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Tuesday, 1st November, 1921.

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Premier presented a Return of all contracts between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and the Northern Construction Company for the completion of the railway to Prince George.

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, and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Catherwood* on October 25th.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 1st, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petitions have not been complied with, inasmuch as the said petitions were not advertised strictly according to regulations.

Your Committee would recommend that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the petitioners to proceed with the Bills.

No. 3—The Corporation of the City of Greenwood.

No. 1—Institute of Chartered Accountants.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received,

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on October 31st, as follows:—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to convey to the Dominion Government, through His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, the respectful request of this House that the Dominion Government take the necessary steps under Article 27 of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between His Majesty the King and His Majesty the Emperor of Japan to request His Majesty the King to give His Majesty the Emperor of Japan twelve months' notice of the intention of termination of this treaty so far as the British Dominion of Canada is concerned.

Be it further Resolved, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Hon. the Secretary of State at Ottawa, the Hon. the Premier of Canada, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, and Hon. Mr. Crerar.

Resolution agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on October 31st, as follows:—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to convey to the Dominion Government, through His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, the respectful request of this House that the Dominion Government amend the

"Immigration Act" of Canada so, as near as possible, to totally restrict the immigration of Asiatics into this Province, keeping in view the wishes of the people of British Columbia that this Province be reserved for people of the European race, and that the Dominion Government consult with the Provincial Government on the proposed amendments.

Be it further Resolved, That His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Hon. the Secretary of State at Ottawa, the Hon. the Premier of Canada, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, and Hon. Mr. Crerar.

Resolution agreed to.

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

That the name of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* be added to those composing the Private Bills Committee.

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act.'"

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Lands of the Southern Okanagan Irrigation Project."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance and Appropriation by the Crown of certain Lands for Public Purposes."

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Night Employment of Young Persons Act.'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. Who has been acting as Prosecutor for the Attorney-General's Department in the City of Fernie and vicinity?

2. When was said person appointed?

3. Who is the Official Administrator for the City of Fernie and vicinity?

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

"1. A. I. Fisher and W. Mitchell.

"2. As required.

"3. Government Agent."

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

1. Has one Walker been lately discharged as Game Warden by the Chairman of the Game Board?

2. If yes, when was he discharged?

3. What notice of dismissal was given?

4. Was said Walker a permanent appointee of the Civil Service?

5. What was the reason of his discharge?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. August 31st, 1921.

"3. Letter from Chairman dated August 29th, 1921.

"4. No.

"5. Services were no longer required as per request of the Chief Game Inspector."

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

1. Is there a man named Baker employed on the Government launch "Wattla"?
2. Is said launch operated by the Game Board?
3. Is said Baker any relation of the Chairman of the Game Board?
4. Is said Baker employed by the year, month, or day?
5. What wage does he receive?
6. What amount of money has been paid to said Baker, and covering what period or days?
7. What moneys have been paid said Baker on account of expenses?
8. Does the Government provide any moneys towards the board or lodging of the said Baker while working for the Government? If yes, how much and covering what period?
9. Did this man serve overseas? If not, why was not a returned man employed?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Permanent employee.
- "5. \$100 per month.
- "6. \$1,303; August 1st, 1920, to August 30th, 1921.
- "7. \$247.43 to end of July, 1921.
- "8. No.
- "9. No. None with experience necessary available at the time of appointment."

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

1. Is one Pyke employed by the Game Board? If so, where and what is his position?
2. Did the Game Board order the said Pyke to move to Victoria this summer to take up duties here?
3. Did the said Pyke move his family to Victoria?
4. Was the said Pyke ordered, shortly after his arrival in Victoria, to move back to the Mainland?
5. Did the Game Board pay the said Pyke any money to cover the costs of moving his family, furniture, and personal belongings either to Victoria, or Victoria back to the Mainland, or both?
6. If yes, how much?
7. If yes, under whose orders were said moneys paid?
8. Who is responsible for said unnecessary expenditure?
9. If none have been made, has any claim been put in therefor?

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

- "1. Yes. Special Provincial Constable detailed for game-protection work only; stationed at New Westminster.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Yes, Mainland to Victoria. Paid usual moving expenses as always allowed for transfer of officers.
- "6. \$146.15.
- "7. Chairman.
- "8. Not considered unnecessary.
- "9. Answered by No. 6."

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

1. Was the reserve at Exeter, near the 100- and 105-Mile Houses, Cariboo Road, opened for pre-emption or purchase?
2. If so, how many acres have been pre-empted?
3. How many acres have been sold by the Department, and what are the names of the people to whom these lands have been sold and the amount of acres each has purchased?

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

"1. Reserve cancelled for disposition of lands under 'Land Act.'

"2. Approximately 640 acres.

"3. Total 9,499 acres. Hudson, Hilda, 128 acres; Black, Geo. Wyllie, 177 acres; Ijoquist, Aubrey E., 142 acres; Goddard, Geo. Henry, 189 acres; Weatherby, Leigh, 631 acres; Harman, Geo. M. M., 291 acres; Waggett, Charlton M., 157 acres; Carment, Marion, S., 590 acres; Warner, Judson B., 609 acres; Buse, Wm., 361 acres; Thorburn, Robt. T., 34 acres; Frost, Weston, 116 acres; Miller, Robt., 168 acres; Mackenzie, Ed. H., 125 acres; Gerry, Jas. B., 80 acres; Cowan, Vivien, 196 acres; Scott, Geo., 155 acres; Lauder, David G., 600 acres; Hackett, Robt., 78.3 acres; Pearce, Wm. M., 199 acres; Kerr, Wm. John, 117 acres; Barton, Robt. C., 121 acres; Barnhart, Peter A., 87 acres; McFadyen, Wm. J., 124 acres; Geddie, Geo., 163 acres; Thomas, Frederick R., 163 acres; Jackson, Jas. F. C., 180 acres; Macfarlane, Walter M., 160 acres; Hodges, Albert T., 169 acres; Macdonald, Walter G., 91.7 acres; Marlatt, Wm. A. Geo., 163 acres; Burris, John S., 189 acres; Kearney, Thos., 100 acres; Bergin, Ernest V., 170 acres; Workman, Roy F., 157 acres; Galloway, Archibald, 200 acres; Stewart, Violet T., 60 acres; How, John Herbert, 119 acres; Thompson, Frank H., 80 acres; Marshall, John, 175 acres; Graham, John, 468 acres; Fletcher, Harold L., 158 acres; Campbell, Geo. Gordon, 463 acres; Willoughby, Chas. Jas., 136 acres; Hatton, Arthur Geo., 479 acres."

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

What amounts have been paid from the 1st January, 1920, to the 1st October instant, to the following newspapers: "World," "Province," and "Sun," Vancouver; "Columbian," New Westminster; "Times" and "Colonist," Victoria; "Free Press" and "Daily Herald," Nanaimo?

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

"List of papers and amounts for advertising checked by Purchasing Agent's Department from January 1st, 1920, to October 1st, 1921, as follows:—

"*Nanaimo Free Press*—Public Works, \$65.54; Forest, \$93.48; Provincial Secretary, \$45.44; Assessor and Collector, \$314.80; Civil Service Commissioner, \$12.40; total, \$531.66.

"*Nanaimo Herald*—Public Works, \$10.08; Forest, \$2.16; Provincial Secretary, \$385; total, \$397.24.

"*Victoria Colonist*—Public Works, \$370.10; Lands, \$119.60; Purchasing Agent, \$67; Provincial Secretary, \$9.90; Attorney-General, \$5.70; Assessor and Collector, \$121.20; Civil Service Commissioner, \$50.51; Labour, \$82.95; total, \$826.96.

"*Victoria Times*—Public Works, \$1,009; Forest, \$570.57; Lands, \$560.60; Purchasing Agent, \$266.35; Provincial Secretary, \$501.80; Railway, \$31; Assessor and Collector, \$275.70; Civil Service Commissioner, \$187.20; Labour, \$165.30; total, \$3,567.52.

"*Vancouver Province*—Public Works, \$3,042.50; Forest, \$1,930.78; Lands, \$1,339.60; Purchasing Agent, \$599.60; Provincial Secretary, \$309.35; Attorney-General, \$24.80; Railway, \$100.65; Assessor and Collector, \$258.50; Civil Service Commissioner, \$375.46; Labour, \$140.35; Dykes, \$32.40; total, \$8,153.99.

"*Vancouver Sun*—Public Works, \$1,593.15; Forest, \$1,757.73; Lands, \$430.90; Purchasing Agent, \$583.55; Provincial Secretary, \$2,082.90; Assessor and Collector, \$109.05; Civil Service Commissioner, \$115.69; Labour, \$19.50; Dykes, \$18; total, \$6,710.47.

"*Vancouver World*—Public Works, \$1,586.75; Forest, \$786; Lands, \$1,008.40; Provincial Secretary, \$488.40; Attorney-General, \$22.40; Railway, \$28.80; Assessor and Collector, \$205.80; Civil Service Commissioner, \$42.20; Labour, \$67.20; total, \$4,235.95.

"*New Westminster Columbian*—Public Works, \$191.88; Forest, \$14.40; Lands, \$235.46; Purchasing Agent, \$103.38; Provincial Secretary, \$55.44; Railway, \$28.80; Assessor and Collector, \$14.40; Civil Service Commissioner, \$6; Dykes, \$520.40; total, \$670.16."

