

Monday, March 16th, 1936.

HALF-FAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 16th, 1936.

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 to amend the 'Water Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Bruhn*:—

1. Who were Crown counsel in the capital case of *Rex v. George* and others?
2. How many trials have taken place in said case, and at what places?
3. What is the total sum paid to each counsel in: (a) Fees; (b) travelling expenses to date?
4. Were any appeals taken in said case by: (a) The accused; (b) the Crown?
5. Was any application made by the Crown to the Supreme Court of Canada, or a Judge thereof, for leave to appeal, and on what point?
6. If so, what counsel made such application?
7. What was the result of said application?
8. What was the cost of said application in: (a) Fees; (b) travelling expenses; (c) printing; (d) Ottawa agent's fees?
9. If any appeal to the Court of Appeal, what disposition was made of same?
10. Is any appeal now pending?
11. What is the cost of said case to February 1st, 1936, in: (a) Counsel fees; (b) printing or typing; (c) maps, photographs; (d) travelling expenses; (e) witnesses?

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Uphill*:—

1. What are the names of persons who received relief under Road Foreman W. Belanger in 1935, and how much did each receive?
2. From whom did the Jaffray Road Camp buy its beef and vegetables in the fall of 1935? How much did each person supply, and how much did each receive?
3. How much amusement tax did the Government receive from the dance held at Jaffray on August 17th, 1935?

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

1. Have any requests been made to bring down legislation compelling automobile-owners to carry liability insurance?
2. If so, is it proposed to take any action toward this end?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. This is a matter of policy.”

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

1. Was G. M. Kerkhoff at one time in the employ of the Game Department?
2. Is he now so employed?
3. If not, did he resign or was he discharged?
4. If the latter, for what reasons?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. No.
- “ 3. Resigned at request of Department.
- “ 4. Services unsatisfactory.”

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

1. Did a number of men from relief camps in the District of Hope recently commandeer some Government trucks and proceed to Vancouver?
2. If yes, were the trucks stopped, the men arrested and taken under police guard to Chilliwack?
3. If so, were any of the men arrested since sentenced to serve terms at the Provincial Gaol at Oakalla?
4. If so, how many, and for what terms?

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

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Yes.
- “ 3. Yes.
- “ 4. Two, five months; two, one month at Oakalla; thirty-six sentenced to the time they had already spent in lockup while awaiting trial—fifteen days.”

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

1. Have any instructions been issued in respect of the Green Timber Reforestation Nurseries?
2. If so, what is the nature of such instructions?
3. If so, will such instructions result in curtailment of the operations of the station?
4. If so, is extension of this nursery service contemplated elsewhere?

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

- “ 1. No special instructions.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 3. Green Timbers Nursery is operated for production of stock for experimental planting. Operations on this basis are being maintained.
- “ 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Did the Minister receive a petition in January, 1936, from the Westview Ratepayers' Progressive Association, asking for the opening of Woolgar Road in Westview?
2. If so, what was the nature of the reply?
3. If so, is this road to be built this year?

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

- “ 1. Letter received from Lloyd C. Roberts on behalf of Westview Ratepayers' Association.
- “ 2. Matter brought to attention of Department for further report.
- “ 3. Work in progress and will be continued as far as funds will allow.”

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

1. Has a road been built up Cranberry Creek near Arrowhead, B.C.?
2. If so, what was the cost?
3. If so, was the work done by contract?
4. If so, what purpose does the road serve?

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

- “ 1. Not by the Department.
 “ 2 to 4. See answer to No. 1.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 4.23 p.m.

Monday, March 16th, 1936.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “ That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair ” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “ Public Bills and Orders.”

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

Bill (No. 8) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Canadian Farm Loan (British Columbia) Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 22) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ County Courts Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 20) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ British Columbia University Site Act, 1918.’ ”

Bill (No. 21) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Game Act.’ ”

Bill (No. 51) intituled “ An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.”

