians or any of them secure?

7. What fees have been paid by licensed non-resident Indians during 1918 under paragraph (c) of section 24 of the “Game Act,” as amended by section 13, chapter 30, Statutes of 1918?

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

“1. Seventeen.

“2. Eleven. Hector Crowler, September 9th, 1918; Isaac Rollingmude, September 9th, 1918; Tom Powderface, September 9th, 1918; Enos Hunter, September 9th, 1918; Pater Ear, September 25th, 1918; Nathaniel Ear, September 25th, 1918; Jonas Ryder, October 2nd, 1918; Paul Amos, October 2nd, 1918; Enoch Baptiste, October 2nd, 1918; Johnny Bear Paw, October 5th, 1918; Pater Bear Paw, October 5th, 1918.

“3. Am not aware that any non-resident Indians hunted under these licences in British Columbia during 1918.

“4, 5, and 6. These licences were issued by the Government Agent and clerk in the Government Agency at Golden in error. The Department has no knowledge as to whether any of these licensees are Indians as defined by the ‘Indian Act.’ After it was ascertained that these licences had been issued, unsuccessful attempts were made to get the licences back, and a special detail was instructed to watch the licensees on the Alberta boundary-line to prevent them hunting in British Columbia, and, as far as I have been able to ascertain, no big game was taken or killed by the licensees under these licences.

“7. No fees have been paid.”

Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act respecting the Rossland Water and Light Company” was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Equal Guardianship of Infants Act’” was read a third time and passed.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act respecting the Depasturing of Cattle upon Crown Lands" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia" a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was read a second time.

To be committed to-morrow.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The following Bills were introduced by the Hon. the Attorney-General, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fort George Incorporation Act.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Municipal Election held in the City of Alberni in January, 1919."

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 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, 20th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. R. M. Thompson.

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

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 19th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Cascade Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported without amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was received.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on 10th February (*re* D'Arcy Tate and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co.).

The House divided, and the question was *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—8.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>
<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>

NAYS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Nelson,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Fisher,</i>
<i>Ross,</i>			

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on 18th inst., as follows:—

Whereas there are many of our men who are returning from the war partially disabled by loss of limb or other disability:

And whereas many such men will still be able and willing to fill certain positions in the control of our public bodies:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this Legislature go on record as being in favour of all such positions in Provincial, Dominion, City and Municipal Councils, and public bodies, when becoming vacant, being offered to returned men.

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

To strike out all the words of the Resolution after the word "*Resolved*," and substitute the following: "That in the opinion of this House preference of employment in the Public Service should be given to such men in any vacant position which they are competent to fill."

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question," and *Resolved* in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>McIntosh.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>		

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	<i>Nelson,</i>
<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>	

Resolution as amended agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Giolma* on 18th February, as follows:—

Whereas many Civil Servants left the employment of the Provincial Government in order to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government of British Columbia now put itself on record as guaranteeing to such men re-employment in the Provincial Civil Service in their old positions or in other positions at the same or higher remuneration.

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

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "Resolved" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: "That in the opinion of this House such returning Civil Servants are entitled to priority of employment in the Public Service, in so far as the efficiency of the Public Service will permit."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Giolma* on 18th February, as follows:—

Whereas there are at the present time many bodies and associations of citizens in British Columbia working on schemes and suggestions with a view to rehabilitating the returned soldiers:

And whereas it is desirable that there be some recognized body in this House whose duty it will be to receive and consider such schemes and suggestions:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government appoint a Select Committee representative of the whole House to deal with such matters.

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

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "Resolved" be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: "That a Select Committee composed of three Members of this House be appointed to receive and consider such schemes and suggestions and to report their findings to the House."

Dr. *McIntosh* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Cowper*,—

To strike out the word "three" in the second line of the amendment, and to substitute therefor the word "five."

Amendment to the amendment carried.

Amendment to the original Resolution carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

On the motion of Mr. *Hawthornthwaite*, Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on February 19th, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted to have the following laid on the table for inspection: All papers, letters, documents, telegrams, reports by Government Engineers of materials and equipment, etc., in connection with the negotiations and settlement between the Government and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company; Pacific Great Eastern Equipment Company, Limited; Pacific Great Eastern Development Company, Limited; Foley, Welch & Stewart; P. Welch; and all correspondence in connection therewith, together with a list of materials and equipment, etc., which the Government has received under clause 14 of the Agreement between the Government and above said parties.

The motion was negatived.

On the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, seconded by Mr. *Ross*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of: (a) All persons in the Permanent or Temporary Service who have resigned since September 14th, 1916; (b) all persons in the

Permanent or Temporary Service whose services have been dispensed with since September 14th, 1916; (c) dates of their leaving the Service; (d) their ages and length of time in the Service; (e) reasons for their dismissals; (f) list of those appointed to take their places, their ages and residence in each case; (g) also names, ages, and residence of all other persons appointed, temporarily or otherwise, to either Permanent or Temporary Service since September 14th, 1916.