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

1. When did the Government start work on the road from Port Hardy to Quatsino Sound?
2. Is the work still proceeding?
3. What was the estimate of the cost of said road?
4. How much has been spent on said road up to October 1st instant?
5. What was the estimate of the Government as to what it will take to finish the road?

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

- “1. April, 1920.
- “2. No.
- “3. \$83,944.30, exclusive of plant on old location.
- “4. \$38,123.15, including plant revised location.
- “5. \$98,654.45, balance of revised location.”

Mr. *Paterson* asked the Hon. Member for Dewdney the following questions:—

1. Did the present Member for Dewdney at any time act as valuator for the Soldier Settlement Board in valuing lands upon Nicomen Island required for the use of the soldier settlers?
2. Did the present Member for Dewdney recommend that the Soldier Settlement Board purchase lands on Nicomen Island for the use of soldier settlers?
3. Were soldier settlers placed on the land so purchased?
4. Were the lands occupied by soldier settlers on Nicomen Island flooded in 1919–1920–1921?

Mr. *Catherwood* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes, for a short time in 1919, during which I valued five properties. In making my reports I stated that these were dyked lands. I also had in mind the agreement of the Provincial Government to raise the Slough Road, and the conversation of the present Premier with an old-timer named Tom Gourley that nothing would be too good for Nicomen Island if his party got into power.

- “2. No.
- “3. Answered by No. 2.
- “4. In 1919, no; in 1920 and 1921, yes.”

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

1. When was Camp Lister established?
2. Who was the first Superintendent; when did he resign?
3. Did he purchase any land from the Government in the settlement area or adjoining same?
4. If so, was it raw land or cleared land, number of acres, and price per acre?
5. How many men were employed on the development-work at Camp Lister?
6. What amount in wages alone was expended during the period in which the first Superintendent was in charge?
7. What amount of work was done during that period and cost per acre?
8. What has been the cost of similar work since retirement of first Superintendent?

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

- “1. June 5th, 1919.
- “2. Colonel Fred Lister; resigned January 31st, 1920.
- “3. No, as to land within area. No information as to adjoining properties.
- “4. Answered by No. 3.
- “5. 661; average number employed monthly, 83.
- “6. \$58,311.96.
- “7. Impossible to give definite figures, the work being in different stages of progress and all of it being incomplete; average ultimate costs per acre being \$168.14; this includes slashing, burning, blasting, grubbing, picking up, and breaking.
- “8. Answered by No. 7.”

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

1. Did H. P. Peterson Company, Limited, enter into a contract with the Government for paving 3 miles of the Pacific Highway south of New Westminster?
2. If so, what was the date of said contract?
3. When was said contract to be finished?
4. When was said work finished?
5. What was the contract price of said contract?
6. What was the full amount paid said contractors?

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

- "1. Yes, 3.27 miles.
- "2. July 26th, 1919.
- "3. October 31st, 1919.
- "4. December, 1920.
- "5. Rates in accordance with schedule of quantities; approximately \$88,000.
- "6. \$153,212.54. This includes approximately \$65,000 additional work not provided for in contract, and for unforeseen conditions arising during the contract."

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

1. Did the Government enter into a contract with the firm of Harrison & Lamand for certain paving?
2. If so, where was said work done and the extent of same?
3. What was the contract price of said work?
4. What was the full amount paid said firm?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Nos. 5 and 9 Roads, Lulu Island; 1.89 miles.
- "3. Rates in accordance with schedule of quantities; approximately \$36,940.
- "4. \$62,889.59. This includes approximately \$26,000 additional work not provided for in original contract, and for unforeseen conditions arising during the contract."

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

1. What amount was spent on streets and sidewalks of Mission City during 1920?
2. Did the Western Power Company, Limited, have an agreement with the Government regarding light and power for Mission City and Dewdney; and is the British Columbia Electric Railway Company compelled to carry out any such agreement, and were they (W.P.C.) to supply light to unorganized districts at a set rate?

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

- "1. \$4,491.83.
- "2. No."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.23 p.m.

Wednesday, 2nd November, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of Dr. *K. C. MacDonald*, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act in Relief of the City of Greenwood" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *Anderson*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

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, and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Catherwood* on October 25th.

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

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

## REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 2nd, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

No. 2—Inhabitants of Stave River.

Your Committee would recommend that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act incorporating the Municipality of Stave River" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Public Bills Committee.

On the motion of Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Farris*, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting the Sale of Goods in Bulk" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Lands of the Southern Okanagan Irrigation Project" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance and Appropriation by the Crown of certain Lands for Public Purposes" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

1. Did the Sun Publishing Company, Limited, of Vancouver, make any proposition to the Government with respect to a proposed publication to be known as "British Columbia, 1919"?
2. What was the nature of the proposed publication?
3. What was the nature of the proposition made (if any)?
4. What answer was made (if any)?
5. Were any subsequent propositions made to the Government with respect to said proposed publication; and, if so, what?
6. What answer was made (if any)?
7. What further communication, direct or indirect, was made by the Sun Publishing Company with respect to or as a result of the foregoing?
8. What reply (if any) was made by the Government?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Work of reference and information suitable for offices, hotels, libraries, etc.
- "3. That Government should take 10,000 copies at a cost of \$10,000.
- "4. Government declined to purchase.
- "5. Yes; that Government should subscribe \$5,000.
- "6. Renewed proposal was declined.
- "7. Statement that as the 'Sun' was a Liberal newspaper it was entitled to Government support.
- "8. Government refused to acquiesce."

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

1. Who was the Commissioner appointed to hold a coal inquiry lately held in this Province?
2. What amount was paid said Commissioner?
3. Who was the Government counsel on said inquiry?
4. What amount was paid said counsel?
5. What other sums were paid on account of said inquiry, with full particulars?

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

- "1. Alex. Henderson, K.C.
- "2. \$1,854.26.
- "3. F. T. Congdon, K.C.
- "4. \$1,804.35.
- "5. General R. G. E. Leckie, Consulting Engineer, \$1,859.65; A. P. Foster, Accountant, \$1,699.42; Mrs. E. Blyth, Stenographer, \$2,397.15; Mrs. E. G. Cowper, Stenographer, \$31.40; Edward Floyd, expert witness, \$98.16; Smith Curtis, witness fees, \$14.85; Sheriff, Vancouver, fees, \$16; Victoria 'Times,' advertising, \$28; Vancouver 'World,' advertising, \$50.40; Vancouver 'Province,' advertising, \$36.95; Vancouver 'Daily Sun,' advertising, \$50.40; Victoria 'Daily Colonist,' advertising, \$3.20; Boulton's Taxi Service, car-hire, \$3; Clarke & Stuart Company, Limited, binding, etc., \$26.25."

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

1. Has the condition of the trestles on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway west of Lonsdale Avenue, City of North Vancouver, been drawn to your attention as dangerous to operation?
2. If so, will the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company commence "filling-in" operations at an early date?
3. If so, when?

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

- "1. The trestles on Pacific Great Eastern Railway west of Lonsdale Avenue are reported in first-class condition for operation, with the exception of the east portion of trestle No. 1, between Lonsdale Avenue and Bewicke Avenue, which is to be train-filled, but has been reinforced sufficiently to render it safe for traffic until completion of filling.
- "2. Instructions already issued for 'filling-in.'
- "3. As soon as cars and steam-shovel can be delivered from Squamish."



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

1. Since the passing of section 17 of chapter 44 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1920, how many thousand feet board measure of unmanufactured timber has the Lieutenant-Governor in Council allowed to be exported from this Province?

2. To what persons, firms, or companies were said permits granted, and for what kinds of timber and for what amounts in feet board measure?

3. Under what terms and conditions were such permits granted in each case?

4. Is there a fee charged for any permits?

5. If so, how much?

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

"1. 28,882,309 F.B.M.

"2. Names of persons, firms, or companies, and kinds and amounts of timber as follows:—

Bloedel, Stewart & Welch: Cedar, fir, hemlock, spruce, and pine, 2,499,729 F.B.M.

Nimpkish Timber Co., Ltd.: Cedar, fir, hemlock, pine, spruce, and larch, 5,883,108 F.B.M.

Hamilton & McNeill: Cedar, hemlock, and larch, 4,195,888 F.B.M.

Northern Cedar Log Co., Ltd.: Cedar, larch, hemlock, and spruce, 1,314,768 F.B.M.

Sutlej Timber Co., Ltd.: Cedar, Hemlock, and larch, 714,306 F.B.M.

National Timber Co.: Cedar, hemlock, and larch, 1,014,128 F.B.M.

Campbell River Lumber Co.: Cedar, fir, hemlock, and larch, 1,990,938 F.B.M.

Boynton Lumber Co.: Hemlock, 4,703 F.B.M.

Brooks, Scanlon & O'Brien: Hemlock, 170,338 F.B.M.

Capilano Timber Co.: Cedar and hemlock, 1,036,893 F.B.M.

Canadian Commercial Co., Ltd.: Cedar, 819,584 F.B.M.

B.C. Mills Timber & Trading Co.: Cedar, 1,394,076 F.B.M.

E. Kagetsu & Co.: Hemlock, cedar, fir, and spruce, 367,605 F.B.M.

Atlantic Pacific Lumber Co.: Cedar, 320,196 F.B.M.

Wilson & Brady, Ltd.: Cedar, hemlock, larch, and spruce, 882,083 F.B.M.

