Monday, February 23rd, 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black, Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the Local Services 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.

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

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin (Minister of Health and Welfare) presented the Thirteenth Report of the Department of Health and Welfare (Health Branch) for the Year ended December 31st, 1958.

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon, the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

With respect to public health nurses: ---

1. What was the total number of (a) Grade 1 nurses and (b) Grade 2 nurses employed in local health services as at December 31st, 1958?

2. Did any public health nurses resign in the fiscal years 1956/57, 1957/58, and the calendar year 1958?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, (a) how many were Grade 1 and how many Grade 2 nurses and in which of the respective years did the resignations take effect, and (b) what reasons were given for the resignations?

4. At December 31st, 1958, were any public health nurses in the employ of the Department lacking in the full academic qualifications required for public health nursing appointments?

5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, how many nurses lacked the necessary qualifications?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:---

"1. (a) One hundred and fifty-seven and (b) fifteen.

" 2. Yes.

"3. (a) 1956/57, Public Health Nurse—Grade 1, thirty-one resignations, and Public Health Nurse—Grade 2, none; 1957/58, Public Health Nurse—Grade 1, thirty-three resignations, and Public Health Nurse—Grade 2, none; calendar year 1958, Public Health Nurse—Grade 1, thirty-one resignations, and Public Health Nurse—Grade 2, two resignations. (b) 1956/57, seventeen nurses resigned to take other positions, one nurse to travel, and thirteen nurses for personal reasons, including marriage, pregnancy, and family; 1957/58, thirteen nurses resigned to take other positions and twenty nurses resigned for personal reasons, including marriage, pregnancy, and family; calendar year 1958, two Public Health Nurses—Grade 2 resignations, one for marriage and one for another position; thirty-one Public Health Nurses—Grade 1 resignations, fourteen for other positions and seventeen for personal reasons, including marriage, pregnancy, and family.

"4. Yes.

" 5. Thirty-four."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. With respect to grants of Social Allowance in the Province, how many individuals were in receipt of grants as at December 31st, 1958?

2. Did all individuals in receipt of grants referred to in No. 1 receive the Social Welfare Branch Christmas bonus?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is no, how many were refused bonus and for what reason? The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:—

"1. As of November 30th, 1958, there were 32,624 persons in receipt of Social Allowance; December figures not yet available.

"2. Answered by No. 3.

"3. Granting of Christmas bonus handled by local administration."

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.34 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24th, 1959.

Two o'clock p.m.

Prayers by Father R. C. Cunningham.

The Speaker made the following statement:----

Honourable Members,—In error, a notice of motion, duly presented, to amend the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" was omitted from the Votes and Proceedings of Friday, February 20th, 1959.

I have therefore ordered this motion to be placed in to-day's Orders, since the required notice was, in fact, given.

L. H. SHANTZ, Speaker.

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.

Mr. Eddie moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Dowding,-

That the motion " that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair " be amended by adding the following to the motion:—

And that this House recommends to the Committee of Supply that in considering the Estimates it take cognizance of the regret of this House at the imputations and reflections made against organized labour in British Columbia in this House.

A debate arose.

On a point of order being raised by the Hon. R. W. Bonner, Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

Mr. Strachan appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

YEAS-35.

The ruling of the Chair was sustained on the following division:-

Brothers Speare Gibson Smith Roche Shirreff Newton Richter Tisdalle

Bryan

Cox

Gregory Gibbs

Matthew Bruch Bate Shelford Reid Price Corbett Steacy Kiernan

Squire

Eddie

Gargrave

Messieurs Williston Bennett Bonner Black Carnell Lundell Campbell Sharp Murray

Massey Asselstine Robinson Westwood Peterson Martin Gaglardi Wicks

NAYS-13.

Messieurs Dowding Nimsick Haggen, Mrs.

Harding Strachan Turner

PAIR:

Messieurs

Brown, Mrs.

Uphill

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the question being put, the House divided.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:-

YEAS-36.