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

1. Was one F. J. Gillespie appointed a Commissioner for the District of South Vancouver under the "Corporation of the District of South Vancouver Administration Act"?
2. If so, when was he appointed?
3. On what terms as to salary and expenses was he appointed?
4. What amounts has he received on account of salary to date?
5. What amounts has he charged on account of expenses to date?
6. Has the Minister of Finance received any report or reports from said Commissioner under section 9 of said Act?
7. If so, what are the dates of said reports?
8. Will the Hon. the Minister of Finance table a copy of said reports?
9. Was any returned soldier considered in this appointment?
10. If so, what was his name?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. May 1st, 1918.
- "3. At a salary of \$300 per month.
- "4. No information in Department.
- "5. No information in Department.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. Monthly financial statements.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. All applications for the position were carefully considered by the Government and the present Commissioner chosen by reason of his experience in municipal and financial affairs.
- "10. Answered by No. 9."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Did John Cartmel, Government Agent at Nelson, enlist for overseas service?
2. If so, when, and where is he at present?
3. Was S. S. Jarvis, of the Government Agent's Office at Nelson, appointed as Acting Government Agent?
4. If so, when, and at what extra remuneration?
5. Was said Jarvis dismissed from the Government?
6. If so, when, and for what cause?
7. How long had Jarvis been in the Service?
8. Was he given any retiring allowance?
9. Was he offered any other position in the Service?
10. Was one E. Ferguson appointed Acting Government Agent in place of said Jarvis?
11. If so, when, and at what salary?
12. Had said Ferguson been in the Service before?
13. Was said Ferguson examined by the Civil Service Commissioner as to his capabilities for said office, or was his appointment approved by the Civil Service Commissioner?
14. What business was said Ferguson in before his appointment?
15. Is the said Cartmel to receive his old position on his return from overseas?
16. What was the age of said Jarvis at his dismissal?
17. What was the age of said Ferguson at the time of his appointment?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. April, 1916. Department not aware of his whereabouts.
- "3. Yes.

"4. April 14th, 1916, without extra remuneration.

"5. Yes.

"6. June 29th, 1918; in the public interest.

"7. About seven years and ten months.

"8. He received one month's notice.

"9. No.

"10. Yes.

"11. June 29th, 1918, at a salary of \$150 per month.

"12. No.

"13. Commissioner not in office.

"14. Accountancy and realty.

"15. Yes, in accordance with the Government's policy.

"16. No information.

"17. No information."

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

1. Did Hugh Mehaffey, a returned soldier, make application to the Acting Assessor and Collector of the Barkerville Assessment District in Quesnel on February 4th, 1919, for reinstatement in his position as clerk in the Assessor's Office in Quesnel?

2. Was there office accommodation for him?

3. Was there sufficient arrears of work to justify his immediate appointment?

4. Was any appointment made to the staff during the month of January, 1919?

5. If so, who was the appointee, and was the Acting-Assessor aware at the time of this appointment that Hugh Mehaffey, a former clerk in the office, had returned to the Coast from overseas and was awaiting his discharge?

7. Was Hugh Mehaffey promptly reinstated in his position?

8. If so, on what date did he resume work?

9. If he was not promptly reinstated, what was the reason for the delay?

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

"1. If he did, the Department of Finance has not been informed. Mehaffey, a temporary clerk in the Quesnel Agency, left the office on November 3rd, 1915, without notice or leave of absence, and the Department has no record that he enlisted.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. Yes.

"5. Miss Collins appointed temporarily by the Civil Service Commissioner. Her services will be dispensed with as soon as Corporal Sydney Allen, a former clerk now reinstated, reports for duty. No information in Department as to whether the Acting Assessor has any knowledge of Mehaffey's movements.

"7. There is no application for reinstatement from Mehaffey in the Department.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. Answered by No. 7."

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

1. What is the total compensation, either monetary or compassionate, paid or allowed by any department of the Government to Mrs. Harry Drinkrow, of Quesnel, for the accidental drowning of her husband, Harry Drinkrow, while engaged in his work as Road Superintendent, Cariboo District?

2. Was any special report ordered and received by the Department of Public Works in connection with this accident?

3. To what person or circumstance does the Minister attribute the culpability for this regrettable accident?

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

"1. \$300, with \$40 pension from Workmen's Compensation Board.

"2. The accident fully reported by the District Engineer.

"3. The ferry-scow broke away while nearing the West Landing and drifted down-stream. It was towed about 500 feet above the cable, and while letting it down to its original landing Mr. Drinkrow accidentally got his foot in the coil of slack rope, and in stopping a few seconds to try and get free the moving ferry had taken up all the slack, pulling the hitch tighter on his leg and finally dragging him after it into the water."

Dr. *McIntosh* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Was a Commission on Taxation appointed?
2. If so, when?
3. Who comprise it?
4. What remuneration have they received?
5. Have they made a report yet?
6. If so, will it be presented to the House?
7. If so, when?
8. Was a Taxation Bill prepared?
9. If so, will it be presented to the House, and when?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. November 1st, 1917.
- "3. Thomas Kidd and W. G. Cameron.
- "4. \$150 per month each.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Yes.
- "7. During present Session.
- "8. Yes.
- "9. Draft will accompany Board's report."

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

1. Is the Government aware that the Judge of the Court of Revision lately held at Duncan has decided the exemption on improvements mentioned under section 46 of said chapter 222, "Taxation Act," as amended by section 8, 1918, is to be deducted from the gross amount of assessment and not from the assessed value of the improvements?

2. Does the Government approve of the decision arrived at by Court of Revision?

3. If the Government does not approve of this decision, will the Government take steps to rectify the said decision?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. If the decision is as stated it is in accord with the intention of the 'Taxation Act.'
- "3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. For what officials was exemption secured under the "Military Service Act"?

