

Friday, February 10th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Chaplain *John R. Flagler*.

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

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 8th, 1956.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

F. M. ROSS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 8th, 1956.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Mainland Colony of British Columbia."

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

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of a Floral Emblem for the Province of British Columbia."

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

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Summary Convictions Act, 1955.'"

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

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act, 1955,' " a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

In the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday, February 9th, 1956, Bills Nos. 22, 23, and 24 were set down "for second reading at the next sitting of the House after (the then) to-day." This was in error, as the motions in each case were for second reading on the 16th instant. The entries in the Journals will be made accordingly.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

Monday, February 13th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Douglas Carr*.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mrs. *Arsens*, the Rules were suspended and it was *Ordered* that, in view of the absence of the Hon. *W. N. Chant* through illness, his right to speak further in the debate be reserved.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Co-operative Associations Act, 1955.'"

The debate continued.

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

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

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

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

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act.'"

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Kitimat Incorporation Act, 1953.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Margaret Campbell Moxham."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Nimsick*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act respecting Liens of Mechanics, Wage-earners, and Others" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, adjourned to the next sitting after to-day.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 13th, 1956.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

GORDON MCG. SLOAN,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 13th, 1956.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Soldiers' Land Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

GORDON MCG. SLOAN,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize Agreements between the Federal Government, the Province, and Co-operative Associations with respect to the Construction of Potato-warehouses," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 13th, 1956.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to authorize Agreements between the Federal Government, the Province, and Co-operative Associations with respect to the Construction of Potato-warehouses," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

GORDON MCG. SLOAN,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the ' Dykes Maintenance Act,' " and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 13th, 1956.

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. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Dykes Maintenance Act,' " a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, seconded by the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the question of humane slaughter of animals in our packing-houses shall be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to hear such representations and consider such correspondence and information as shall be laid before it, and make such recommendations to this House as it shall see fit.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.22 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. W. Lang*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the ' Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act.' "

On the motion of the Hon. *R. E. Sommers*—Bill (No. 31) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Coal Mines Regulation Act.’”

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

The debate continued.

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

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

1. On what date was the retail outlet of the Liquor Control Board opened at Queen Charlotte City?
2. What was the amount of gross sales from the above outlet during the first six months of operation?
3. What was the amount of gross sales of the retail outlet of the Liquor Control Board at Prince Rupert during the calendar year 1955?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. June 27th, 1955.
- “ 2. \$63,803.10, to December 31st, 1955.
- “ 3. \$1,479,880.12.”

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

1. What is the total amount of funds paid to the Minister of Finance under section 46 (1) of the “Government Liquor Act, 1953,” being chapter 14, Statutes of British Columbia, 1953, since the said Act became effective?
2. Please give particulars of individual amounts paid, indicating in each case the name of the premises involved, the name of the vendor, the name of the purchaser, the selling price, and the amount of tax imposed.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Regulations pursuant to section 46 (1) of the ‘Government Liquor Act, 1953,’ have not been issued.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. How many cash registers have been purchased for liquor stores since the system of using cash registers was adopted?
2. In how many stores are they now installed?
3. What has been the total cost?
4. Has the installation of these machines resulted in a reduction of staff?
5. If not, what benefits have resulted?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. One hundred and twenty-two.
- “ 2. Thirty-three.
- “ 3. \$406,566.29.
- “ 4. Extension of store hours and reduction of work-week during period of installation makes reply impracticable.
- “ 5. More comprehensive stock record with greater convenience and faster service to purchaser have resulted.”

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

1. How many claims have been paid out of the Assurance Fund set up by the "Land Registry Act"?
2. What total sum has been paid out since the inception of the Fund?
3. What total sum has been paid in to the Fund since its inception?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Thirty-three.
- " 2. \$42,321.30.
- " 3. \$346,519.55, inclusive of interest to March 31st, 1955."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Gettigan*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Animals Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

GORDON MCG. SLOAN,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Farmers' and Women's Institutes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 15th, 1956.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act respecting Farmers' and Women's Institutes," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.26 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15th, 1956.

EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1947,'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

REPORT NO. 11.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 15th, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas under Order 97 of the Standing Orders, your Committee was required to report to the House on or before the 14th instant on the Private Bills referred to it:

And whereas your Committee found that it was impossible to report within the time limited as aforesaid as to all Private Bills so referred to it:

Your Committee recommends that Order 97 of the Standing Orders be suspended and that the time for reporting to the House on Private Bills be extended to February 24th, 1956.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act to incorporate the North West Life Assurance Company.”

Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to incorporate the Kamloops Exhibition Association.”

Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to incorporate Lansdowne Park Limited.”

Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier, president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, the following question:—

Under what expense classification of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company financial statements, year ended December 31st, 1955, are the following expenditures shown: (a) \$300,000 for flood damage and (b) \$250,000 for rail replacements?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“(a) Operating expenses: Account 202, roadway maintenance, \$178,668; account 208, bridges, trestles, and culverts, \$133,236; and (b) cannot be answered in its present form.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Premier, president of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, the following question:—

What is the breakdown of “Other expenditures—General,” \$270,053.08, shown on Appendix No. 5, Financial Statements, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, December 31st, 1955, under the caption “Miscellaneous Capital Expenditures”?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“The ‘Miscellaneous Capital Expenditures’ account covers administrative and miscellaneous expenditures not included in any other road and equipment account classification; included in the amount is the sum of \$268,665.89, which was the balance of the account as at December 31st, 1922.”

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

1. Since April 1st, 1955, in how many cases has amusement tax been remitted in whole or in part?

2. State names of organizations and persons who were granted remissions of amusement tax between January 1st and December 31st, 1955, and the amounts remitted in each case.

3. Has the Minister received personal representations for amusement tax remitted from Cabinet Ministers or members of the Legislature and, if so, state names of Ministers and members?

4. Has permission been granted to waive amusement tax and, if so, give names of persons or organizations that were exempted?

5. What is the basis of policy that differentiates between partial and full remittal?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“1. One thousand two hundred and fifteen.

“2. Unable to assign special staff required to compile answer.

“3. Do not understand question in present form.

“4. See Regulation 9-1 for exemption categories.

“5. See sections 9 (2) and 9 (3), ‘Amusements Tax Act.’”

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

1. How many male and female inmates now in British Columbia Provincial gaols are respectively under the age of (a) 16 and (b) 18?
2. Has provision (a) been made or (b) planned for their placement in a separate institution according to sex?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) Males, nine, and females, *nil*; (b) 18 and under, males, 105, and females, five; in addition, eleven males 18 and under are in New Haven.

“ 2. Youthful male offenders in Oakalla are housed in the Young Offenders' Unit and also in a special section of the new Westgate Unit. Special work and training programme is provided for both groups. Forty specially selected youthful male offenders between the ages of 16 and 23 are housed in the open institution known as New Haven. A special hut adjoining the women's building, Oakalla, is set aside for younger and more reformable female prisoners. Most of the programme for these inmates takes place in this hut separate and apart from the other inmates, although they are brought into the main building for the use of the library and certain of the occupational therapy programme. The new Women's Gaol, which it is hoped to construct very soon, will have separate housing and programme facilities for the younger and more reformable female prisoners.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.52 p.m.

Thursday, February 16th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

GORDON MCG. SLOAN,
Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Tourist Accommodation Regulation Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 15th, 1956.

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. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tourist Accommodation Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting after to-day.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd*, the notice for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tourist Accommodation Regulation Act,'" standing on the Order Paper in his name, was withdrawn.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Powell River Incorporation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

During the debate, the Hon. *W. D. Black* presented a copy of the Report of the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs *re* Investigation of Housing Situation, Kitimat, B.C.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* moved that the question be now put.

Motion agreed to.

Upon the previous question being put, the motion was agreed to, Messrs. Gregory and Gibbs dissenting.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,727,530 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1957.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$240,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1957.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* presented the Annual Report of the Social Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Year ended March 31st, 1955.

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:—

How many miles did the Department's Grumman-Widgeon aeroplane fly in 1955?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

"3,120 miles."

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Did any accidents resulting (a) fatally or (b) in serious injuries occur on Provincial highways or roads during 1955?