Messieurs

Brothers Speare Gibson Smith Roche Shirreff Newton Richter Tisdalle

Matthew Bruch Bate Shelford Reid Price Corbett Steacy Kiernan

Williston Bennett Bonner Black Carnell Lundell Campbell Sharp Murray

Massey Asselstine Robinson Westwood Chant Peterson Martin Gaglardi Wicks

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PAIR: Messieurs

NAYS-13. Messieurs

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(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

The Committee rose and reported progress. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett (Premier) presented the Interim Report of the Royal Commission in the Matter of the British Columbia Power Commission, February 24th, 1959.

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Council the following questions:—

1. Has the British Columbia Power Commission received a written invitation to participate in the development of the proposed Peace River power project from the Peace River Power Company?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, has the Power Commission replied to the invitation and what was the reply?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. No reply."

Mr. Gregory asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. Who are the members of the Capital Improvement District Commission?

2. How many and what proposals for the location, erection, alteration, or extension of a building or other work by or on behalf of the Government of British Columbia have been referred to the Commission? *

3. For what project or projects has the Commission expended moneys placed at its credit under the "Capital Improvement District Act" and how much was expended in respect of each?

4. Are there any projects under way for which no moneys have yet been expended and, if so, what are they and what is the estimated total cost of each?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:---

"1. J. E. Brown, Chairman, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs; E. W. Bassett, Deputy Chairman, Deputy Minister of Lands; C. D. Campbell, Chief Architect, Department of Public Works; L. J. Wallace, Deputy Provincial Secretary; W. M. Skillings, The Great-West Life Assurance Company; Dr. Ronald M. Grant; His Worship Mayor Percy B. Scurrah; Alderman Arthur Dowell; Arthur S. G. Musgrave, 572 Newport Avenue, Victoria; Commander A. C. Wurtele, R.C.N. (Retired), Reeve of the Township of Esquimalt; and George L. Chatterton, Reeve of the Municipality of Saanich.

"2. In accordance with section 9 (3) of the 'Capital Improvement District Act' the following projects have been referred to the Capital Improvement District Commission by the Government: (a) Development in the James Bay area, Legislative Precinct; (b) the selection of a suitable site for the new Victoria Court-house; and (c) the construction of a new Government House on the Government House property on Rockland Avenue.

"3. Projects and amounts expended: Dallas Road water-front, Cook Street to Douglas Street, \$60,420; extension of Superior Street through Beacon Hill Park, \$39,034; Willows Beach Esplanade, \$52,372.87; Dallas Road water-front, Dock Street to Lewis Street, \$16,500; Mount Tolmie summit development, \$24,338.88; Beach Drive improvement, Satellite Avenue to Newport Avenue, first phase, \$26,657.80; total, \$219,323.55.

"4. Projects and authorized expenditure: Illumination of Beacon Hill Park (project completed but not paid for), \$28,500; improvements to Gorge Park, \$23,280; improvements to King George Terrace, \$50,000; protection to Beacon Hill Park cliff to prevent erosion, \$26,000; beautification of Marine Drive, Belleville Street to Dock Street (pilot house), \$10,000; Beach Drive improvement, Satellite Avenue to Newport Avenue, second phase, \$50,000; total, \$187,780."

Mr. Gregory asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:---

With reference to civil defence in British Columbia as at December 31st, 1958:-

1. How many full-time employees were there?

2. How many employees were paid wages or salaries of \$5,900 or more per annum?

3. How many employees paid \$5,900 or more per annum were (a) in receipt of a disability pension in respect of military service and (b) over 65 years of age?

4. What provision was there for receipt of warning of attack in the event that telephone communication had been interrupted?

5. Were there any control centres manned on an around-the-clock basis and, if so, which ones were they and by what means, if any, was each of them in communication with other civil defence control centres (a) in British Columbia and (b) in Eastern Canada?

6. What means of communication, if any, is there between Provincial Civil Defence Headquarters and the DEW Line?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:---

"1. Provincial Civil Defence Office, nine male and five stenographers and typists; Greater Vancouver Target Area Headquarters, twenty-six, including five stenographers; and Greater Victoria Target Area Headquarters, three, including one stenographer.