On the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Water Act ’ ” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gillis*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper:—

In the name of Mr. *Bruhn*—

1. Did the Hon. the Premier visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Premier and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

In the name of Mr. *Anscomb*—

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Labour visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Minister of Labour and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

In the name of Mr. *Bruhn*—

1. Did the Hon. the Attorney-General visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Attorney-General and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

In the name of Mr. *Bruhn*—

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Finance visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Minister of Finance and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

In the name of Mr. *Anscomb*—

1. Did the Hon. the Provincial Secretary visit Ottawa or other Eastern points between January 1st, 1935, and February 1st, 1936?
2. Did he proceed East more than once in said period; and, if so, how often?
3. Was he accompanied or attended by any officials; and, if so, give names and positions?
4. What period or periods did such journey or journeys occupy?
5. For what purpose was such journey (or journeys) taken?
6. What points in the East were visited, and for what purpose?
7. What were the individual expenses of the Provincial Secretary and his officials and attendants, in detail, on such occasion or occasions?
8. Have said expenses been paid; and, if so, when, in each individual instance?
9. If said expenses have been paid, was a special warrant passed therefor?

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

1. Have any requests by municipalities for loans to assist in the financing of relief been refused?
2. If so, which municipalities have been refused, and upon what grounds was such refusal based?

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

“1. No requests for loans in connection with assistance in the financing of the municipal share of direct relief have been refused.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What number of days and total number of hours per week are now being worked in the coal-mines at Cumberland?

2. How long has the present condition existed?

3. Has action been taken to enforce in the mines the “Hours of Work Regulations Act”?

4. If not, why not?

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

“1. Mine is working (hoisting coal) five days per week at present; on eight-hour shifts; some maintenance-men and machine-men occasionally work more than five days in a week.

“2. Conditions stated in No. 1 normal.

“3. No. The ‘Coal-mines Regulation Act’ limits coal-mine employees to eight hours underground per twenty-four-hour day.

“4. Answered by No. 3.”

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

1. Did the Economic Council conduct any inquiry into the Oriental question in British Columbia?

2. If so, did the inquiry embrace Japanese, Chinese, and Hindus?

3. Is a report on this matter available?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. This inquiry embraced Japanese, Chinese, but not Hindus, and gave the number of Orientals in the labour market in British Columbia and the number likely to enter the labour market for the years 1936 to 1940.

“3. This report may be seen in the office of the Minister of Labour.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to provide for the Renewal of a certain Lease granted to the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company, Limited Liability,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 17th, 1936.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the Renewal of a certain Lease granted to the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company, Limited Liability," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Mr. *Whittaker* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 17th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters begs leave to report as follows:—

That Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to enable The Corporation of Delta to establish Drainage Areas and Drainage-works" has been considered by your Committee and approved. Respectfully submitted.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

1. Have any settlers in the Peace River District been moved from pre-emptions or homesteads during the years 1934 and 1935 as a result of the homesteads inspection conducted during these years?

2. If so, how many, and give description of quarter-sections involved in such transfers?

3. If not, have any applications been received for transfer, and how many?

4. If not, has the Government made public to the settlers of the district any policy permitting such transfers, and through what means have they been so informed?

5. Have any areas been decided upon, as a result of the survey, to be designated as zones outside which further settlement will be discouraged? If so, have suitable notices been posted or information published indicating such policy?

6. If not, will such zones be created?

7. Have any areas been set aside as grazing reserves as a result of homesteads inspection survey? If so, what is the description of such reserves; and, if not, is it the intention of the Government to create such reserves?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. 26 in 1934 and 20 in 1935.

Pre-emptions and Homesteads exchanged in 1934.