2. If so, how many such accidents occurred in each of the constituencies of South Okanagan, Nelson-Creston, Prince Rupert, Esquimalt, Atlin, Cariboo, Yale, New Westminster, Kamloops, Mackenzie, Oak Bay, Lillooet, Nanaimo and The Islands, Grand Forks-Greenwood, Kaslo-Slocan, Skeena, Delta, Chilliwack, Comox, Columbia, Cranbrook, Peace River, Salmon Arm, Similkameen, Revelstoke, North Okanagan, Omineca, Rossland-Trail, Alberni, Cowichan-Newcastle, Saanich, North Vancouver, Fernie, Dewdney, Fort George, and Burnaby?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) and (b) Yes.

	(a) Fatal Accidents.	(b) Accidents in which Injuries occurred.
“ 2. South Okanagan	5	74
Nelson-Creston	3	72
Prince Rupert	2	62
Esquimalt	4	95
Atlin	<i>Nil</i>	1
Cariboo	7	84
Yale	16	79
New Westminster	2	187
Kamloops	5	95
Mackenzie	2	60
Oak Bay	<i>Nil</i>	21
Lillooet	6	41
Nanaimo-Islands	2	73
Grand Forks-Greenwood	1	24
Kaslo-Slocan	<i>Nil</i>	15
Skeena	2	24
Delta	12	447
Chilliwack	9	154
Comox	11	122
Columbia	5	31
Cranbrook	2	51
Peace River	4	57
Salmon Arm	2	31
Similkameen	6	143
Revelstoke	2	33
North Okanagan	3	69
Omineca	1	22
Rossland-Trail	4	75
Alberni	2	49
Cowichan-Newcastle	5	93
Saanich	5	80
North Vancouver	4	115
Fernie	1	19
Dewdney	16	179
Fort George	3	107
Burnaby	7	330 ”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Since March 31st, 1955, to the present, what is the total of contracts let for road construction or reconstruction in the Province?

2. In the case of all contracts of \$50,000 or more, give the (a) date on which contract was let, (b) description of job under which tender was called, (c) amount of successful tender, and (d) name of successful firm.

The Hon. P. A. *Gagliardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) Contracts awarded since April 1st, 1955, 38, totalling \$15,039,439.06

(b) In addition expenditures have been made as follows for period
April 1st to December 31st, 1955:—

Capital out of income—

Day-labour, construction.....	\$6,433,654.93
Paving	4,524,615.13
Bridges	1,548,802.98
Contracts continuing	4,707,475.00