L. X. Kohlman: Cedar, fir, larch, and hemlock, 72,507 F.B.M.

International Timber Co.: Cedar, hemlock, and larch, 1,204,338 F.B.M.

Burns & Davidson: Cedar, 134,165 F.B.M.

Westminster Lumber Co.: Cedar, 527,873 F.B.M.

A. A. Plummer & Co., Ltd.: Cedar and fir, 306,728 F.B.M.

J. H. Baxter & Co.: Cedar, 116,230 F.B.M.

Dempsey, Ltd.: Cedar, 629,899 F.B.M.

Bernard Logging Co.: Spruce, 363,176 F.B.M.

Booth Logging Co.: Cedar, 350,801 F.B.M.

Deep Cove Logging Co.: Cedar, 63,055 F.B.M.

Whalen Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd.: Cedar, spruce, and hemlock, 1,112,874 F.B.M.

Tahkina Timber Co.: Cedar, fir, hemlock, and spruce, 581,639 F.B.M.

The Davis Logging & Timber Trading Co., Ltd.: Cedar, 810,681 F.B.M.

"3. Upon payment of timber-tax, which is \$2 per M. on No. 1 Grade, \$1.50 per M. on No. 2 Grade, and \$1 per M. on No. 3 Grade.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Has the Government remitted the succession duties or any part of the succession duties properly payable in connection with the estate of Mary Fausett, deceased, late of Sidley, B.C.?

2. If yes, how much, and why?

3. Under what authority?

4. Who acted for the estate of the said deceased in this matter with the Government?

5. Was he a solicitor of the Supreme Court?

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

"1. Yes; that portion payable on the one-third of the estate coming to Nannie W. Sidley, a sister of deceased.

"2. \$107.27. Because the Executive Council considered the facts warranted remission.

"3. 'Revenue Act,' section 53.

"4. The distressing circumstances of the case were drawn to the attention of the Department by His Honour J. R. Brown, Judge of the County Court of Yale, before whom application for letters of administration came.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. On what date did the Government take over the Tranquille Sanatorium?
2. When it was taken over what insurance was carried, and what were the names of the agents with whom it was placed?
3. What insurance is now being carried by the Government?
4. With what agents is it placed?

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

"1. April 1st, 1921.

"2. \$451,000 in various companies. The Department has no knowledge as to agents, but understands that the London and British North America Company's agents acted as brokers for the B.C. Anti-Tuberculosis Society.

"3. \$324,300, portion of insurance in force on April 1st.

"4. No new insurance; policies lapsing as they fall due."

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

1. What was the amount of taxes for Mission City (unorganized district) for the year 1920 on: (a) Land and buildings; (b) personal property?
2. What amount was left unpaid at the end of December, 1920?

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

"1. (a) \$7,602.40; (b) \$1,037.64.

"2. (a) \$1,581.20; (b) \$82.50. 1918 and 1919 taxes unpaid at December 31st, 1920: Real property, \$1,432.97; personal property, \$235."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Thursday, 3rd November, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and on the amendment moved by Mr. *Catherwood* on October 25th, as follows:—

That this House regrets the attitude of the Government towards the petition of settlers in dyked areas for effective action towards securing their dykes against destruction by erosion of river-banks.

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

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

<i>McRae,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Esling,</i>	<i>Lister,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>
<i>Pearson,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>Rose.</i>

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Menzies,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>
<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>		

Debate resumed.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*, 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. Mr. *Farris* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Insurance Agents and Insurance Adjusters," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 2nd, 1921.*

*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 provide for the Licensing of Insurance Agents and Insurance Adjusters," 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. *Jones* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What are the names of the Directors and various District Supervisors for which the sum of \$26,780 was granted in Vote S9 of last Session; where is each stationed; what salary does each receive; and what travelling expenses did each draw during the last fiscal year?
2. What is the nature of the work which these men do?
3. How many hours per week does each work?
4. What check does the Department keep upon their time and work?
5. How often do they send reports of their work?
6. Are they provided with automobiles by the Department?
7. What precautions are taken to prevent overlapping between these men and employees of the Department of Agriculture?
8. Could not the services of these officials be dispensed with without serious loss to agricultural interests of the Province?

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

"1. J. W. Gibson, Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, Victoria; salary, \$3,420; travelling expenses, 1920-21, \$861.60. District Supervisors of Agricultural Instruction as follows: J. C. Readey, Chilliwack District; salary, \$2,320. J. E. Britton, Kelowna District; salary, \$2,220.

E. L. Small, Surrey District; salary, \$2,220. S. H. Hopkins, Courtenay District; salary, \$2,120. H. E. Hallwright, Victoria District; salary, \$2,120. A. M. McDermott, New Westminster District; salary, \$1,900. J. M. Shales, Langley District; salary, \$2,020. W. M. Fleming, Duncan District; salary, \$1,900. J. B. Munro, Armstrong-Enderby District; salary, \$1,900. V. B. Robinson, Vernon District; salary, \$1,900. T. H. Jones, Penticton-Summerland District; salary, \$1,900. The regular travelling expenses of District Supervisors are met by the School Boards concerned as part of their agreement with the Department. In the case of the District men at Duncan, Courtenay, Vernon, and Kelowna, the travelling expenses are met by the School Boards and the Department of Agriculture conjointly in lieu of services rendered by these men to that Department.

"2. (1.) Teaching in their respective high schools a two-year course in agriculture as outlined by the College of Agriculture and the Department of Education as preparatory to matriculation, and, in most cases, a year's course in general science preliminary to more advanced science and agriculture. (2.) Supervision of instruction in elementary agriculture in the public schools of their respective districts, including nature-study and elementary science, school-gardening, school-supervised home-gardening, and other agricultural projects, such as potato-growing, corn-growing, seed-growing, chicken-raising, and the feeding and management of pure-bred breeding-pigs, market hogs, calves, etc. The District Supervisor visits the schools of his district regularly, assisting the teachers by giving instruction in the class-room and in the garden, and by generally assisting the teachers in carrying out this part of their school-work most effectively. (3.) Special out-of-school instruction for high-school students in general farm methods, including farm surveys, dairying, orcharding, stock-judging, draining, field crops, etc. (4.) Special extension courses for boys and girls not attending school, including adults who may wish to devote part of their time during the winter months to agricultural studies. These courses are sometimes held in conjunction with the College of Agriculture short courses. (5.) The District Supervisors at Duncan, Courtenay, Vernon, and Kelowna, by arrangement with the Department of Agriculture, devote half their time to the local work of that Department, dealing with such problems and undertaking such duties as may be assigned to them. For example, in the Vernon and Kelowna Districts the District Supervisors, working in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, have undertaken an exhaustive investigation of what is destined to become the biggest problem of the future to the Okanagan fruit-growers—viz., the maintenance of soil-fertility in permanent orchards with a view to economic and efficient management. (6.) Supplying timely articles on live agricultural topics for the benefit of the public through the local press. (7.) Personal advice and assistance to farmers and fruit-growers, gardeners, etc., in their respective districts, dealing with many important local problems. (8.) Assisting and working in co-operation with farmers' organizations in their respective districts. (9.) Assisting the School Boards and the Department in the matter of school-grounds improvement. (10.) Assisting in and usually leading in all local organizations for the benefit of the young people, such as athletic associations and community organization.

"3. From early morning till late at night at least six days per week.

"4. Monthly report to the Department of Education, also inspection by the Director and by the School Inspectors.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. No.

"7. Co-ordinated work as planned by the Department of Education in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture.

"8. Emphatically no. Agricultural interests in British Columbia have already suffered, and must continue to suffer, from a scarcity of farmers who understand the fundamentals of agricultural science and their application to modern farm practice until the sons and daughters of our Province have, through the work of skilled instructors in agriculture, become alive to the tremendous importance of the industry and have mastered its essential principles. Yearly resolutions aimed against farming by Orientals in British Columbia will not do as much to save and develop British Columbia agriculture as will a well-balanced and co-ordinated system of instruction in agriculture for our own sons and daughters.

"For more complete information read late reports of the Director of Elementary Agricultural Education. Report of 1919-20 now supplied to Members of the House. Report of 1920-21 now in press to be supplied in due course."

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

1. Have any licence fees been paid to the Province under the heading of "warehouse licences" under section 54 of the "Government Liquor Act"?
2. What is the amount collected?
3. To what persons, firms, or corporations have the same been granted?
4. On what dates were they granted in each case, and where are they carrying on business in each case?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$48,000.

"3 and 4. Number, firm, address, and date of issue as follows:—

1. Dominion Trading Co., 217 Columbia Street, Vancouver; June 17th, 1921.
2. National Exporters, Ltd., 1062 Homer Street, Vancouver; June 17th, 1921.
3. Northern Liquor Co., Ltd., Prince Rupert; June 21st, 1921.
4. Fernie Liquor Exporters, Ltd., Fernie; June 21st, 1921.
5. Rithet Consolidated, Ltd., Wharf Street, Victoria; June 23rd, 1921.
6. Pither & Leiser, Wharf Street, Victoria; June 23rd, 1921.
7. Pither & Leiser, Water Street, Vancouver, June 23rd, 1921.
8. Middle West Wine Co., Prince Rupert; June 24th, 1921.
9. Great West Wine Co., 1128 Homer Street, Vancouver; June 27th, 1921.
10. Western Canada Liquor Co., Water Street, Vancouver; June 27th, 1921.
11. J. G. Brooks Co., 223 Keefer Street, Vancouver; June 28th, 1921.
12. H. V. Pratt Co., 519 Burrard Street, Vancouver; June 29th, 1921.
13. Davis Liquor Co., 1050 Hamilton Street, Vancouver; June 29th, 1921.
14. Lloyd & Son, Ltd., 844 Cambie Street, Vancouver; July 7th, 1921.
15. Calgary Export Company, Ltd., 562 Beatty Street, Vancouver; July 30th, 1921.
16. Globe Liquor Export Co., Grand Forks; August 10th, 1921."