Original Holding.	Exchanged to.	Acreage.
S.W. ¼ 19-87-18, W. 6 M.	N.W. ¼ 26-87-18, W. 6 M.	161
S.W. ¼ 14-84-15, W. 6 M.	S.E. ¼ 11-84-15, W. 6 M.	160
S.E. ¼ 25-79-20, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼ 16-79-19, W. 6 M.	160
N.W. ¼ 32-84-17, W. 6 M.	S.E. ¼ 23-84-18, W. 6 M.	160
N.W. ¼ 16-115, P.R.D.	N.E. ¼ 2-86-19, W. 6 M.	160
S.E. ¼ 11-79-19, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼ 11-79-19, W. 6 M.	160
N.W. ¼ 5-78-16, W. 6 M.	N.W. ¼ 19-77-16, W. 6 M.	160
N.W. ¼ 22-85-17, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼ 15-84-17, W. 6 M.	160
N.W. ¼ 27-81-17, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼ 8-81-17, W. 6 M.	160
N.E. ¼ 20-19, P.R.D.	S.E. ¼ 20-19, P.R.D.	160

Pre-emptions and Homesteads exchanged in 1934.—Continued.

Original Holding.		Exchanged to.		Acreage.
S.E. ¼	28-84-17, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	21-84-17, W. 6 M.	160
N.E. ¼	22-85-17, W. 6 M.	S.E. ¼	15-84-17, W. 6 M.	160
S.W. ¼	32-84-17, W. 6 M.	N.W. ¼	22-84-17, W. 6 M.	160
S.W. ¼	11-78-14, W. 6 M.	S.E. ¼	2-78-14, W. 6 M.	160
S.E. ¼	28-87-18, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	15-87-18, W. 6 M.	161
S.W. ¼	8-86-20, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼	27-86-18, W. 6 M.	159
N.E. ¼	25-82-17, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	11-83-17, W. 6 M.	161
S.E. ¼	4-85-16, W. 6 M.	S.E. ¼	15-87-18, W. 6 M.	160
S.E. ¼	16-86-20, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼	31-86-19, W. 6 M.	159
N.W. ¼	11-86-20, W. 6 M.	N.W. ¼	16-86-20, W. 6 M.	159
S.E. ¼	35-86-19, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	30-86-18, W. 6 M.	159
W. ½	Lot 298, P.R.D.	N.E. ¼	35-77-17, W. 6 M.	148
N.E. ¼	25-80-17, W. 6 M.	N.W. ¼	12-80-17, W. 6 M.	160
S.W. ¼	20-87-19, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼	4-86-19, W. 6 M.	160
S.E. ¼	28-79-16, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼	16-80-16, W. 6 M.	160
S.W. ¼	25-86-20, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼	18-86-19, W. 6 M.	159
Total				4,146

Pre-emptions and Homesteads exchanged in 1935.

S.E. ¼	10-86-20, W. 6 M.	N.W. ¼	4-86-19, W. 6 M.	160
S.W. ¼	6-83-16, W. 6 M.	N.W. ¼	35-77-14, W. 6 M.	160
N.W. ¼	21-78-19, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼	7-78-19, W. 6 M.	159
S.E. ¼	15-78-18, W. 6 M.	S.E. ¼	14-78-18, W. 6 M.	159
S.W. ¼	9-113, P.R.D.	N.W. ¼	21-86-19, W. 6 M.	159
S.E. ¼	25-78-19, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	15-78-19, W. 6 M.	159
N.W. ¼	18-83-13, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	7-83-13, W. 6 M.	161
S.W. ¼	21-77-18, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	13-77-18, W. 6 M.	160
S.E. ¼	18-78-16, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	11-85-17, W. 6 M.	160
S.W. ¼	27-81-14, W. 6 M.	S.E. ¼	36-81-14, W. 6 M.	160
N.W. ¼	6-87-18, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	33-86-18, W. 6 M.	161
N.E. ¼	28-79-16, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼	14-80-16, W. 6 M.	160
S.W. ¼	25-78-19, W. 6 M.	S.E. ¼	22-78-18, W. 6 M.	160
N.E. ¼	9-78-17, W. 6 M.	S.W. ¼	2-78-17, W. 6 M.	146
N.E. ¼	Lot 1323, P.R.D.	S.E. ¼	Lot 1323, P.R.D.	172
N.E. ¼	28-84-16, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	24-84-17, W. 6 M.	160
S.E. ¼	36-79-19, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	24-79-19, W. 6 M.	160
S.E. ¼	17-86-20, W. 6 M.	N.E. ¼	21-85-19, W. 6 M.	160
N.E. ¼	13-24, P.R.D.	N.E. ¼	10-26, P.R.D.	160
S.E. ¼	31-27, P.R.D.	N.W. ¼	34-27, P.R.D.	158
Total				3,194