17,214,548.04

\$32,253,987.10

“ 2. Contracts of \$50,000 or more as follows:—

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
June 10	Proj. 533	Pattullo Bridge approaches	\$246,350.21	Murphy Excavating & Holand Construction Co. Ltd.
June 24	„ 559	Three Valley Lake eastward	228,897.00	Storms Contracting Co. (Pacific) Ltd.
Sept. 8	„ 560	Cobble Hill-Cowichan Bay Road	145,235.00	Campbell-Bennett Ltd.
May 27	„ 561	Arbutus Creek-Malahat Chalet	569,447.00	Campbell-Bennett Ltd.
May 27	„ 563	Cornwall Lodge-Pumping-stations	261,736.00	General Construction Co. Ltd.
June 29	„ 612	Sorrento-Balmoral	417,892.30	Ben Ginter Construction Co. Ltd.
June 3	„ 614	Gilpin-Christina Lake	366,090.80	P. F. Law Construction Ltd.
June 29	„ 615	Arras-Dawson Creek	409,395.80	Sandy Construction Co.
June 3	„ 617	Quesnel-Cottonwood	384,012.90	Ben Ginter Construction Co. Ltd.
June 3	„ 618	Macalister-Cuisson Creek	285,849.50	Jamieson Construction Co. Ltd.
July 5	„ 621	Lot 3182-Canyon Creek	157,163.90	W. C. Arnett & Co. Ltd.
July 27	„ 622	Upper Levels Highway	257,670.00	Campbell-Bennett Ltd.
July 11	„ 623	Land's End Road	63,305.75	Nanaimo Bulldozing Co. Ltd.
Nov. 15	„ 624	Agassiz Bridge, north approach	50,068.80	G. & M. Construction Ltd.
Aug. 12	„ 625	Salkel Flats-Nine Mile	597,735.00	Highway Construction Co. Ltd.
July 12	„ 627	Yahk-Kingsgate	271,042.48	P. F. Law Construction Ltd.
July 11	„ 629	Lakelse-Kitimat River	698,627.24	Columbia Construction Co. Ltd.
Sept. 15	„ 630	Wood's Lake-Vernon South	342,247.00	General Construction Co. Ltd.
Aug. 16	„ 638	Prince George West	94,658.50	Ben Ginter Construction Co. Ltd.
Sept. 2	„ 641	Larkin-Armstrong	214,340.90	General Construction Co. Ltd.
Aug. 31	„ 642	Vermilion Crossing-Edgewater	105,204.99	Dawson, Wade & Co. Ltd.
Sept. 23	„ 643	Kitimat River-Kitimat	250,425.00	Lakelse Construction Co. Ltd.
Aug. 31	„ 644	Alberta Bay-Porteau	2,765,925.10	Campbell-Bennett Ltd.
Nov. 3	„ 647	Nine Mile-Boothroyd	450,554.98	Dawson, Wade & Co. Ltd.
Nov. 16	„ 648	Cache Creek-Lemonade Flats	1,111,023.00	Ben Ginter Construction Co. Ltd.
Oct. 17	„ 649	Lot 4244-Deep Creek	581,333.18	Dawson, Wade & Co. Ltd.
Nov. 23	„ 650	Oregon Jack-Ashcroft Manor	352,801.12	Storms Contracting (Pacific) Ltd.
Oct. 26	„ 651	Lamming Mills-Lot 7064	74,000.00	Lamming Bros.
Nov. 15	„ 652	Lot 2798-Moyie	571,301.93	Dawson, Wade & Co. Ltd.
Dec. 5	„ 654	Porteau-Britannia Beach	608,532.00	Emil Anderson Construction Co. Ltd.
Nov. 16	„ 657	Upper Levels Highway	288,517.50	Poole Engineering Co. Ltd.
Jan. 6	„ 658	Cowichan Bay Road-Koksilah	233,905.20	Premier Construction Co. Ltd.
Jan. 11	„ 667	Project 226-Cherry Creek	130,701.80	Storms Contracting (Pacific) Ltd.
Dec. 5	„ 668	Christina Lake-Lot 2827 (S.)	674,271.90	P. F. Law Construction Ltd.
Dec. 15	„ 673	Deep Creek-Peachland	145,990.58	Dawson, Wade & Co. Ltd.
Jan. 25	„ 674	Oyama-Section 31	368,685.00	W. C. Arnett & Co. Ltd.
Dec. 16	„ 676	North approach, Lions Gate Bridge	72,397.20	Blueberry Creek Development Co. Ltd.
Jan. 26	„ 684	South approach, Agassiz Bridge	192,102.50	Upper Fraser Valley Construction Co. Ltd.
Feb. 15	„ 678	Oyster Bay Section	66,334.00	Tidewater Contracting Co. Ltd.”

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

What was the total amount of Province of British Columbia debentures issued in each of the fiscal years ended March 31st, 1935, to March 31st, 1955, of (a) direct debt and (b) indirect debt?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“Fiscal year ended March 31st, 1935, (a) \$500,000 and (b) \$225,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1936, (a) \$3,950,000 and (b) \$75,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1937, (a) \$5,000,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1938, (a) \$1,000,000 and (b) \$200,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1939, (a) \$3,000,000 and (b) \$1,412,500; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1940, (a) \$7,707,500 and (b) \$1,854,824.15; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1941, (a) \$8,376,000 and (b) \$1,313,433.55; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1942, (a) \$141,514.54; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1943, (a) \$16,560,468.85; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1944, (a) \$3,130,494.41 and (b) \$30,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1945, (a) \$8,046,350.32; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1946, (a) \$5,121,304.89; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1947, (a) \$19,460,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1948, (a) \$19,045,000 and (b) \$381,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1949, (a) \$18,275,000 and (b) \$1,349,662.12; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1950, (a) \$30,000,000 and (b) \$7,241,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1951, (a) \$29,000,000 and (b) \$6,227,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1952, (a) \$65,000,000 and (b) \$3,157,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1953, (b) \$5,463,000; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1954, (b) \$33,804,900; fiscal year ended March 31st, 1955, (b) \$34,264,000. (b) Temporary borrowings of the Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board which were renewed from time to time are excluded.”