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

1. How many lots were sold by the Government in the Municipality of Point Grey on or after September 21st, 1921?
2. What was the total amount of such sales in dollars?
3. How much cash was received?
4. How much since received?
5. How much still owing?

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

"1. 306 lots.

"2. \$100,035.

"3. \$38,317.50.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. \$61,718.75."

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

1. What was the amount of money invested in loans to farmers by the Land Settlement Board on December 31st, 1920?
2. What amount of money has been advanced on agricultural loans from December 31st, 1920, to October 31st, 1921?
3. How many applications for loans have been received by the Land Settlement Board from December 31st, 1920, to date?
4. What sum of money do these applications represent?
5. What amount of money has been received in appraisal fees from December 31st, 1920, to October 31st, 1921?
6. Who is the Director in charge of Land Settlement Board, and what is his salary per month?
7. What are the names of the District Supervisors of the Land Settlement Board, where are they stationed, and what are the salaries per month of each Supervisor?

8. What is the total amount paid in salaries by the Land Settlement Board to staff and officials from December 31st, 1920, to October 31st, 1921?

9. What sum of money has been paid in expenses from December 31st, 1920, to October 31st, 1921?

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

"1. \$1,295,840.

"2. \$213,416.24.

"3. 352.

"4. \$326,516.24.

"5. \$778.50.

"6. Lieut.-Colonel R. D. Davies; \$300 per month.

"7. Designation does not apply to any Land Settlement Board official.

"8. \$26,905 for all phases of the Board's activities.

"9. \$2,538.56."

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

1. What amounts have been borrowed by the Government from all sources since it took office in 1916?

2. From whom was it borrowed and under what authority in each case?

3. What rate of interest does each loan carry on its face?

4. What rate of interest does each loan actually cost the Province, including all discounts and commissions?

5. Were any commissions paid on account of any of these loans?

6. If so, to whom, and their amount?

7. How much is still due on account of said loans?

8. When are each of these loans payable?

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

10. Has any money been borrowed from any other bank or from any other source on Treasury bills?

11. What was the net amount received by the Government as the proceeds of each loan?

12. Which of the loans and what total amounts are payable in the United States?

13. What is the total capital liabilities of the Province at the present date?

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

"1, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 11. In addition to the amounts shown at page 39 of 'Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1920,' and at pages 32 to 34 of 'Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1921,' the following amounts have been borrowed:—

\$2,000,000 borrowed from Dominion Securities Corporation; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1919'; net proceeds, \$2,075,400; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 5.15 per cent.; maturity, March 21st, 1926; authority, 'Loan Act, 1919.'

\$2,000,000 borrowed from British America Bond Corporation Syndicate; purpose, P.G.E. construction; net proceeds, \$2,000,200; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 5.999 per cent.; maturity, April 25th, 1926; authority, 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921.'

\$1,000,000 borrowed from British America Bond Corporation Syndicate; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1919'; net proceeds, \$1,000,100; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 5.999 per cent.; maturity, April 25th, 1926; authority, 'Loan Act, 1919.'

\$2,000,000 borrowed from A. E. Ames & Co. Syndicate; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1916'; net proceeds, \$1,862,200; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.63 per cent.; maturity, June 15th, 1941; authority, 'Loan Act, 1916.'

\$1,000,000 borrowed from A. E. Ames & Co. Syndicate; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1918'; net proceeds, \$931,100; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.63 per cent.; maturity, June 15th, 1941; authority, 'Loan Act, 1918.'

\$340,000 borrowed from Dominion Government; purposes, better housing; net proceeds, \$340,000; rate of interest, 5 per cent.; cost of loan, 5 per cent.; maturity, June 30th, 1941; authority, 'Better Housing Act, 1919,' and amendments.

- \$1,000,000 borrowed from Miller & Co., New York; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1921'; net proceeds, \$995,000; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.02 per cent.; maturity, July 15th, 1926; authority, 'Loan Act, 1921.'
- \$1,000,000 borrowed from Miller & Co., New York; purposes, 'British Columbia Highway Loan Act'; net proceeds, \$995,000; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.02 per cent.; maturity, July 15th, 1926; authority, 'British Columbia Highway Loan Act.'
- \$1,000,000 borrowed from A. E. Ames & Co. Syndicate; purposes, P.G.E. construction; net proceeds, \$935,900; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.58 per cent.; maturity, August 15th, 1941; authority, 'Pacific Great Eastern Construction Loan Act, 1921.'
- \$1,000,000 borrowed from A. E. Ames & Co. Syndicate; purposes, industrial loans; net proceeds, \$935,900; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.58 per cent.; maturity, August 15th, 1941; authority, 'Department of Industries Act, 1919.'
- \$245,000 borrowed from Miller & Co., New York; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1916'; net proceeds, \$245,000; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6 per cent.; maturity, August 16th, 1926; authority, 'Loan Act, 1916.'
- \$755,000 borrowed from Miller & Co., New York; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1917'; net proceeds, \$755,000; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6 per cent.; maturity, August 16th, 1926; authority, 'Loan Act, 1917.'
- \$2,000,000 borrowed from Wood, Gundy & Co. Syndicate; purposes, Provincial highways; net proceeds, \$1,907,800; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 6.38 per cent.; maturity, October 1st, 1940; authority, 'British Columbia Highway Loan Act.'
- \$500,000 borrowed from Dominion Securities Corporation; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1919'; net proceeds, \$523,255; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 5.61 per cent.; maturity, October 26th, 1941; authority, 'Loan Act, 1919.'
- \$500,000 borrowed from Dominion Securities Corporation; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1920'; net proceeds, \$523,255; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 5.61 per cent.; maturity, October 26th, 1941; authority, 'Loan Act, 1920.'
- \$1,000,000 borrowed from Dominion Securities Corporation; purposes, 'Loan Act, 1921'; net proceeds, \$1,046,510; rate of interest, 6 per cent.; cost of loan, 5.61 per cent.; maturity, October 26th, 1941; authority, 'Loan Act, 1921.'

" 5. No.

" 6. Answered by No. 5.

" 7. All loans still outstanding.

" 9. \$270,000. 'Loan Act, 1917': Land Settlement Board, \$145,000. 'Department of Industries Act, 1919': \$25,000. 'British Columbia University Act, 1920': \$100,000.

" 10. No.

" 12. All debentures have same payment option clause—Victoria, Toronto, Montreal, New York—except in the case of loans from the Dominion Government; \$3,000,000 borrowed from Ames Syndicate on June 15th, 1921; \$2,000,000 borrowed from Ames Syndicate on August 15th, 1921; and \$2,000,000 borrowed from Wood, Gundy Syndicate on October 1st, 1921, all of which are Canadian payment only.

" 13. In addition to amount shown at page 107 of 'Journals, Legislative Assembly, 1921,' the following sums were borrowed for purposes mentioned:—

P.G.E. construction .....	\$ 3,202,720
Highways .....	2,650,000
Land Settlement Board .....	850,000
'Soldiers' Land Act' .....	460,000
Better housing .....	340,000
Conservation of irrigation-works .....	355,000
Industrial loans .....	110,000
Consolidated Revenue (capital expenditures) .....	1,901,070

\$62,911,436

Less sinking funds .....

\$55,011,436 "

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* presented an amended answer to the following question asked by Mr. *Esling* on November 1st:—

What amounts have been paid from the 1st January, 1920, to the 1st October instant, to the following newspapers: "World," "Province," and "Sun," Vancouver; "Columbian," New Westminster; "Times" and "Colonist," Victoria; "Free Press" and "Daily Herald," Nanaimo?

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

"List of papers and amounts for advertising checked by Purchasing Agent's Department from January 1st, 1920, to October 1st, 1921, as follows:—

"*Nanaimo Free Press*—Public Works, \$65.54; Forest, \$93.48; Provincial Secretary, \$431.39; Assessor and Collector, \$314.80; Civil Service Commissioner, \$12.40; total, \$917.61.

"*Nanaimo Herald*—Public Works, \$10.08; Forest, \$2.16; total, \$12.24.

"*Victoria Colonist*—Public Works, \$370.10; Lands, \$119.60; Purchasing Agent, \$67; Provincial Secretary, \$9.90; Attorney-General, \$5.70; Assessor and Collector, \$121.20; Civil Service Commissioner, \$50.51; Labour, \$82.95; total, \$826.96.

"*Victoria Times*—Public Works, \$1,009; Forest, \$570.57; Lands, \$560.60; Purchasing Agent, \$266.35; Provincial Secretary, \$501.80; Railway, \$31; Assessor and Collector, \$275.70; Civil Service Commissioner, \$187.20; Labour, \$165.30; total, \$3,567.52.