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. Similar publicity to that of any legislation.

"5 and 6. Temporary zones in existence during inspection and permanent zones or specified townships under consideration for further settlement, due notice of which will be given.

"7. No. Grazing privileges provided for under 'Grazing Act.'"

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

1. Are any of those who have purchased or entered into agreements to purchase lands in the Sumas Project in arrears of payments?
2. If yes, how many are in arrears one year, two years, three years or more?
3. What is the total of arrears involved; give principal and interest?
4. How many purchasers are up-to-date with payments?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. 13 in arrears one year; 11 in arrears two years; 10 in arrears three years; 27 in arrears four years; 48 in arrears five years; 1 in arrears six years.

“ 3. Arrears: Principal, \$48,439.78; interest, \$93,422.02.

“ 4. 25.”

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

1. Was N. H. Lord ever in the employ of the Liquor Control Board of British Columbia?

2. If so, is he still in their employ?

3. If so, what position does he hold?

4. If so, what is his salary?

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.

“ 3. Answered by No. 1.

“ 4. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Have married men on relief at North Kamloops been ordered to go to the camp at Louis Creek?

2. If so, has provision been made by the Government for their wives and dependents?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Yes. March relief cheques issued before going to work.”

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

1. Have any applications or recommendations for the cancellation of homesteads in the Peace River Block been received by the Department during the past three years?

2. If yes, how many of these were made during each of the years 1933, 1934, and 1935:

(a) By claimants who sought to file on the land; (b) by Government employees?

3. How many cancellations were approved during 1933, 1934, and 1935, respectively?

4. How many such cancellations were of land previously held by single men?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Answer to this question will necessitate search of individual files and advice from local Land Commissioner. Will take several weeks to complete.

“ 3. Cancellations: 1933, 173; 1934, 195; 1935, 369.

“ 4. Figures not available; same detail necessary as in No. 2.”

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 4.03 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Glen Stephenson*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House regrets to learn of the death of the Hon. C. E. Tisdall.

The late Mr. Tisdall served in many public capacities and died in office. To his duties as Parks Commissioner, Alderman and Mayor of the City of Vancouver, a member of this Legis-

lature, and a minister of the Crown, he gave his most conscientious endeavour and earned the commendation and respect of his fellow-citizens. His loss will be felt by all.

This House extends sincerest sympathy to his widow and members of his family.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the above Resolution by a silent standing vote.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March, 18th, 1936.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Provincial System of Health Insurance," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

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

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas the present Government of British Columbia has repeatedly declared itself in favour of a policy of setting the unemployed to work at necessary public works and substituting a "work and wages" policy for the present system of work for relief; and

Whereas the Canadian House of Commons has recognized the necessity for housing and slum-clearance schemes by making loans available to individuals and corporations for the purpose of financing housing schemes; and

Whereas a housing plan is of all schemes of public works most suited to give employment to many classes of skilled and unskilled labour, and to distribute the largest possible amount of money in the form of wages and purchasing-power:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House appoint a Committee to make a survey of the housing needs of British Columbia and to draw up a housing plan for the Province.

A debate arose.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

On the Order being called for "Questions put by Members," the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with respect to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Barrow*:—

1. Is the expenditure of money proposed under vote for lumber trade extension mentioned in the Estimates to be restricted to promotion of Provincial lumber trade in Empire countries?