2. At whose instance were the applications for exemption made?

3. Are the exempted officials still with the Department?

4. In the case of those who are no longer employed, what were their names, the reasons for their leaving the Service, and the dates?

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

1. For what officials was exemption secured under the "Military Service Act"?

2. At whose instance were the applications for exemption made?

3. Are the exempted officials still with the Department?

4. In the case of those who are no longer employed, what were their names, the reasons for their leaving the Service, and the dates?

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

"1. No exemption under the 'Military Service Act' was secured for any official in the Department of Mines.

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

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

1. For what officials was exemption secured under the "Military Service Act"?

2. At whose instance were the applications for exemption made?

3. Are the exempted officials still with the Department?

4. In the case of those who are no longer employed, what were their names, the reasons for their leaving the Service, and the dates?

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

"1. E. Hogan, George C. Hay, B. Hoy, H. H. Evans, M. S. Middleton, and M. A. Stewart.

"2. Minister of Agriculture, acting on the advice of the Deputy Minister.

"3. Yes, four: E. Hogan, Geo. C. Hay, B. Hoy, and H. H. Evans.

"4. (a.) M. S. Middleton; taking up farming; November 30th, 1918. (b.) M. A. Stewart; taking up farming; April 30th, 1918."

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

1. For what officials was exemption secured under the "Military Service Act"?

2. At whose instance were the applications for exemption made?

3. Are the exempted officials still with the Department?

4. In the case of those who are no longer employed, what were their names, the reasons for their leaving the Service, and the dates?

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

"1. None.

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

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

1. Did one Black, a Forest Ranger in the Kootenays, apply to the Provincial Government for permission to enlist?

2. If so, what reply was made to such application by the Provincial Government?

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

"1. Ranger Black asked for leave of absence, with difference in pay, on December 20th, 1916, in order to join the Inland Water Transport Service in Mesopotamia.

"2. As Mr. Black was a married man with a family, was over forty years of age, and his work would have to be carried on by a man at least as physically fit, the Department did not see its way to approve his application for leave of absence with difference in pay to join the service mentioned."

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

1. Has reinstatement been made of all Civil Servants making their application for their former positions upon discharge from the C.E.F.?

2. In what cases (if any) has such reinstatement been refused? Give reasons for such refusal.

3. Have these men (if any) suffered any loss of seniority by virtue of their absence on active service?

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

"1. Yes, excepting in one instance.

"2. Clerk in the Fort George Agency. His reinstatement would have meant the replacing of a man wounded in France by a man who has not been overseas, and would have at the same time decreased the efficiency of the office.

"3. No."

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

1. How many land surveyors are now in the employ of the Provincial Government?
2. How many of these are returned men?
3. How many obtained exemption under the "Army Service Act"?

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

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

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

What restrictions (if any) were made by the Provincial Government towards the end of 1916 concerning enlistment of Civil Servants?

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

"Under the terms of Order in Council No. 1154, approved 27th December, 1916, it was provided that before enlisting Civil Servants must obtain permission from the head of the Department concerned."

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 20th, 1919.

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 'Coal-mines Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 5.10 p.m.

Friday, 21st February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *Campbell*, Ph.D.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—Return of Crown grants issued under section 80, chapter 30, Statutes of 1908.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—The Second Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board of the Province for the year ending December 31st, 1918.

The following Bills were introduced by the Hon. the Attorney-General, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the Craigflower School Site."

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probates Recognition Act.'"

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

That the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session be presented to His Honour by such Members as are of the Executive Council.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Civil Servants," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 21st, 1919.

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 the Superannuation of Civil Servants," 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. *Bowser* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. What is the cost of the new trunk road built from Dog Prairie to Quesnel during the summer of 1918: (a) For bridges; (b) for construction; (c) for engineering?

2. Has this road been completed?

3. If not, what remains to be completed, and what is the estimated cost of completion?

4. What is the length of this road?

5. When will this road be completed?

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

"1. (a) Bridges, \$1,402.01; (b) construction, \$7,279.31; (c) no engineering charged specially to the work, it being supervised by Department's Engineer.

"2. No.

"3. One mile grading to be done, together with small improvements on grade parts, also approximately five miles surfacing; \$5,000.

"4. Seven miles and a quarter.

"5. This season, if funds available."

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

1. For what officials was exemption secured under the "Military Service Act"?

2. At whose instance were the applications for exemption made?

3. Are the exempted officials still with the Department?

4. In the case of those who are no longer employed, what were their names, the reasons for their leaving the Service, and the dates?

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

"1. None.

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

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

1. Has an Order in Council been passed granting relief to the holders of Coal and Petroleum Licences Nos. 9852, 9853, and 9854, and by whom was the application made? If so, when was the same approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council?

2. On what grounds was relief granted? Has the Department any knowledge as to the right of the person making the application for relief to act for the holders of Licences Nos. 9852, 9853, and 9854?

3. When and to whom were Licences Nos. 9852, 9853, and 9854 originally granted, and how long had they been in arrears when such Order in Council was passed? Did they lapse in July, 1914, or about?

4. Were the lands covered by lapsed Licences 9852, 9853, and 9854 included in applications to prospect made by other parties? If so when were same staked and when was application made, and by whom?

5. Was an offer made by the Department to grant to the applicants licences covering land applied for, but reserving that included in Licences 9852, 9853, and 9854?