"*Vancouver Province*—Public Works, \$3,042.50; Forest, \$1,930.78; Lands, \$1,339.60; Purchasing Agent, \$599.60; Provincial Secretary, \$309.35; Attorney-General, \$24.80; Railway, \$100.65; Assessor and Collector, \$258.50; Civil Service Commissioner, \$375.46; Labour, \$140.35; Dykes, \$32.40; total, \$8,153.99.

"*Vancouver Sun*—Public Works, \$1,593.15; Forest, \$1,737.73; Lands, \$430.90; Purchasing Agent, \$583.55; Provincial Secretary, \$2,082.90; Assessor and Collector, \$109.05; Civil Service Commissioner, \$115.69; Labour, \$19.50; Dykes, \$18; total, \$6,710.47.

"*Vancouver World*—Public Works, \$1,586.75; Forest, \$786; Lands, \$1,008.40; Provincial Secretary, \$488.40; Attorney-General, \$22.40; Railway, \$28.80; Assessor and Collector, \$205.80; Civil Service Commissioner, \$42.20; Labour, \$67.20; total, \$4,235.95.

"*New Westminster Columbian*—Public Works, \$191.88; Forest, \$14.40; Lands, \$235.46; Purchasing Agent, \$103.38; Provincial Secretary, \$55.44; Railway, \$28.80; Assessor and Collector, \$14.40; Civil Service Commissioner, \$6; Dykes, \$520.40; total, \$670.16."

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

1. Was a loan for \$2,000,000 lately floated on account of British Columbia highways?
2. If so, what was the net amount received by the Government on account of this flotation?
3. How much of said loan is to be taken to pay the Canadian Bank of Commerce on account of Treasury bills sold to them for this purpose?
4. Has any other expenditure already been made out of this loan?
5. If so, how much?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$1,907,800.

"3. \$300,000.

"4. Yes.

"5. \$269,102."

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

1. What is the total amount of expenses incurred by the Minister of Lands on his recent European trip?
2. What is the total amount of expenses to date incurred by William Turnbull, Lumber Commissioner, on his European trip?

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

"1. Expense account not yet received.

"2. Expense account not yet received."



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

1. What number of licences have been issued this year under the "Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act"?
2. What is the total amount of receipts therefrom?
3. What number of licences have been issued in the City of Vancouver?
4. What number in Victoria?
5. Have there been any prosecutions under this Act?

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

- "1. 758.
- "2. \$5,802.
- "3. 358.
- "4. 140.
- "5. None reported."

*Resolved*, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3.30 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.34 p.m.

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## Wednesday, 9th November, 1921.

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HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Clearihue* presented a petition from John H. Ross *et al.*, opposing the proposed Chartered Accountants Bill.

On a question of privilege, Mr. *Hanes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Guthrie*,—

That this House take into immediate consideration the advisability of requesting His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint a professional engineer or other person or persons to generally investigate the cause of the disaster at Britannia Beach and Mines on October 28th, 1921, during which upwards of thirty persons were drowned or killed and several injured, the investigation to include the following:—

(1.) Did the loss of life and injury to persons occur as a result of the enormous quantity of water let loose by the breaking of the railway embankment some 35 to 45 feet high, constructed by the Britannia Mining and Smelting Company across the Britannia Creek at the Tunnel Camp opposite mine-tunnel entrance?

(2.) Did the Britannia Mining Company officials construct a railway fill or embankment some 35 to 45 feet in height across Britannia Creek at the Tunnel Camp without providing a culvert or free access for flow of Britannia Creek waters, whether flooded or otherwise (except the culvert constructed last winter some 8 by 8 feet near the middle or top of the said fill)?

(3.) What officials of said company are responsible for the construction or maintenance of this obstruction to the Britannia Creek watercourse?

(4.) What company officials were aware during the afternoon and evening of the disaster that the railway embankment was becoming dangerous on account of the rising water on the upper side of said embankment?

(5.) What officials were responsible for not notifying the inhabitants of the town at the beach of the pending disaster?

(6.) Was this obstructing of the Britannia watercourse a criminal offence under any Provincial or Dominion Statute?

(7.) If so, what official or officials are guilty of violating same?

And that the report of the investigation be presented to this House before the closing of the present Session.

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return comprising a list of all ex-service men employed by the Liquor Control Board, giving names, former rank, and regimental numbers.

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1920-21 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Neelands moved, seconded by Mr. Guthrie,—

That this House forthwith resolve itself into Committee to consider the question of unemployment within British Columbia.

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

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

That an Order of the House be granted: (1) For a Return of all liquor purchased by the Purchasing Agent on behalf of the Government since the date of his appointment to the 1st day of November, 1921, including both malt and spirituous liquors as well as wines; (2) the dates of purchase in each case; (3) the name of the brand in each case; (4) the name of the vendor in each case; (5) the name of the agent or agents effecting the sale in each case; (6) the quantity purchased in each case; (7) the amount paid therefor in each case.

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

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

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to authorize the Conveyance and Appropriation by the Crown of certain Lands for Public Purposes."

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Lands of the Southern Okanagan Irrigation Project" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to make Uniform the Law respecting the Sale of Goods in Bulk."

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Insurance Agents and Insurance Adjusters."

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

The Resolution was reported and adopted.

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

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

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

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

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Fires and Fire-escapes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 9th, 1921.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act respecting Fires and Fire-escapes," 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. *McRae* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Were any repairs made to the Government wharf at Bella Coola during 1919-20?
2. What was the cost of this repair-work?
3. What was the amount paid for piling, and to whom?
4. What was the amount for the hardware, rope, and materials for this wharf, and to whom was this money paid?
5. What is the condition of this wharf at the present time?

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

"1. No.

"2 to 4. Answered by No. 1.

"5. Good."

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

1. Was any road-work done in the Klinaklini-Anahim Lake portion of the Prince Rupert Electoral District during the year 1921?
2. What amounts were expended?
3. Who were the persons employed on this work?
4. Who was the person under whose authority this work was done?
5. Who was the surveyor or engineer looking after the work on this road?

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

"1. No.

"2 to 5. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Is one Sylvester acting as Foreman on a piece of the Government Road between Moyie and Cranbrook?
2. Has he his own team employed on this road?
3. Or is there a team employed on this road which is claimed to be owned by the adopted son of Sylvester?
4. Is this not contrary to the departmental regulations?
5. Are there any other teams which could be employed belonging to people in Moyie or vicinity?
6. Are there teams working on this road which are brought a distance of 20 miles from Cranbrook to work near Moyie, or within 3 miles east of Moyie?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. No.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. A Foreman's team can be employed when no other team is available.
- "5. No.
- "6. One extra-heavy team was brought out from Cranbrook to work in difficult places where one team has to work alone on side-hill construction."

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

1. How many horses have been purchased by the Government since it took office?
2. From whom were they purchased?
3. What prices were paid?
4. How many horses have been sold since the Government took office?
5. To whom were they sold?
6. At what prices?
7. Was public notice given of the sale?
8. If so, what advertisement was given?

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

- "1. Fifty-five.
- "2. Tudesco Farms, Ltd.; D. Irvine; A. M. Mainguy; W. McCullough; A. Lariviere; W. H. Sherman; T. Williamson; P. Cameron; Prince Rupert City Transfer Co.
- "3. Teams: \$375; \$400; \$425; \$440; \$480; \$490; \$500; \$515; \$525; \$550; \$565; \$575; \$635; \$675; \$710; \$750. Single horses: \$100; \$110; \$125; \$130; \$185; \$300.
- "4. Eighty-six.
- "5. W. V. Livingston; S. Dowling; N. Hansen; J. D. Smith; R. G. Wise; G. R. Baker; T. Austin; G. Keddie; D. C. McDonald; P. Lavrie; J. K. McLean; W. G. Carson; W. W. Arnold; Johnson Bros.; Jafferson & Dockrill; Bostron & Herliby; J. A. Long; Whalen Pulp & Paper Co.; — Woolridge; R. F. Field; J. McLennan; A. Pene; M. Currie; J. Thompson; T. Olsen; K. Olsen.
- "6. 1, \$30; 2, \$20; 1, \$15; 1, \$100; 6, \$700; 4, \$121; 1, \$5; 1, \$125; 2, \$300; 2, \$250; 1, \$75; 3, \$110; 2, \$240; 5, \$200; 2, \$222.26; 8, \$1,900; 1, \$100; 14, \$1,500; 1, \$50; 2, \$80; 5, \$225; 1, \$275; 6, \$500; 2, \$165; 2, \$160; 2, \$200; 2, \$150; 1, \$40; 1, \$55; 1, \$10; 1, \$15.
- "7. Yes.
- "8. The customary notice in the public press, and where no newspaper is published a notice is posted in a conspicuous place."

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

1. Was one Ralph Moore in the employ of the Government during any portion of 1920 or 1921?
2. In what department was he employed and what salary did he receive?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. On the date the Government became the owners of the Pacific Great Eastern, what cash was in the treasury of the company, also how much on the date the Government took possession of the railway?

2. After the Government became the owners of the railway and up to the end of 1918, what separate sums of money were received by the railway company other than for capital account, or as to loans, and not from operating or from subsidiary enterprises? From whom and dates of receipt? Ditto in 1919; ditto in 1920; ditto in 1921 up to September 30th.

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

"1. April 23rd, 1918, \$10,433.53; July 22nd, 1918, \$11,526.05.