2. What sum of money has been voted for this purpose in each of the years 1932 to 1935, inclusive?

3. Through what agencies is it proposed to disburse public funds voted for this purpose in the current year?

4. Through what agencies have public funds voted for this purpose been disbursed in each of the years 1932 to 1935, inclusive?

5. Has the Government received an accounting showing in detail the manner in which public funds voted for this purpose in the years 1932 to 1935, inclusive, have been disbursed? (a.) If so, for what purposes and in what amounts and by what parties or agencies have such funds been disbursed in the years 1932 to 1935, inclusive? (b.) If not, will the Government require the agencies which receive or have received public funds voted for this purpose to furnish a detailed account of the disbursement of these funds for the year 1936 and the years 1932 to 1935, inclusive?

6. Is the purpose of the lumber trade extension grant to promote export sales of lumber manufactured by all British Columbia mills? If not, to which mills or associations of mills is it restricted?

7. Is the Minister aware that the proceeds of the grant were used in the year 1935 to promote only the sales of lumber manufactured by member mills of the B.C. Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers' Association, and for other purposes of that Association? If not, will the Minister ascertain the facts and inform the House in regard thereto?

8. Will the Minister inform the House as to the truth or otherwise of the following statements:—

- (a.) The members of the B.C. Lumber & Shingle Association comprise twenty mills only;
- (b.) That forty-seven mills operating in the Province are not members of that Association;
- (c.) That member mills of that Association cut the majority of their output from Crown-grant lands on which no royalty is payable to the Province;
- (d.) That non-member mills cut the majority of their output from timber lands liable to payment of timber royalties to the Province;
- (e.) That the total production of member mills of that Association does not exceed 60 per cent. of the total production in the Vancouver forest region;
- (f.) That total production of mills not members of that Association amounts to 40 per cent. or more of the total production in the same area;
- (g.) That the lumber trade extension grant was used during the years 1932 to 1935, inclusive, solely for sales promotion of lumber bearing "Astexo" brand, the use of which brand is restricted to member mills of the B.C. Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers' Association;
- (h.) That more than 20 per cent. of the increase in lumber production announced by the Minister of Finance for the year 1935 was provided by mills that are not members of that Association?

9. Will the Minister make arrangements to insure that the grant made in 1936 for lumber trade extension will be disbursed in such manner as to promote sales of all British Columbia mills, and that discrimination will not be shown against mills not members of the B.C. Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

What is the total amount spent to date by the Government for all purposes in connection with preliminary plans, investigations, inquiries, and payment to officials or employees in connection with health insurance since November, 1933?

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

“\$27,218.”

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

1. What is the retirement age for Civil Servants in British Columbia?
2. How many Civil Servants who have passed the retirement age are still retained on the permanent staff, if any, giving name, occupation, and department in each case?
3. Is it the intention of the Government to superannuate such Civil Servants who have long since passed the retirement age?

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

“1. There is no compulsory age for retirement. The optional ages vary according to the classes mentioned in the Schedule to the ‘Superannuation Act, 1935.’

“2. The number of Civil Servants over the age of 65 is 39, of whom several expect to be superannuated very soon.

“3. Each case will be dealt with upon its merits.”

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

1. Is L. J. Price Government Agent and Assessor in Lillooet?
2. If so, what are his qualifications for Assessor?
3. How many days in 1935 was he absent from Lillooet: (a) On duty as Assessor; (b) on vacation and private business?
4. What were his expenses for this period?
5. What is he allowed per mile for use of car?

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

“These questions should have been addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Finance, from whom the following information has been obtained:—

“1. Yes.

“2. 6½ years’ experience as Assessor (9½ years in Cariboo District).

“3. (a) 78; (b) 18 working-days as vacation, 6 working-days sick-leave.

“4. \$712.31.