6. Was a protest against the issue of curtailed licences made to the Department or any official thereof, and when was this protest made?

7. Did the Department of Lands or any official thereof refuse to entertain such protest, and advise accordingly, and when?

8. Was an appeal to the Supreme Court entered against the decision of the Department or any official thereof, and what was the result of the appeal?

9. Were costs taxed against the Department or any official thereof as a result of such appeal, and to what amount?

10. In the absence of further proceedings what would be the total costs due from the Department or any official thereof?

11. Has the Department or any official thereof taken further proceedings in the matter of the appeal, and for whose benefit?

12. What interest has the Department in the dispute (if any)?

13. Why were the parties not left to settle their claims in the usual way?

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

"1. Yes; A. B. Clabon, acting on behalf of the holders. Order in Council approved May 31st, 1918.

"2. Application made under chapter 48, Statutes of 1915, and amending Act, chapter 47, Statutes of 1916. Mr. Clabon represented that he was acting on behalf of the holders.

"3. May 17th, 1914; H. G. Ashby, A. G. McDonald, and H. Croft, respectively; three years.

"4. Portions of the lands covered by Licences Nos. 9852, 9853, and 9854 were included in applications made by other parties. Staked February 18th, 1918; received April 2nd, 1918; W. H. Johnston, F. Harding, J. G. Gillespie, and J. T. Robinson.

"5. Yes.

"6. Yes; May 4th, 1918.

"7. Yes; May 16th, 1918.

"8. Yes; judgment adverse to decision of Department.

"9. Yes; \$582.12.

"10. \$582.12.

"11. Yes; in the public interest.

"12. Public policy for the protection of the public interest.

"13. The appeal was taken against the Minister of Lands and he was made respondent under the provisions of the 'Coal and Petroleum Act.'"

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

1. Was one C. W. Grain, Gold Commissioner at Barkerville, dismissed from office?

2. If so, when, and for what reason?

3. How long was said Grain in the Provincial Service?

4. Was he given any retiring allowance?

5. What was the age of said Grain at the time of his dismissal?

6. What salary was he receiving?

7. What salary is his successor in receipt of?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. July 20th, 1918; in the public interest.
- "3. Since January 1st, 1908.
- "4. No.
- "5. Fifty-one.
- "6. \$1,720 per annum.
- "7. \$1,720 per annum. Mining Recorder at Yale promoted and transferred to Barkerville."

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

1. Was one P. Lorensen employed by the Government as Superintendent of Bridge Construction at Bella Coola in 1918?
2. If so, how long was said Lorensen employed, and what was the total amount paid to him for his wages, transportation, and expenses?
3. Was the said P. Lorensen formerly president of the German Club at Prince Rupert?
4. Who recommended said P. Lorensen for the said position?
5. Why was a returned soldier not employed instead of the said P. Lorensen?
6. Is the said Lorensen still in the employ of the Government?
7. If so, in what Department and in what capacity is he so employed?

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

- "1. No; he was employed as Concrete Engineer and Assistant Foreman.
- "2. Forty-seven days. April, \$130; May, \$175.50.
- "3. No.
- "4. No information.
- "5. Answered by No. 4.
- "6. Not in the employ of Public Works Department.
- "7. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. Was any "Marquis" seed wheat sold to the farmers of British Columbia in 1918?
2. If so, how much was so sold, and at what price per ton?
3. For what price was the said seed wheat purchased by the Government?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. 100 tons; \$88 per ton in southern and central districts, and \$90 per ton in northern interior.
- "3. \$76 per ton f.o.b. Indian Head, Sask."

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

1. Was a Ford truck or other vehicle belonging to the Forestry Branch used by the Bridges Lumber Company at or near their mill in the vicinity of Cranbrook in 1917 and 1918?
2. If so, how long was said vehicle used by said company?
3. What amount (if any) was paid to the Government by the said company for the use of said vehicle?
4. Where is the said vehicle at present and by whom is it being used?

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

- "1. Have no information.
- "2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. How many Mennonites have settled in British Columbia since November, 1916?
2. In what localities are such Mennonites settled?
3. How many pre-emption records have been issued to Mennonites since November, 1916?
4. Where are said pre-emptions located (if any)?

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

"1. Information not available.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1. Instructions were issued some time ago to Government Agents that no pre-emption record shall issue to any one unless he had first stated in writing that he was prepared to accept the full responsibilities of citizenship.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Was E. J. Bawden, late Sergeant-at-Arms, discharged?

2. If so, when?

3. If so, why?

4. Were the sessional accounts and pay-lists of the said Bawden in order?

5. If not, in what manner were they incorrect?

6. Did said E. J. Bawden make any payment to settle the matter, and how much and when?

7. Did said Bawden ask for a refund?

8. If so, was said refund made, and when?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. No.

"5. \$200 overcharge.

"6. Yes; \$200 when he left the Service.

"7. No.

"8. Answered by No. 7."

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act respecting the Depasturing of Cattle upon Crown Lands" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Allied Forces Exemption Act, 1918'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Did any members of the Executive Council attend the Mining Convention held at Revelstoke in 1918?

2. If so, what were their names?

3. What was the total cost charged to the Government for expenses in connection with said convention?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Hon. Dr. King, Hon. John Hart, Hon. E. D. Barrow, and Hon. Wm. Sloan.