Mr. *Segur* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Was the roof of the Bellevue Hotel building at Sicamous damaged during road-construction work?
2. If so, what was the cost of repair?
3. Has the above building been purchased by the Government?
4. If so, at what cost?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “1. Yes.
- “2. \$1,527.47.
- “3. No.
- “4. Answered by No. 3.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. What was the number of permanent employees on the staff of the Department of Lands and Forests, inclusive of field staff and administrative staff, at December 31st, 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1955?
2. How many permanent employees on staff of the Department at December 31st, 1952, left the Department during years ended (a) December 31st, 1953, (b) December 31st, 1954, and (c) December 31st, 1955?
3. How many University of British Columbia graduates in forestry were taken on the permanent staff of the Department of Lands and Forests in each of years ended (a) December 31st, 1953, (b) December 31st, 1954, and (c) December 31st, 1955?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

- “1. 1952, 998; 1953, 1,069; 1954, 1,063; and 1955, 1,052.
- “2. Lands Service, (a) 40, (b) 25, and (c) 32; Forest Service, (a) 53, (b) 65, and (c) 36; totals, (a) 93, (b) 90, and (c) 68.
- “3. Lands Service, (a), (b), and (c) nil; Forest Service, (a) 8, (b) 3, and (c) 3.”

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

1. In respect to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, what was the total gross revenue from the railway for each month of 1955?
2. What was the estimated loss in revenue to the railway from the action taken by Canadian National Railways in cutting rates to Dawson Creek via Edmonton?
3. As a result of the above loss of business was the railway called upon to compensate the trucking firm at Prince George for capital outlay for the so-called "piggy-back" equipment?
4. Did the Government or the railway make investment in such equipment and, if so, how much?
5. Has the Government stipulated that all pipe for the gas pipe-line must move via Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George?
6. If so, is this to be at competitive rates or under agreed charges?
7. If the latter, what is to be the rate per 100 pounds?
8. What amount of interest was paid on debentures issued in respect of the railway in 1955?
9. How much was paid from operating profit and how much from Consolidated Revenue?
10. In 1955, 1954, and 1953, (a) how many car-lots of logs or lumber in various forms were moved, (b) how many cars of beef and farm produce, and (c) how many cars miscellaneous?
11. In 1955, what sum was expended for repairs to existing trackage and rolling-stock?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

- " 1. January, \$410,442; February, \$404,867; March, \$493,702; April, \$387,198; May, \$463,539; June, \$533,317; July, \$475,192; August, \$641,035; September, \$615,713; October, \$648,622; November, \$564,726; and December, \$472,596.
- " 2. \$10,600 loss (estimated).
- " 3, 4, and 5. No.
- " 6 and 7. See No. 5.
- " 8. \$1,113,553.62.
- " 9. \$967,303.62 from Consolidated Revenue in connection with direct obligations of the Province issued and sold prior to March 1st, 1952; \$146,250 from company in connection with bonds issued in 1954.
- " 10. 1953, (a) 14,368, (b) 501, and (c) 2,347; 1954, (a) 20,056, (b) 580, and (c) 2,618; 1955, (a) 24,375, (b) 437, and (c) 3,406.
- " 11. Maintenance of ways and structure, \$1,717,811, and maintenance of equipment, \$734,583."

Mr. *Segur* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. How many motor-vehicles were registered in British Columbia in (a) 1935, (b) 1945, (c) 1952, and (d) 1955?
2. How much per gallon was the road fuel tax in the years (a) 1935, (b) 1945, (c) 1952, and (d) 1955?
3. What was the amount received by the Government from this source in (a) 1935, (b) 1945, (c) 1952, and (d) 1955?