“5. 12 cents.”

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

1. What was the total cost of the Oliver Irrigation Scheme?
2. What was the estimated cost?
3. What interest has been paid on moneys borrowed in connection with this scheme?
4. What has been the administrative cost since its inception?
5. What has been the cost of: (a) Maintenance; (b) repairs; (c) improvements?
6. What revenue has the Government derived from it from: (a) Sale of lands; (b) miscellaneous?

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

“1. Cost of lands and improvements thereon as at March 31st, 1935, \$3,371,799.95.

“2. No estimate made of project as completed.

“3. \$1,741,817.20 as at March 31st, 1935.

“4. \$143,403.16.

“5. (a) and (b) Maintenance accounts, not segregated, include repairs and operating expenses, \$243,921.92; (c) improvements included in No. 1.

“6. (a) \$225,574.84; (b) \$202,631.33.”

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

1. Are any of those who have purchased or entered into agreements to purchase lands in the Oliver Project in arrears of payment?
2. If yes, how many are in arrears one year, two years, three years and over?
3. What is the total amount of arrears involved; give principal and interest?
4. How many purchasers are up-to-date with payments?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. One year, 6; two years, 3; three years and over, 21.

“ 3. Principal, \$7,141.49; interest, \$29,690.98.

“ 4. 179.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18th, 1936.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “ That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair ” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “ Public Bills and Orders.”

Bill (No. 4) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Cemeteries Act ’ ” was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Coal and Petroleum Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled “ An Act respecting Liability for Damages for Negligence where more than One Person is at Fault ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Codling-moth Control Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905 ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled “ An Act respecting the Issuance of Writs for certain Elections in the Omineca and Vancouver-Burrard Electoral Districts ” was committed, reported complete without amendment.

By leave of the House, upon the consideration of the Bill as reported, Mr. *Bruhn* moved in amendment,—

Section 2, line 10: To strike out the word “ six,” and to substitute therefor the word “ two.”

Question proposed—"Shall the word proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—24.

Messieurs

<i>King</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Barrow</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Assestine</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>McPherson, D.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Murray</i>	<i>Savage</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>
<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Bakewell</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Planta</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Gillis</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Connell</i>
<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Uphill</i>
<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Swailes</i>

Bill read a third time and passed on same division.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to relieve the Kettle Valley Railway Company from certain Obligations imposed under an Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of February, 1910, between His Majesty the King and the Kettle River Valley Railway Company, and a certain other Agreement bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of February, 1914, between His Majesty the King and the Kettle Valley Railway Company" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Nelson" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to grant certain Powers to the City of Prince Rupert" was committed, reported complete without amendment, to be read a third time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheep Protection Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Canadian Farm Loan (British Columbia) Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Practice of Land Surveying" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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 11.47 p.m.

Thursday, March 19th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on the 18th instant, with reference to certain questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Barrow*, as follows:—

Honourable Members,—My attention has been called to question No. 106 on the Order Paper No. 19, March 19th, 1936, in the name of the honourable member for Chilliwack.

The information sought by questions Nos. 1, 3, 6, and 9 should be asked when the Estimates are discussed in Committee.

The information sought by questions 2 and 4 should be found by the honourable member from the Estimates and votes of previous years, and contained in the Sessional Papers.

The information sought by question No. 5 should be in the Public Accounts, and should be taken up in the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to which the House has referred the Public Accounts.

No. 7 is irregular, and is struck out, as being based upon inference.

No. 8. This form of question is most irregular and is struck out, for the following reasons: Information sought is not within the official knowledge of the Minister, and answers entail expression of opinion, and the series of questions under No. 8 contain statements of fact, and are contrary to Standing Order No. 47.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 18th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate The Victoria Foundation" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Your Committee recommends that the fees paid by the promoters of the Bill be refunded to them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. WISMER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 19th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee met and considered, pursuant to instructions, Bill No. (23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Practice of Land Surveying."