"3. The expenses of the Minister of Mines, July 8th to 18th, at Revelstoke and including side trips to Arrowhead, Beaton, Trout Lake, Ferguson, Gerard, Ainsworth, and Kaslo, amounted to \$164.12. The Department of Mines has no knowledge of the expenses incurred by the other members of the Executive Council attending the Mining Convention."

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of Works to prevent the Encroachment of Rivers upon their Banks."

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act.'"

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fort George Incorporation Act.'"

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Municipal Election held in the City of Alberni in January, 1919."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand ajourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

Monday, 24th February, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Gilbert Cook*.

Dr. *McIntosh* moved, seconded by Mr. *Giolma*,—

That this Legislature resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the question of "State Health Insurance," with a view to discussing the advisability of appointing a Committee to bring in a Bill before the close of this Session of the House.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of Dr. *McIntosh*, seconded by Mrs. *Smith*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Committee appointed on the 20th inst. to consider schemes and suggestions with a view to rehabilitating the returned soldiers shall consist of the following Members: Messrs. *McGeer*, *Whiteside*, *Anderson*, *F. J. A. MacKenzie*, and *Giolma*.

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

1. How many special Assessors were appointed during 1918 to make assessments throughout the Province?
2. What were the names, ages, and addresses in each case and their previous occupations?
3. What districts did each operate in?
4. What salaries and allowances for expenses or transportation were allowed in each case?
5. What has each Assessor been paid up to January 31st, 1919?
6. What were their duties?
7. How many returned soldiers were appointed?
8. What were their names and what district were they operating in?

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

"1. Sixty-seven, working under the direction of the Provincial Assessor in each district.

"2, 3, 4, and 5. Alberni Assessment District: A. L. Smith, Alberni, real-estate agent and ex-Government Agent, \$814.22; Henry Ohlsen, San Josef Bay, merchant, \$479.75; Edward Exton, Port Alberni, contractor, \$1,319.50; George Forrest, Alberni, builder, \$880.62.

"Ashcroft Assessment District: George Ward, Ashcroft, \$975.98.

"Atlin Assessment District: J. Williams, Atlin, clerk, \$88.80.

"Barkerville Assessment District: Leonard Vibbard, Prince George, farmer, \$192.22; A. P. McInnes, Beaver Lake, rancher, \$941.97; Daniel C. McDonald, South Fort George, woodsman, \$685.42; Walter Adams, South Fort George, clerk, \$185.22; C. H. West, Prince George, \$51.30; J. H. Manahan, Fort George, \$422.15.

"Comox Assessment District: J. B. Holmes, Comox, rancher, \$1,042.90; J. W. McKenzie, Courtenay, \$1,051.25; S. A. Pool, Military Hospital, Vancouver, \$1,191.05; Thomas Menzies, Sandwick, director, agricultural society, \$827.

"Cowichan Assessment District: Douglas James, Duncan, surveyor, \$438; G. W. Gowland, Duncan, \$538.

"Fort Steele Assessment District: C. L. Bechtel, Wasa, rancher, \$1,057.58; William M. Dicken, Fernie, contractor, \$962.86.

"Golden Assessment District: J. White, Golden, clerk, \$270.

"Kamloops Assessment District: R. F. Leighton, Savona, rancher, \$2,118.58; F. W. Clingan, Salmon Arm, rancher, \$1,560.70.

"Kettle River Assessment District: Alex. Beatty, Penticton, merchant, \$1,322.50.

"Lillooet Assessment District: Henry P. Horan, Clinton, realty agent, \$1,242.

"Mayne Island, Pender Island, and Galiano Island Assessment Districts: Albert H. Menzies, Pender Island, farmer, \$199.07.

"Nicola Assessment District: David B. Stewart, Nicola, \$589.92.

"Nanaimo Assessment District: J. Stewart, Starks Crossing, rancher, \$1,156.45; George A. Smith, Alberni, civil engineer, \$1,182.65.

"Nelson Assessment District: William Holmes, Nelson, accountant, \$937.70; Charles Moore, Creston, civil engineer, \$690.15; G. N. Gilchrist, Nelson, agent, \$915.98.

"New Westminster Assessment District: S. A. Fletcher, ex-Government Agent, New Westminster, \$567.35; R. C. McDonald, New Westminster, retired Civil Servant, \$549.62.

"Omineca Assessment District: Roy E. Williams, Hubert, rancher, \$1,032.25; N. F. Nourse, Francois Lake, rancher, \$1,115.73; Louis L. DeVoin, Smithers, farmer, \$522.80.

"Prince Rupert Assessment District: W. Denholm, Prince Rupert, accountant, \$1,140.45; E. H. Mortimer, Prince Rupert, realty agent, \$929.41; W. H. Montgomery, Prince Rupert, realty agent, \$1,127.30.

"Princeton Assessment District: E. W. Mutch, Penticton, fruit-grower, \$1,509.52.

"Revelstoke Assessment District: W. A. Calder, Edgewood, rancher, \$311.80; Winfield Maxwell, Revelstoke, agent, \$374.35; Frank H. Bourne, Revelstoke, merchant, \$354.

"Rossland Assessment District: Neil McCallum, Grand Forks, real-estate agent, \$1,072.43; William Jones, Rock Creek, farmer, \$610.35.

"Saltspring Island Assessment District: W. H. B. Medd, Ganges, farmer, \$379.05.