The Hon. *P. A. Gagliardi* replied as follows:—

- " 1. Not under jurisdiction of Department of Highways.
- " 2. Not under jurisdiction of Department of Highways.
- " 3. Not under jurisdiction of Department of Highways."

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. In the fiscal year 1954–55, how much money was spent on Provincial highways and bridges on Vancouver Island?
2. How much money was spent on Provincial highways and bridges in British Columbia other than Vancouver Island?
3. How many miles of Provincial highway were constructed and how many were reconstructed on Vancouver Island?
4. How many miles of Provincial highway were constructed and how many were reconstructed in British Columbia other than on Vancouver Island?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. \$4,271,497.86.
- “ 2. \$26,490,798.97.
- “ 3. Constructed, 15.65 miles, and reconstructed, 58.26 miles.
- “ 4. Constructed, 73.61 miles, and reconstructed, 258.10 miles.”

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. (a) Did the Department receive any report that a bridge over the Kettle River Canyon approximately 1 mile west of Cascade had the deck drop under a school bus at any time during 1955, and (b) if so, on what date?
2. If so, (a) had inspection been made of such bridge prior to this date, (b) by whom was such inspection made and were any defects reported, and (c) what were they and when was report made?
3. (a) Are any plans being made to make such bridge safe and (b) if so, what is proposed?
4. Is the Minister satisfied that proper inspection of bridges is being made with sufficient thoroughness?
5. Is the Minister able to assure the House that timbers of bridges are given thorough inspection at fairly frequent intervals and that all bridges are kept in safe condition for normal traffic?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. No; but report received on December 8th, 1955, that failure had occurred in lower chord of Cascade Upper Bridge.
- “ 2. (a) Yes; (b) and (c) inspected by Bridge Inspector in July, 1954, and by District Engineer in August, 1954; one sill and one brace in substructure reported rotted.
- “ 3. (a) Yes and (b) addition of another truss frame as temporary measure and the construction of a permanent bridge as soon as possible.
- “ 4 and 5. Yes.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Since April 1st, 1955, have any highway contracts been let without calling for tenders?
2. If so, state description, amount of contract, who was chosen instrument, and state why tenders not called.

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Francis Peninsula Road, construction 1.25 miles new road, \$17,490, A. Howels; the contractor had completed the first section of this project satisfactorily the year previous; he was invited to bid on the second section, and the sum of \$17,490 being considered reasonable, was given contract on recommendation of Chief Engineer.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. In reference to the Trans-Canada Highway, how many miles are now completed up to standard?
2. How many miles remain uncompleted to standard?
3. What total sum since the signing of the agreement has been paid by the Federal Government (a) under contracts let and (b) on previous construction incorporated in the highway?
4. How soon may we expect this highway to be completed?
5. Has the Minister suggested to the Federal Minister of Public Works that standards be reduced so that early payments may be made on highways existing when the agreement was signed?
6. Since the agreement was signed what amount has been paid for acquisition of private property for relocation or improvement?
7. In all cases was sufficient property acquired to provide a two-lane highway only after provision for standard shoulders?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. 238.32 miles.
- “ 2. 446.73 miles.
- “ 3. (a) \$15,223,766.27 and (b) \$1,170,277.71.
- “ 4. 1960.
- “ 5. No.
- “ 6. \$1,123,578.06.
- “ 7. Question not clear.”

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Was any drilling or foundation testing done during 1955 on a proposed bridge between Westbank and Kelowna over Okanagan Lake?
2. If so, were any modifications in design previously communicated to the press found to be desirable and, if so, what were they?
3. Did any change in estimated cost result therefrom and, if so, what?
4. Has the Minister any knowledge of efforts being made to foist any part of bridge-construction costs on to residents of Kelowna?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Yes.
- “ 2. Yes; change from suspension bridge to combination of causeway and floating bridge with a lift span, on final recommendation from consultant engineer.
- “ 3. Yes; modification in design resulted in estimated cost being reduced by about one-third.
- “ 4. No.”