Your Committee, after considering the said Bill, recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed as amended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. WISMER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Ordered* that Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Practice of Land Surveying" be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Whittaker*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Report No. 1 of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters be adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Ordered* that Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to enable The Corporation of Delta to establish Drainage Areas and Drainage-works" be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

1. Have any complaints been received from unorganized territories regarding administration of relief by local relief officials?

2. If so, what are the complaints, and from what districts?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Impossible to segregate without entailing great expense.

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

1. Have any requests been made to bring the fire-fighters of the Province within the scope of Hours of Work Regulations?

2. If so, is it the intention to deal with this matter in the near future?

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

"1. No. No requests have been made to bring fire-fighters within scope of the 'Hours of Work Act.' Hours of work and labour conditions of fire-fighters are at present subject to statutory regulation under the 'Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act' and 'Fire Departments Two-platoon Act.' The B.C. Provincial Association of Fire-fighters have recommended amendment to Act establishing three-platoon system, but as this is a matter wherein municipal administration would be vitally affected, adequate consideration by all parties is imperative before action be taken.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Price* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

Has the Department received any complaints suggesting intimidatory methods being used by the Trail Smelting Company towards its employees regarding social activities?

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

"No."

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

1. Has the Department any information relative to non-acceptance by certain companies in Bridge River District of recent wage award of Conciliation Board (commonly known as the Pearson Scale of Wages)?

2. If so, what companies are ignoring majority award of such Board?

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

"1. No. The Board of Conciliation and Investigation inquiring into recent labour trouble in Bridge River District functioned under 'Industrial Disputes Act,' a Federal Statute, thereby placing this matter within jurisdiction of Dominion Department of Labour. According to provisions of 'Industrial Disputes Act,' acceptance of Board's recommendations is optional with both parties.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Have any complaints been received regarding violations of female minimum-wage award by Vancouver restaurant operators during recent months?

2. If so, is it proposed to give additional assistance and authority to the Chief Investigator of the Department of that city?

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

"1. Yes. In one instance.

"2. Increase in staff requested in 1936-37 Estimates. During 1935 inspections totalled 4,527; of these, 2,242 were in Vancouver area. January 2nd to February 29th, 1936, a total of 836 inspections were made; 462 in Vancouver area."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Did the Department of Industries assist the White Pine Lumber Company, of Nakusp, B.C., during 1934 by guaranteeing a bank loan of \$9,800, taking as security a chattel mortgage on the sawmill and equipment?

2. If yes, was this done in the interests of providing work locally?

3. Did any of the part-time employees of this company apply for relief-work during 1934 and 1935 in order to supplement the amount they earned?

4. Has the company now applied to the Department of Industries to guarantee a bank loan of \$29,800? If yes, is it the intention of the Government to comply with this request?

5. Did the financial statement of the company show a loss of \$10,000 during 1934 and of approximately \$25,000 during 1935?

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

"1. Yes. This loan since paid off.

"2. Yes.

"3. No information.

"4. Yes.

"5. Not considered in public interest to answer questions of this kind."

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

1. Has the Department any information as to the number of silicosis patients at present in hospitals and sanatoriums in the Province?

2. How many deaths, if any, have occurred as a result of silicosis?

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

"1. No information.

"2. 1935, 5 deaths (males); January, 1936, 1 death (male); silicosis deaths not segregated prior to 1935."

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

1. Were any exemptions to the "Hours of Work Regulations Act" authorized during the past year?

2. If yes, what industries, and the number in each?

3. Are the employees consulted before such exemptions are granted?

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

"1. Yes. Temporary permits for short periods granted on written application to Board, setting out all particulars and circumstances.

"2. Mercantile, 240; lumber industry, 52; miscellaneous industries, 22; bakeries, 17; hotels, 12; laundries, 7; jewellery-manufacture, 6; contractors, 5; electrical undertakings, 5; printing and publishing, 3; garages, 2.