"Slocan Assessment District: Ernest Norman, Mirror Lake, rancher, \$816.22; David Wadds, Crawford Bay, farmer, \$320.65; Harold Murray, Crawford Bay, rancher, \$204.05; P. T. Bloomer, Nelson, \$512.25; J. Campbell, Willow Point, rancher, \$305.53; A. E. Bennett, Nelson, \$467.76.

"Vancouver Assessment District: W. E. Truesdale, Vancouver, realty, \$816.40; J. A. Thomas, Vancouver, \$1,125.75; R. Evans, Vancouver, real-estate agent, \$763.70; A. E. Brown, Vancouver, real-estate agent, \$479.40; M. B. Martinson, North Vancouver, real-estate agent, \$523.80.

"Vernon Assessment District: Augustus C. Anderson, Kelowna, rancher, \$146.05; G. Mickleborough, Vernon, farmer, \$1,289.71; D. H. Rattenbury, Kelowna, realty, \$1,003.89; H. H. Worthington, Enderby, \$694.24; Daniel McKay, Naramata, builder, \$443.93; W. A. Caldwell, Summerland, farmer, \$1,317.64; Thomas Duggan, Kelowna, farmer, \$414.17.

"Victoria Assessment District: H. A. Munn, Victoria, realty, \$456.10; David Lewis, Victoria, collector, Assessor's office, \$629.

"Special Assessors were paid at the rate of \$150 per month for the time they worked, with travelling expenses and living expenses when away from home.

"6. To visit and examine all real property taxable by the Province and to place a value on the same which, in their opinion, would be fair and just for assessment purposes.

"7. Eleven, so far as there is any record in the Department of the fact.

"8. Vibbard, McDonald, Adams, and West, Barkerville; Pool, Comox; James, Cowichan; White, Golden; Leighton, Kamloops; Murray and Bloomer, Slocan; Anderson, Vernon."

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

1. What was the total amount of assessment for North Bend Rural School District in 1916-17-18?
2. What was the total amount levied for school purposes in 1916-17-18?
3. What was the "mill levy" in 1916-17-18?
4. What was the total assessment of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for school purposes in 1916-17-18?
5. What was the total levy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for school purposes in 1916-17-18?
6. How many names appear on assessment roll as ratepayers in North Bend School District?

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

- "1. 1916, \$193,250; 1917, \$179,350; 1918, \$176,050.
- "2. 1916, \$1,546; 1917, \$1,434.80; 1918, \$1,760.50.
- "3. 1916, 8 mills; 1917, 8 mills; 1918, 10 mills.
- "4. 1916, \$103,000; 1917, \$93,000; 1918, \$93,000.
- "5. 1916, \$824; 1917, \$744; 1918, \$930.
- "6. 1918, seventy-one."

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

1. When was Findlay appointed Commissioner under the "British Columbia Prohibition Act"?
2. How was he appointed?
3. What accounts were kept by said Findlay?
4. If not kept by said Findlay, by whom were they kept?
5. Were said accounts audited from time to time?
6. If so, by whom, and when?
7. If not, why not?
8. Under what department of the Government Service was the said Findlay supposed to be employed?
9. When and how was the said Findlay removed from office as Commissioner?
10. What were the reasons for his removal?
11. Have any steps been taken to prosecute the said Findlay under the provisions of the "Prohibition Act"?
12. Have any steps been taken to prosecute the said Findlay under the provisions of the Criminal Code?
13. Have any steps been taken to prosecute the said Findlay under the provisions of the Common Law?
14. If yes, what steps?
15. If not, why not?
16. How many convictions have been obtained for contravention of the provisions of Act in municipalities?
17. How many convictions have been obtained for contravention of the provisions of Act in rural districts?
18. Have any persons convicted of offences thereunder been sentenced for terms of imprisonment?
19. If yes, how many, and what time did each one serve in gaol?
20. How many were fined, and the amount of said fines in each case, in: (1) Municipalities; (2) rural districts?
21. Since the amendment of the "Liquor Licence Act" in 1913, when six months' imprisonment was the penalty for the sale of liquor by unauthorized persons, how many persons were sentenced to gaol under the administration of the late Government?
22. What were the names of these persons and the time they served in each case?

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

- "1. September 27th, 1917.
- "2. By Order in Council.
- "3. He is not required to keep accounts; the accounts were sent by him to the Audit Branch for audit and payment.

- " 4. Answered by No. 3.
 " 5. Yes.
 " 6. By the Audit Branch.
 " 7. Answered by No. 6.
 " 8. Attorney-General.
 " 9. December 11th, 1918; by Order in Council.
 " 10. For an infraction of Dominion Order in Council P.C. 589.
 " 11. Am not aware that any charge against Findlay under which he could be prosecuted under the provisions of the 'British Columbia Prohibition Act.'
 " 12. Yes.
 " 13. No.
 " 14. Answered by No. 13.
 " 15. Charge laid and conviction obtained for an infraction of Dominion Order in Council P.C. 589.
 " 16. Have no information. Municipalities are not required to make return of convictions to this Department.
 " 17. Have no complete returns and same can only be obtained with a great deal of correspondence.
 " 18. Yes.
 " 19. Have no returns and same can only be obtained with a great deal of correspondence.
 " 20. Have no complete returns. In the case of municipalities, the municipalities are not under any obligation to make returns to this Department. In the case of rural districts, information can only be obtained after a great deal of correspondence.
 " 21. Information may be in this Department, but necessitates a search going back five years.
 " 22. Answered by No. 21."