"2. 1918: From P. Welch—

March 30th .....	\$ 8,500 00	
April 17th .....	15,000 00	
May 2nd .....	15,000 00	
May 21st .....	15,000 00	
June 1st .....	15,000 00	
June 17th .....	15,000 00	
	—————	\$ 83,500 00

"1918: From Treasury—

July 25th .....	\$40,000 00	
September 14th .....	40,000 00	
October 5th .....	32,530 59	
November 30th .....	15,570 51	
	—————	128,101 10

\$ 211,601 10

"1919: From Treasury—

January 6th .....	\$16,232 93	
January 28th .....	15,982 14	
February 4th .....	3,290 00	
February 15th .....	15,407 64	
February 26th .....	15,000 00	
March 4th .....	15,000 00	
March 17th .....	17,897 03	
April 10th .....	3,896 44	
April 19th .....	20,150 97	
May 2nd .....	15,000 00	
May 21st .....	10,000 00	
May 16th .....	3,069 05	
June 7th .....	15,000 00	
June 19th .....	18,013 80	
July 3rd .....	27,103 28	
July 16th .....	5,000 00	
August 6th .....	15,000 00	
September 5th .....	3,600 18	
September 5th .....	13,000 00	
September 23rd .....	12,062 39	
September 23rd .....	37,937 61	
October 27th .....	10,000 00	
November 4th .....	21,801 02	
December 3rd .....	31,668 55	
	—————	361,203 03

Carried forward ..... \$ 572,804 13

<i>Brought forward</i> .....		\$ 572,804 13
" 1920: From Treasury—		
January 3rd .....	\$27,294 48	
January 15th .....	6,000 00	
January 21st .....	15,000 00	
January 30th .....	8,190 87	
March 1st .....	20,000 00	
March 4th .....	15,000 00	
March 24th .....	30,000 00	
April 12th .....	10,000 00	
April 27th .....	27,893 12	
May 4th .....	9,815 64	
May 7th .....	15,000 00	
June 4th .....	10,000 00	
June 11th .....	20,000 00	
June 21st .....	60,000 00	
August 16th .....	40,000 00	
September 1st .....	20,000 00	
September 13th .....	20,000 00	
September 28th .....	25,000 00	
October 12th .....	20,000 00	
October 30th .....	20,000 00	
November 16th .....	25,000 00	
December 3rd .....	20,000 00	
December 8th .....	45,000 00	
December 20th .....	40,000 00	
	\$549,194 11	
" February 4th: Firemen's Fund Insurance Co.'s Account,		
Cheakamus Bridge .....	24,105 89	
	573,300 00	
" 1921: From Treasury—		
January 10th .....	\$ 65,000 00	
February 21st .....	50,000 00	
March 12th .....	15,000 00	
March 31st .....	10,000 00	
April 27th .....	159,000 00	
May 13th .....	38,000 00	
June 6th .....	35,000 00	
August 25th .....	50,000 00	
	422,000 00	
	\$1,568,104 13	
" <i>Less</i> portions of above amounts applied in payment of Operating		
Department bills containing charges against Construction Department on Capital Account .....		552,011 20
		\$1,016,092 92

"It is assumed that inquirer desires to know in detail the amounts of money received by the Operating Department for operating purposes other than from Revenue Accounts, and the statement given above has been made out to that end. Statement shows the net amount of moneys received from all sources other than from Revenue Accounts and used for operating purposes."

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

1. Upon what date did the Government become the owners of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. On what date did the Government take possession of that railway and begin operating and begin construction?

3. Did the Government pay any money for operating or on construction of the railway for the period between the date of ownership and the date of possession; and, if so, how much and to whom, and out of what fund and by what authority, and where is the entry of same in the Public Accounts?

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

“1. April 23rd, 1918.

“2. July 22nd, 1918; construction began September 28th, 1918.

“3. \$183,500, operating received from P. Welch; \$176,161 purchase of rails. Orders in Council, authority of 1916 ‘Loan Act.’ Amount of ‘Loan Act’ shown in Public Accounts.”

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

1. Since the date when the Government became the owner of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, how much: (a) To the end of 1918; (b) to the end of 1919; (c) to the end of 1920; (d) to September 30th, 1921, has been expended under the three respective heads of: (1) Construction; (2) interest; (3) losses in operating the railway?

2. What is the aggregate of said interest during the above periods paid: (a) On bonds guaranteed by the Province; (b) on bonds authorized by the Province for purposes of the railway and actually sold; (c) on Treasury bills based on such authorized bonds; (d) on other advances (if any) from the Consolidated Fund; (e) on loans (if any) to the railway from any other sources?

3. What is the further estimated capital outlay from September 30th, 1921, required to complete the railway from Squamish to Fort George?

4. When is it estimated train service into Fort George will be given?

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

“1. (a.) Construction, \$16,410,804.85; interest during construction, \$3,916,722.99; loss on operation, *nil*; profit (cr.), \$12.

“(b.) Construction, \$19,175,790.60; interest during construction, \$5,483,574.80; loss on operation, \$185,815.61.

“(c.) Construction, \$22,768,808.80; interest during construction, \$6,822,451.85; loss on operation, \$406,495.92.

“(d.) Construction, \$26,991,242.36; interest during construction, \$8,565,327.36; loss on operation, \$763,762.46. To June 30th, 1921.

“Above construction figures include land purchases for right-of-way, purchases of rails and fastenings, purchases of equipment, and include value of unapplied material on hand.

“2. 1918: Guaranteed debentures, \$2,899,937.26; ‘Province of B.C. Loan, 1916,’ \$80,055.72; interest on interest paid by B.C. Government, \$99,005.28; bank loans, \$858,359.50; miscellaneous, \$30,555.64; discount on funded debt, \$184,472.82; interest on bank balances (cr.), \$235,663.23; total, \$3,916,722.99.

“1919: Guaranteed debentures, \$855,571.51; ‘Province of B.C. Loan, 1916,’ \$125,347.61; interest on interest paid by B.C. Government, \$160,716.42; bank loans, \$375,455.99; miscellaneous, \$6,875.72; discount on funded debt, \$50,359.74; interest on bank balances (cr.), \$7,475.18; total, \$1,566,851.81.

“1920: Guaranteed debentures, \$581,174.29; ‘Province of B.C. Loan, 1916,’ \$249,535.46; ‘P.G.E. Loan Act, 1920,’ \$5,619.19; ‘P.G.E. Note Payment Act, 1920,’ \$4,552.11; interest on interest paid by B.C. Government, \$171,883.97; bank loans, \$260,558.04; miscellaneous, \$1,351.23; discount on funded debt, \$70,392.14; interest on bank balances (cr.), \$6,189.38; total, \$1,338,877.05.

“1921 (June 30th): Guaranteed debentures, \$591,134.82; ‘Province of B.C. Loan, 1916,’ \$309,308.55; ‘Note Guarantee Act, 1919,’ \$10,895.61; ‘P.G.E. Loan Act, 1920,’ \$213,451.60; ‘P.G.E. Note Payment Act, 1920,’ \$308,158.48; ‘P.G.E. Loan Act, 1921,’ \$31,770.54; interest on interest paid by B.C. Government, \$205,140.60; bank loans, \$4,645.13; discount on funded debt, \$85,122.76; interest on bank balances (cr.), \$7,648.36; total, \$1,742,875.51.

“*Summary.*—1918, \$3,916,722.99; 1919, \$1,566,851.81; 1920, \$1,338,877.05; 1921, \$1,742,875.51; total interest during construction to June 30th, 1921, \$8,565,327.36.

“Above includes all interest charges paid by Government, whether on debentures or Treasury bills.

“3. \$1,000,000, approximately.

“4. Not estimated.”

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

1. Under item 418, Pacific Great Eastern Statement to June 30th, 1921, is loss and damage to freight of \$1,050.86. What are the separate claims making up this amount?

2. What is the date of each separate claim, by whom was each claim made, and to whom was cheque issued in payment thereof?

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

“1. Number, date of claim, by whom claim made, to whom cheque issued, and amount, as follows:—