"NOTE.—(a.) Majority of mercantile permits were granted for the purpose of taking annual inventory. (b.) In the lumber industry changes of sailing-dates of deep-sea shipments accounted for many of the permits; also where a major breakdown occurred permit was granted to make up part of the time lost and in order that the workers would not suffer loss in earnings. (c.) Bakery permits were granted where two consecutive days were holidays, such as Christmas Day and Boxing Day. (d.) Contractors, when pouring concrete which must be completed. (e.) Electrical undertakings due to storm damage. In all cases the Department requires employers to furnish certified complete returns showing number of employees working overtime, number of overtime hours worked by each employee, employee's regular rate of pay, and amount of overtime pay received by each employee.

"3. Yes, wherever possible."

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

1. Have any complaints been received from Bridge River District regarding refusal of employing companies to meet grievance committees of the Employees' Association?
2. If so, what action is being taken to remedy this condition?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Was an allowance granted to A. Barnes, of Roe Lake, by the Welfare Department during the year 1935?
2. If so, has this allowance been cancelled?
3. If so, upon what grounds was the cancellation made?

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

"1. Yes; \$25 per month.

"2. No; reduced to \$4 per month while the recipient is maintained at the public expense at the School for the Deaf and the Blind. Upon leaving that institution, reinstatement of the full amount of the grant will be considered.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

Resolved, that the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 4.39 p.m.

Thursday, March 19th, 1936.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return of all papers, correspondence, specifications, tenders, and contracts dealing with the gravelling, oiling, or hard-surfacing of roads in or about the town of Revelstoke during the year 1935.

To be laid upon the table.

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

1. Has any money been spent in constructing a bridge and approaches across Dawson Creek, known as the Dawson Creek High-level Bridge? If so, when, and what was the cost?
2. What amount was spent in repairs during 1932, 1933, 1934, and 1935?
3. Has the bridge been seriously damaged through erosion?
4. Has any recent inspection of the bridge taken place? If so, when?
5. What recommendations for traffic have been made as a result of such inspection?
6. Has the bridge been damaged seriously enough to warrant being condemned?

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

- " 1. Yes, in the year 1933, at total cost of \$21,107.
- " 2. 1932, *nil*; 1933, *nil*; 1934-35, \$1,806.77; remainder of 1935, \$403.23.
- " 3. Yes.
- " 4. Yes, regularly from May, 1934, to present date.
- " 5. Since September, 1935, gross loads have been limited to 4 tons per vehicle, and the old low-level bridge repaired to be used if necessary.
- " 6. No."

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

1. Has the Government bought, optioned, leased, or otherwise acquired any property or any interest in any property for the purpose of building the New Westminster Bridge?
2. If so, from whom were such properties acquired?
3. What price was paid for such properties?
4. Was such price, if any, determined by private sale or arbitration?
5. What commissions, if any, were paid in respect of the sale, purchase, option, lease, or otherwise acquiring of any such properties?
6. How much has been spent to date upon the new Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster?
7. To whom have such amounts been paid?

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

- " 1 to 7. See answer to question by Mr. *Swales*, page 5, Votes and Proceedings No. 7, 1936 Session."

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

1. Has any acreage of the Sumas drainage scheme reverted to the Government?
2. If yes: (a) Total amount; (b) for the years 1933, 1934, and 1935, respectively?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. (a) 2,073.95 acres; (b) 1933, 247.40 acres; 1934, 646.49 acres; 1935, 1,180.06 acres."

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

1. Has the Land Settlement Board purchased from Etta Lowe the equity of redemption formerly owned by the Similkameen Fruit Land Company?
2. If so, at what price and on what terms?
3. Has any cash payment been made?
4. If not, why not?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. \$88,000. \$38,000 cash, balance on or before March 12th, 1939; interest at 4¼ per cent., payable semi-annually.
- " 3. Yes.
- " 4. Answered by No. 3."

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 11.43 p.m.