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

1. For what officials was exemption secured under the "Military Service Act"?
2. At whose instance were the applications for exemption made?
3. Are the exempted officials still with the Department?
4. In the case of those who are no longer employed, what were their names, the reasons for their leaving the Service, and the dates?

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

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

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

1. Was Fliteroft Evans formerly employed as official stenographer at Vancouver?
2. For how many years was he so employed?
3. Has he been dismissed.
4. If so, when?
5. For what reasons were his services dispensed with?
6. What notice was given the said Evans?
7. Is it a fact that the said Evans is over sixty-two years of age?
8. What allowances have been made to the said Evans?
9. How many months' salary were paid by the Department to the said Evans as a bonus on being discharged?
10. If not, why not?
11. Were suggestions at any time made by official letters that the length of service by the said Evans might be recognized by the Department?
12. Have any steps been taken by the Department to carry out said suggestions?

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

- " 1. Yes.
 " 2. Twenty-nine years and three months.
 " 3. Yes.
 " 4. August 15th, 1917.

- "5. In the public interest.
- "6. None.
- "7. He was sixty years of age at date of his retirement.
- "8. None.
- "9. The matter is under consideration.
- "10. Answered by No. 9.
- "11. Yes.
- "12. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. Did the Forestry Branch construct a gasoline-boat at Thurston Bay in the year 1917 or 1918?
2. What were the dimensions of said boat?
3. What horse-power were her engines?
4. What was the total cost of said boat?

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

- "1. Yes, in 1918.
- "2. 32 feet long by 8 feet 6 inches beam.
- "3. 10-horse-power, heavy-duty engine.
- "4. Construction of hull, \$2,950; engine, \$1,420. Patterns used for construction of Patrol Boat No. 1 will be used in Nos. 2 and 3, now building, thereby reducing the total cost of construction of these two boats."

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

1. Did the Hon. the Attorney-General, the Minister of Lands, and the Minister of Public Works make a trip in 1918 to Prince Rupert along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific and through the Cariboo country?
2. If so, what was the expenses of each Minister on said trip?

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

- "1. The Hon. the Attorney-General and the Hon. the Minister of Public Works made a trip along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Cariboo Road. The Hon. the Minister of Lands spent several days on public business at points along the Grand Trunk Pacific.
- "2. Hon. J. W. de B. Farris, \$262.45; Hon. J. H. King, \$204.45; Hon. T. D. Pattullo, \$310.30."

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

1. Were tenders called for the building of twelve houses at Squamish?
2. What uses are these houses to be put to?
3. What are the dimensions of the said houses?
4. Whose tender was accepted, and the price of same?
5. Was the tender accepted the lowest tender?
6. If not, why was it accepted?
7. Who were the other tenderers, and the prices in each case?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Accommodation of P.G.E. employees.
- "3. 24 x 27—4 rooms.
- "4. Thos. Carson, Vancouver, \$18,989.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. Ledingham & Cooper, \$31,200; Robertson & Partners, \$29,956; Cameron & Humber, \$28,140.44; Northern Construction Co., \$25,900; D. F. Russell, \$25,809; Dominion Construction Co., \$25,240; Hector McKinnon, \$25,200; Wm. McNee, \$21,600; A. W. and A. D. Snider, \$21,300. On percentage basis: Cut-to-Fit Buildings Co., Ltd., net cost plus 10 per cent.; Northern Construction Co., cost plus 5½ per cent."

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

1. Who is the present Agent-General for the Province in London?
2. When was he appointed, and what is his salary and allowance?
3. Is W. A. Blair connected with said office?
4. If so, what is his position, salary, and allowance?

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

- "1. Frederick C. Wade.
- "2. August 15th, 1918; salary, \$666.66 per month.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Secretary in office of Agent-General; salary, \$300 per month."

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

1. Has a settlement been made by the Government in the suit of the Minister of Finance *v.* Railway Passengers' Assurance Company on the Dominion Trust Board?
2. If so, what amount was the suit settled for, and why?
3. What was the amount sued for?
4. What is the present status of the suit of the Minister of Finance *v.* London Guarantee and Accident Company on the other Dominion Trust Board?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$20,000; on the advice of counsel.
- "3. \$200,000.
- "4. Pleadings are not closed."

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

1. What are the particulars of the "legal services" rendered by Sir C. H. Tupper for "constitutional matters" appearing in Vote 78 of the Public Accounts for which he was paid \$500?
2. Were said services rendered before, during, or after the Provincial general election?
3. Did the said Sir C. H. Tupper give a written opinion in the said matter?
4. Will the Department table a copy of the said opinion?
5. If no written opinion was given, will the Department table the correspondence in the said matter?

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

- "1. Conference with the Prime Minister and Attorney-General and opinion on constitutional questions.
- "2. The said services were rendered on the 8th, 12th, and 17th of August, 1917.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Not deemed advisable.
- "5. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Was one Charles Erickson employed in October last as a roadmaster on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. If so, what salary was he paid?
3. Was he arrested by a Dominion police constable?
4. If so, for what offence?
5. What was the result of said arrest?
6. What nationality was said Erickson?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$175 per month.
- "3, 4, 5, and 6. The only information in possession of the Department is a letter signed by Geo. L. Courtney, late general manager, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, a copy of which is printed below."