56. March 24, 1920; McClary Manufacturing Co.; McClary Manufacturing Co.	\$ 4 15
57. April 27, 1920; W. H. Ogden; W. H. Ogden .....	5 75
48. June 12, 1920; Jim Bros.; Jim Bros. ....	5 65
73. April 21, 1920; Philadelphia & Reading Rly.; Philadelphia & Reading Rly.	1 69
64. April 28, 1920; Inland Express Co.; Inland Express Co. ....	13 20
68. Feb. 12, 1920; Chas. Menier; Vancouver Breweries .....	90 00
77. Aug. 9, 1920; T. A. Brett; T. A. Brett .....	19 71
82. Aug. 3, 1920; P. Burns & Co., Ltd.; P. Burns & Co., Ltd. ....	48 50
91. Aug. 3, 1920; C. B. Nickerson; C. B. Nickerson .....	1 75
65. July 17, 1920; Hurley & Prosser; Hurley & Prosser .....	25 03
97. Aug. 25, 1920; Robt. Fraser; Robt. Fraser .....	2 13
34. Dec. 12, 1919; W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd.; W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd. ....	} 702 90
39. April 3, 1919; W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd.; W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd. ....	
76. Jan. 17, 1920; W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd.; W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd. ....	
75. Feb. 5, 1920; W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd.; W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd. ....	
102. Sept. 24, 1920; Mrs. A. N. Mouat; Mrs. A. N. Mouat .....	3 50
70. July 21, 1920; Fraser & MacKenzie; Fraser & MacKenzie .....	12 45
99. July 12, 1920; L. J. Crosina; L. J. Crosina .....	26 96
114. Oct. 30, 1920; F. A. Maude; F. A. Maude .....	1 50
96. Sept. 30, 1921; Northern Construction Co.; Northern Construction Co. ...	8 64
84. July 31, 1920; J. S. Place; J. S. Place .....	19 12
110. Nov. 20, 1920; Hurley & Prosser; Hurley & Prosser .....	11 55
41. Feb. 5, 1920; W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd.; W. H. Edgett & Co. Ltd. ....	9 38
116. Nov. 27, 1920; W. H. Malkin & Co., Ltd.; W. H. Malkin & Co., Ltd. ....	82 94
122. Dec. 9, 1920; Coast Grain & Feed Co.; Coast Grain & Feed Co. ....	63 97
113. Nov. 8, 1920; Pemberton Trading Co.; Pemberton Trading Co. ....	2 03
102. Nov. 9, 1920; Cariboo Trading Co.; Cariboo Trading Co. ....	7 00
128. Canadian Pacific Railway; Canadian Pacific Railway .....	57 33
120. Nov. 30, 1920; Robt. Fraser; Robt. Fraser .....	7 14
43. Dec. 6, 1920; E. G. Becker; Kelly, Douglas & Co. ....	14 08
115. Nov. 27, 1920; L. J. Crosina; L. J. Crosina .....	4 15
112. Nov. 1, 1920; Pemberton Trading Co.; Pemberton Trading Co. ....	2 43
95. Sept. 29, 1920; W. H. Malkin & Co., Ltd.; W. H. Malkin & Co. ....	29 00
125. Feb. 18, 1921; Fraser & MacKenzie; Fraser & MacKenzie .....	15 72
131. Mar. 7, 1921; W. H. Malkin & Co., Ltd.; W. H. Malkin & Co., Ltd. ....	23 47
133. Jan. 25, 1921; W. H. Malkin & Co., Ltd.; W. H. Malkin & Co., Ltd. ....	40 23
134. Mar. 21, 1921; E. A. Byrnell; E. A. Byrnell .....	3 50
140. April 13, 1921; Wo Hing; Wo Hing .....	13 80
118. Nov. 22, 1920; P. Burns & Co., Ltd.; P. Burns & Co., Ltd. ....	379 52

\$1,759 77

Less portion of W. H. Edgett & Co., Ltd.'s, claims charged  
1920 accounts .....

\$405 48

Less value of freight salvaged, amounts included in above  
cheques representing refund of freight charges paid on  
damaged or short freight, and book entries .....

303 43

708 91

Net total .....

\$1,050 86

“2. Answered by No. 1.”



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

1. Who was the first Chairman of the Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board and how long did he occupy that office?
2. Who is the present Chairman and how long has he been in that position?
3. What was the total and what the average monthly cost of administration for the forty-four months commencing September 1st, 1913, and ending April 30th, 1917?
4. What was the total and what the average monthly cost of administration for the forty-four months commencing May 1st, 1917, and ending December 31st, 1920?
5. What net saving (if any) has been effected under the present Board in the time specified?
6. What was the total expenditure of the Board for 1916 and what were the costs of administering the same?
7. What was the total expenditure of the Board for 1920 and what were the costs of administering the same?
8. What was the total amount paid in legal fees by the Board during the forty-four months under the Chairmanship of Mr. Frank Bowser and to whom was it paid?
9. What was the total amount in legal fees paid by the Board under the present Chairman for the fifty-four months ending October 31st, 1921, and to whom was it paid?

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

- "1. Frank Bowser, who occupied the office from September 1st, 1913, until April 30th, 1917.
- "2. James Stables, who has occupied the office since May 1st, 1917.
- "3. The total cost was \$70,370.88, an average per month of \$1,737.07.
- "4. The total cost was \$30,779.58, an average per month of \$699.53.
- "5. \$45,651.76.
- "6. Total expenditure, \$345,233.96; administration costs, \$20,294.98.
- "7. Total expenditure, \$360,805.61; administration costs, \$8,674.11.
- "8. \$6,807.81. As follows:—

4 months, 1913 .....	\$ 25 00
12 ,, { 1914, paid fees to Mr. Ritchie .....	1,697 00
12 ,, { 1914, paid fees to Bowser, Reid & Walbridge .....	781 68
12 ,, { 1914, paid retainer to Bowser, Reid & Walbridge .....	750 00
12 ,, { 1915, paid retainer to Bowser, Reid & Walbridge .....	1,500 00
12 ,, { 1916, paid retainer to Bowser, Reid & Walbridge .....	1,500 00
First 4 months, 1917, paid retainer to Bowser, Reid & Walbridge .....	500 00
Paid in 1918 an old account .....	54 13
	\$6,807 81

- "9. \$3,519.75. As follows:—

8 months, 1917 .....	<i>Nil.</i>
12 ,, 1918, fees to F. R. McD. Russell .....	\$445 00
12 ,, 1919, fees to F. R. McD. Russell .....	100 00
12 ,, 1920, fees to F. R. McD. Russell .....	621 05
Plus fees in connection with bond issue .....	1,000 00
To date, 1921, fees to F. R. McD. Russell .....	353 70
Plus fees <i>re</i> gravel-pit inquiry .....	1,000 00
	\$3,519 75

"Over the two \$1,000 items the Chairman had no control."

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

1. Did the original contractors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway nominate or suggest to you that a business associate of theirs should be given the contract to finish the line to Prince George on any basis?
2. If so, whom did they nominate to finish the line?

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

- "1. No; not to my recollection, and a search of correspondence fails to reveal any such.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Jones asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. What amount of money has been loaned by the Department of Industries since it was organized to date?

2. What amount of money has been loaned by the Department since April 1st, 1921, to date?

3. To whom have loans been made, and what is the amount of each loan since April 1st, 1921, to date?

The Hon. Mr. Oliver replied as follows:—

"1. \$1,182,358.48. Amount not taken up through non-compliance with conditions, \$95,700.

"2. \$15,000.

"3. Great West Manufacturing Company, \$5,000; San Juan Box Company, Limited, \$10,000."

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

1. What are the particulars of the \$154,295.07 mentioned in answer to question 6 of October 24th *re* Sumas reclamation, in which the Minister of Agriculture stated that the Land Settlement Board had advanced this amount to the Dyking Commissioners of Sumas, other than under the contract with the Marsh-Bourne Construction Company?

2. To whom was this money paid?

The Hon. Mr. Barrow replied as follows:—

"1. \$11,601.24 expended under authority of subsection (2) of section 4 of chapter 87 of Statutes of British Columbia, 1920, the balance being expended from time to time as occasion demanded as follows: In payment for services of engineers and engineering staffs employed in acquiring data, preparing plans and reports as to the feasibility of the undertaking; in payment for services of engineers and engineering staffs engaged in supervising the work, acquiring data essential to the compilation of the assessment roll, and making monthly progress reports; in erecting, building, and purchasing equipment and supplies for engineers and engineering staffs; in payment for services of surveyors engaged in surveying right-of-way and in payment on account of right-of-way purchased; in payment for the construction and equipment of power-line; in payment for the purchase of and installation of light plant; in payment for the erection of and equipment of telephone-line; in payment of the expense incurred in dismantling a trestle bridge on the Great Northern Railway Company's right-of-way; in payment of the Commissioners' expenses necessarily incurred and properly chargeable to the undertaking; in making ditches, erecting bridges, building culverts, and constructing fences; in purchasing pumping plants and in payment of interest on the moneys borrowed by the Commissioners to enable them to carry on the work.

"2. To the various creditors of the former Commissioners for the Sumas Dyking District; to the engineers engaged, and to the individual members of their staffs; to A. E. Humphrey on account of right-of-way survey; to the very many individuals engaged in connection with the work referred to in answer to question No. 1; to the numerous companies, firms, or individuals from whom supplies, material, plant, or equipment was purchased; to the Commissioners for expenses; to the Land Settlement Board for interest on the money borrowed."

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

1. What salary is paid Mr. Sinclair as Chief Engineer of the Sumas Lake reclamation scheme?

2. What is the total cost for engineering expenses to date?

3. What has it cost for buildings for the engineering staff?

4. Are these engineering expenses and cost of buildings for engineers outside the contract price?

5. What amount has been paid out for right-of-way?

6. And to whom paid?

7. Is Mr. Marsh still connected with the contract or sub-contracts?

8. If so, in what capacity?

9. What salary does he receive?

10. What interest has he in the contract or sub-contracts?

11. What salary does Mr. Strong receive?

12. For whom is he working?

13. Is he a British subject?
14. Where was the electric dredge obtained to carry on the work?
15. What arrangement has the Marsh-Bourne Construction Company made with any other person or firm to carry on the work?
16. What business arrangement has been entered into between the Tacoma Construction Company and the Marsh-Bourne Construction Company regarding the carrying-on of the work?
17. What business arrangement has been made with Mr. Duncan to carry on work or to help finance same?