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Has any right-of-way been purchased in connection with a proposed bridge across Okanagan Lake?
2. If so, from whom and what are the areas and amounts paid in each case?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Negotiations in progress.
- “ 2. See answer to No. 1.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Has one Fuhrmann, an American citizen, acquired an indeterminate lease on some 19,000 acres of land between Dawson Creek and Fort St. John?
2. Was an Order in Council passed removing this land from reserve to make the lease possible?
3. Is it proposed to similarly release other areas in acreage of this size either for lease or sale to either Canadian or American citizens?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No; however, Mr. D. A. Fuhrman, of Dawson Creek, B.C., was granted thirty separate leases, totalling 19,179.7 acres, for grazing and agricultural purposes, each for a period of twenty-one years from October 19th, 1955.

“ 2. No; the lands over which leases have been granted in favour of Mr. Fuhrman comprised part of an area of approximately 56,000 acres which, in the interest of orderly settlement and in light of its marginal agricultural potential, was, in 1951, temporarily withheld from alienation. Consequent upon increased settlement demands and the possibilities of this particular area for ranching only under proper management, in 1955 it was considered in the public interest to make these lands available by purchase or lease and notice to this effect was published in *The British Columbia Gazette* and all Peace River newspapers. Mr. Fuhrman's applications to lease were received subsequent to such publication.

“ 3. Yes; it is proposed to progressively make available for settlement other areas as the public interest warrants.”

Mr. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. What amount, if any, is in the Grazing Range Land Improvement Fund at present?
2. To which districts, if any, is it owing?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Balance to credit of Grazing Range Improvement Fund as of January 31st, 1956, \$42,806.60.

“ 2. None; the Grazing Range Improvement Fund is established under authority of section 14 of the ‘Grazing Act’ for the purpose of the improvement of Crown ranges throughout the Province.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. In the case of the forest management licence granted, subject to appeal, to Empire Mills Limited, what was the acreage covered by this licence?
2. What was the estimated total scale in this area and of what preponderant species?
3. Was the above estimate supported by any cruise and, if so, to what extent?
4. Have cruises been taken in the area covered by this proposed management licence since the licence was granted and, if so, what is now the estimated total scale in the area?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No management licence has been granted to Empire Mills Limited.

“ 2, 3, and 4. Not applicable.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Has site for a Provincial park been purchased in South Okanagan Electoral District and, if so, what is acreage, location, from whom purchased, and what was the price?
2. How were the necessary funds found for this purchase?
3. When will development of the park begin?
4. What body makes recommendations in respect to purchase of such park areas?

The Hon. *R. E. Sommers* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; 197.67 acres, midway between Penticton and Kelowna, purchased from Annie May Miller and Archibald Seaton Miller, of Peachland, B.C., for the sum of \$52,000.

“ 2. The purchase was made by special warrant, approved by Order in Council No. 2226, dated September 13th, 1955.

“ 3. 1956.

“ 4. Forest Service.”

Mr. *Laing* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

1. Has the Minister assured the Municipality of Burnaby that the Lougheed Highway is to be widened?
2. If so, when is it proposed to start work?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes; verbally.

“ 2. Fiscal year 1956-57.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Friday, February 17th, 1956.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. J. Welsh*.

Mr. *Gregory* rose to a point of order and stated that the entry in the Votes and Proceedings for Thursday, February 16th, 1956, as follows:—

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

The debate continued.

During the debate, the Hon. *W. D. Black* presented a copy of the Report of the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs *re* Investigation of Housing Situation, Kitimat, B.C.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* moved that the question be now put.

Motion agreed to.

Upon the previous question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously,—

was incorrect, indicating that the motion was not agreed to unanimously.

A debate arose.

Mr. Speaker ordered that the corresponding entry in the Journals be amended by deleting from the last line thereof the word “unanimously” and by adding to the said entry the words “Messrs. *Gregory* and *Gibbs* dissenting.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$33,974 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1957.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,212 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$101,820 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Administration, to 31st March, 1957.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$309,182 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,929 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and British Columbia House, London, England, to 31st March, 1957.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Mechanical Tabulation Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$634,074 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Consumption and Amusements Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$278,420 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Real Property Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.