(COPY OF LETTER.)

VANCOUVER, B.C., October 15th, 1918.

*The Hon. John Oliver,**Premier and Minister of Railways, Victoria, B.C.*

DEAR SIR.—Last week Roadmaster Erickson was arrested by the Military Police in Squamish on account of his not having the necessary papers to prove that he was a Swede and thus exempt from military service. I believe that he was unable to produce the necessary evidence when brought before the military authorities here, and will be taken care of in Hastings Park until he is able to do so.

The matter was taken notice of in the *Vancouver World* of 12th instant, and I therefore wish to acquaint you of the facts regarding the employment of Erickson.

He was engaged a year ago by the late management, and has been employed continuously under late Superintendents Luedke and Rae. His work, I am told, has been satisfactory.

When the "Military Service Act" came into force Mr. Luedke was Superintendent, and was the official to be satisfied as to the eligibility or otherwise of employees for military service. Erickson must surely have satisfied Mr. Luedke at the time, and the question was not taken up with him afterwards either by Mr. Rae or Mr. Cameron. It may be that Erickson will be able to establish proof of his claim to be a Swede, but under any circumstances I do not think it would be advisable to re-employ him.

GEO. L. COURTNEY,

General Manager.

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

1. Have any rules, regulations, or Orders in Council been passed under section 8 of the "Soldiers' Land Act"?
2. If so, what was the date or dates in which same were published in the British Columbia Gazette?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

- "1. Report of the operations under the 'Soldiers' Land Act' will be tabled shortly.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Did one Kirby, of Chilliwack, a returned soldier, take the examination for a Forest Ranger in 1917?
2. Was he successful in said examination?
3. If so, why was he not appointed as Forest Ranger?
4. Was one Mills, of Vancouver, appointed District Forest Ranger or Fire Warden for Chilliwack District?
5. If so, why was a returned soldier not appointed?

The Hon. Mr. Pattullo replied as follows:—

"1. No examinations have been held for Forest Rangers, who are permanent officials. Examinations were held in 1917 for the selection of Assistant Rangers during the summer, recommendations from among those who took the examination being made by the Forest Protection Committee, representing the lumbermen, loggers, and the Department, as contributors to the Forest Protection Fund. Kirby took this examination.

"2. Yes; he barely got required number of marks.

"3. Appointments were made from those who passed highest. Forty-four passed and there were but nine vacancies in Vancouver Forest District.

"4. Ranger Mills was appointed before the present Government took office and his appointment was approved by the then Minister of Lands, Mr. W. R. Ross.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. How many and what irrigation companies have been informed that a declaration of appurtenancy would be made since the "Water Act" was amended in 1917?
2. How many declarations of appurtenancy were made in 1917, with names?

3. How many declarations of appurtenancy were made in 1918, with names?
4. Why have declarations of appurtenancy not been made on all companies served with notices?
5. How many dyking and drainage districts have been formed in North Okanagan, South Okanagan, Similkameen, Greenwood, and Grand Forks Ridings, respectively, since May, 1918?
6. How many and what dyking and drainage districts in the above ridings have borrowed money from the Government?
7. The amount (if any) for each district?
8. What (if any) is the rate of interest?

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

"1. Two made: Peachland Real Estate & Fruit Company, Ltd., and Westbank Irrigation Company. Two under consideration: Peachland Townsite Company and Okanagan Securities Company, Ltd.

"2. None.

"3. Two.

"4. Matter now under consideration.

"5. None; but proceedings have been commenced for incorporation at Naramata, Glenmore and Rutland, and Ellison, all in the South Okanagan Electoral District.

"6. None; but several amounts have been set aside to protect several water systems.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. Answered by No. 6."

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act respecting the Depasturing of Cattle upon Crown Lands" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act respecting the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fort George Incorporation Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting the Municipal Election held in the City of Alberni in January, 1919" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to provide for the Settlement of Differences between the Governments of the Dominion and the Province respecting Indian Lands and Indian Affairs in the Province of British Columbia" was resumed.

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting the Craigflower School Site."

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probates Recognition Act.'"

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was committed.
 Progress reported.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. F. J. A. MacKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Did the British Columbia Dairymen's Association, at their annual convention held at Chilliwack in February last, petition the Government to establish compulsory dairy-cattle insurance?

2. What answer (if any) did the Government give to said request?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. No. At their annual meeting a resolution was passed appointing a committee to meet the Government and negotiate for such legislation, but this committee did not visit Victoria, and on April 17th the secretary of the association forwarded copies of the resolution.

"2. The Minister of Agriculture replied that it was too late to take action during that Session."

Mr. Giolma asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. For what officials was exemption secured under the "Military Service Act"?

2. At whose instance were the applications for exemption made?

3. Are the exempted officials still with the Department?

4. In the case of those who are no longer employed, what were their names, the reasons for their leaving the Service, and the dates?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. (1) H. L. Small, B.S.A., District Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Surrey and Langley Municipalities; (2) H. E. Hallwright, B.S.A., District Supervisor of Agricultural Instruction, Victoria and Saanich.

"2. Application made by J. W. Gibson, Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, in behalf of the Minister of Education.

"3. Yes.

"4. All employed.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act respecting the Rossland Water and Light Company" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting the Cascade Water, Power, and Light Company, Limited" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

With leave of the House, the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Civil Servants" was called.

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

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 4.20 p.m.