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

- "1. At rate of \$5,000 per annum.
- "2. \$67,423.39.
- "3. \$4,657.10. Buildings permanent, will be required so long as dyking system is maintained.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. \$2,225.
- "6. Crane & Eckert, Ltd.; F. G. Lewis; Canadian Hypothec & Guarantee Co.; O. M. Humphries.
- "7. No official information.
- "8, 9, and 10. Answered by No. 7.
- "11. Mr. Strong is an employee of the contractor.
- "12. Answered by No. 11.
- "13. No information.
- "14. Three electric dredges being operated on the work, all furnished by contractor.
- "15. No information.
- "16. No information.
- "17. See Votes and Proceedings No. 5, October 24th, 1921, answer to question No. 4."

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

1. Did Mr. Henderson, K.C., Coal Commissioner, report to the Government that a "coal combine" existed?
2. If so, where?
3. If so, what action has the Hon. the Attorney-General taken to prosecute those implicated?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Vancouver.
- "3. Recommendation of the Commissioner was that a continuation of the combine should be prosecuted. Information is in the Department that the combine was dissolved after the inquiry."

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

1. Has the Attorney-General any information as to the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, operating at Cassidy, not observing section 19 of the "Coal-mines Regulation Act" as amended April, 1918?
2. If so, what steps has he taken to have them observe the law?
3. Have they been prosecuted?
4. If not, why not?

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

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

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. How many employees are there in the service of the Liquor Control Board?
2. How many of the above are ex-service men?

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

- "1. 258, as at September 30th, 1921.
- "2. 123 ex-service men; 112 not overseas; 18 women; 5 not known."

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

1. What insurance is carried on the stock of liquor in the Government Vendor's Store at Kamloops?

2. With what agents is this insurance placed?

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

"1. \$15,000 on stock, wines, liquor, beer, alcohol, etc., and \$500 on fixtures, safe, etc. One policy in the Queensland Insurance Company, Limited, dated the 10th of August, 1921.

"2. Theo. Frontier & Company, local agents at Kamloops for the Queensland Insurance Company, Limited."

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

1. Has the Government received reports from the engineers on the Fraser Canyon Highway, and also on the Hope-Princeton Highway?

2. Will the Government table copies of these reports?

3. If so, when?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Within the next week."

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

1. Have any complaints been received concerning the character of moving-picture films that have been passed by the Provincial Censor?

2. Has the Censor forbidden any films to be shown as submitted in the course of the past six months?

3. Are films being passed in spite of grave deficiencies, effecting racial and colour prejudice?

4. If so, when did the Minister become aware of the fact?

5. Have any protests been received by the Department against the exhibition of films on the grounds of the same being prejudicial to the moral welfare of the people?

6. If yes, has any action been taken, and when?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Not understood.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Yes.

"6. Investigated immediately.

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

1. How many special liquor permits have been granted under section 11 of the "Government Liquor Act" for mechanical purposes?

2. How many special liquor permits have been granted under section 11 of the "Government Liquor Act" for manufacturing purposes?

3. How many special liquor permits have been granted under section 11 of the "Government Liquor Act" for scientific pursuits?

4. With dates and names of grantees in each case?

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

"1. One. August 15th, R. G. Thomson, of the Times Printing and Publishing Company.

"2. Three. July 18th, 1921, Guy O. Clark, Fraser Valley Dairies, Ltd.; July 23rd, 1921, Edwin A. Harris, Thorpe & Company, Ltd.; August 24th, 1921, W. H. Ryall, Royal Crown Soap, Ltd.

"3. Five. July 8th, 1921, E. Andrew, masseur; August 30th, 1921, Horace Alan Filby, masseur; September 15th, 1921, J. S. Plaskett, astronomer; September 30th, 1921, Annie Bartlett, hairdresser; October 4th, 1921, Director, Provincial Museum, Parliament Buildings."

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

1. Was a criminal prosecution commenced against Mr. A. S. Wells, editor of the "B.C. Federationist" at Vancouver, in the month of September, 1921, upon the charge of publishing a pamphlet entitled "Left Wing Communism, an Infantile Disorder"?

2. Was the said pamphlet—namely, "Left Wing Communism, an Infantile Disorder"—prior to publication in Vancouver, published in the United Kingdom with the full knowledge of the British Government and without the authorities in Great Britain taking the exception to such publication?

3. Was the said pamphlet, prior to publication in Vancouver, published in other countries and in the United States with the full knowledge of the Governments of said countries and without the authorities in such countries taking the exception to such publication?

4. For a considerable time prior to the present prosecution, did such pamphlets have Government mailing facilities in Canada and the United States?

5. Has there been any other and, if so, what instance of criminal prosecutions instituted in British Columbia for entertaining or publishing political opinions?

6. Is the Minister aware that Mr. A. S. Wells, the defendant in the above-mentioned proceedings, is an active leader of socialist thought in British Columbia?

7. Is there any connection between the political beliefs of Mr. Wells and the present prosecution?

8. Is it the intention to institute other criminal prosecutions against those who may entertain socialist views or who prominently engage in socialistic activities?

9. Does the Attorney-General believe that prosecutions of this character are conducive to national harmony?

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

"1. No prosecution was instituted by my Department, but might have been by Vancouver City Police, as a communication received from Ottawa to the effect that the pamphlet inquired about contravened section 97B of the Criminal Code was referred to the Chief of Police, Vancouver, on August 29th, 1921.

"2. No record.

"3. No record.

"4. No record.

"5. No record.

"6. No official information.

"7. No.

"8. A duty is imposed on the police to prosecute for all violations of the Criminal Code.

"9. Answered by No. 8."

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

What progress, if any, has been made in the negotiations between the Government and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company with a view to bringing about a settlement of the dual control of the minerals within the E. & N. Railway Land Grant?

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

"The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company is conducting an extensive reconnaissance survey of its land grant with a view to obtaining more information of the mineral-bearing areas before proceeding further with negotiations toward bringing about a settlement of the dual control of the minerals within the said Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Land Grant."

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

1. Has a loan been advanced by the Department of Industries to the Quesnel Timber and Trading Company at Quesnel?

2. If so, when was said loan made and for what amount?

3. What security was taken for said loan?

4. What amount of insurance was carried by the Quesnel Lumber and Trading Company on its plant?

5. Was the Department of Industries secured by insurance policies on the plant?

6. Were the company's mill and plant completely destroyed by fire on October 31st?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. February 11th, 1921; \$15,500.

"3. Chattel mortgage, joint and several note of shareholders, and assignments of timber holdings.

"4. \$20,000.

"5. Yes.

"6. Sawmill destroyed. Lumber and shingle mill safe."

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

1. Is D. B. Martyn employed by the Department of Industries?

2. Did this employee allow his name to be placed before a recent Federal Liberal Nominating Convention?

3. If so, did he do so with the knowledge or approval of the Minister?

4. Is any Civil Servant permitted to engage in Federal politics?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Major Martyn says 'No.'

"3. No.

"4. No permission asked for or granted."

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

1. Was there any damage done by flood on the river to the people of Bella Coola during the autumn of 1917?

2. What steps has the Government taken to protect the town from further flooding?

3. What work was done and total amount expended?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Co-operating with the settlers and logging company in clearing out log-jams; removing standing timber from the banks of the river so as to prevent them undermining and falling into the river to form a new jam; building brush mattresses to protect the silt banks and opening up new channels, etc.

"3. Repairing roads and renewing bridges; \$31,000, approximately."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 o'clock.

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Thursday, 10th November, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition from John H. Ross *et al.*, opposing the proposed Chartered Accountants Bill, was received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Nceland* on 9th instant as follows:—

That this House forthwith resolve itself into Committee to consider the question of unemployment within British Columbia.

Motion agreed to.

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(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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Progress reported.

Committee to sit again this day week.

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works presented the report of G. H. Richardson on the Trans-Provincial Highway, dated January 19th, 1919.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

That this House take into immediate consideration the advisability of requesting His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint a professional engineer or other person or persons to generally investigate the cause of the disaster at Britannia Beach and Mines on October 28th, 1921, during which upwards of thirty persons were drowned or killed and several injured, the investigation to include the following:—

(1.) Did the loss of life and injury to persons occur as a result of the enormous quantity of water let loose by the breaking of the railway embankment some 35 to 45 feet high, constructed by the Britannia Mining and Smelting Company across the Britannia Creek at the Tunnel Camp opposite mine-tunnel entrance?

(2.) Did the Britannia Mining Company officials construct a railway fill or embankment some 35 to 45 feet in height across Britannia Creek at the Tunnel Camp without providing a culvert or free access for flow of Britannia Creek waters, whether flooded or otherwise (except the culvert constructed last winter some 8 by 8 feet near the middle or top of the said fill)?

(3.) What officials of said company are responsible for the construction or maintenance of this obstruction to the Britannia Creek watercourse?

(4.) What company officials were aware during the afternoon and evening of the disaster that the railway embankment was becoming dangerous on account of the rising water on the upper side of said embankment?

(5.) What officials were responsible for not notifying the inhabitants of the town at the beach of the pending disaster?

(6.) Was this obstructing of the Britannia watercourse a criminal offence under any Provincial or Dominion Statute?

(7.) If so, what official or officials are guilty of violating same?

And that the report of the investigation be presented to this House before the closing of the present Session.

With the leave of the House the proposed motion was amended by the mover by deleting clauses numbered (6) and (7) thereof; and adding thereto after the last word "Session" the words "and that the evidence of such person so appointed be given before the Coroner's jury empanelled in connection with this disaster."

And the question being put upon the motion as amended it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.45 p.m.