"2. Provincial Civil Defence Office, there are two who are paid from Provincial Civil Defence funds; one of them is the Chief Warden for the Parliament Buildings, who has been a Civil Servant since 1936; he transferred to the Civil Defence organization in February, 1952. Greater Vancouver Target Area Headquarters, three (paid from Federal, Provincial, and municipal shared funds on the basis of 50 per cent Federal, 25 per cent Provincial, and 25 per cent municipal).

"3. (a) Provincial Civil Defence Office, one; Greater Vancouver Target Area Headquarters, one; and Greater Victoria Target Area Headquarters, none. (b) Provincial Civil Defence Office, none; Greater Vancouver Target Area Headquarters, none; and Greater Victoria Target Area Headquarters, none.

" 4. Warning may be received from Federal Civil Defence Control Centre by line telegraphy, teletype circuit, telephone, or by radio.

"5. Yes; for the annual National Civil Defence Exercises held during 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958 the Provincial Control Centre and seven Area Control Centres in British Columbia were manned on an around-the-clock basis. (a) During such exercises Area Control Centres are in communication with the Provincial Control Centre by telephone, line telegraphy, and radio. (b) Only the Provincial Control Centre is in communication with the Federal Control Centre and the Control Centres of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta by telephone, line telegraphy, and a teletype circuit; communication by radio is available between the British Columbia and the Alberta Civil Defence Control Centres.

"6. The National Warning System, with terminals in British Columbia, has its origin in the DEW Line. This system has been in operation more than five years and is tested twice each month."

Mr. Campbell asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:-

1. Have plans and specifications been completed for the Courtenay River Bridge?

2. If so, what is the estimated cost of the structure?

3. Upon what date can construction of the project be expected to begin?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:-

" 1. No.

"2. Preliminary estimated cost, \$270,000.

"3. As soon as possible after the new fiscal year."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:---

1. Has the British Columbia Power Commission since 1952 floated bond issues through investment dealers?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, have any of these bonds been taken up in part or in whole by Provincial agencies?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, (a) in what amounts, (b) by which agencies, and (c) what fee per thousand-dollar issue was paid in each case to the investment dealers?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. No.

"3. While Provincial agencies did not take up any of these bonds, the following have taken them up at various times: (a) and (b) Issue \$1,000,000, 4 per cent bonds, dated May 21st, 1952, sold to the Minister of Finance; Municipal Superannuation Fund, \$250,000; British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund Account, \$162,000; Teachers' Pension Fund, \$533,000; Pacific Great Eastern Railway Pension Fund, \$10,000; and British Columbia Power Commission Superannuation Fund, \$45,000. Issue \$1,000,000, 4 per cent bonds, dated June 15th, 1952, sold to the Minister of Finance; British Columbia Power Commission Superannuation Fund, \$15,000; British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund Account, \$118,000; Pacific Great Eastern Railway Pension Fund, \$15,000; Teachers' Pension Fund, \$413,000; Municipal Superannuation Fund, \$208,000; and Civil Service Superannuation Fund, \$231,000. Issue \$1,500,000, 4 per cent bonds, dated September 15th, 1952, sold to the Minister of Finance; Municipal Superannuation Fund, \$720,000; Teachers' Pension Fund, \$648,000; Pacific Great Eastern Railway Pension Fund, \$65,000; and British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund Account, \$67,000. Issue \$10,000,000, 4 per cent bonds, dated March 1st, 1953, no purchases. Issue \$6,300,000, 3¹/₄ per cent bonds, dated July 15th, 1954, British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund, \$100,000. Issue \$10,000,000, 3¹/₄ per cent bonds, dated July 4th, 1955; Workmen's Compensation Board, \$5,450,000; Municipal Superannuation Fund. \$520.000; Teachers' Pension Fund, \$650,000; British Columbia Power Commission Superannuation Fund, \$50,000; Pacific Great Eastern Railway Superannuation Fund, \$30,000; and British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund, \$283,000. Issue \$20,000,000, 3³/₄ per cent bonds, dated June 15th, 1956; British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund, \$1,087,000, and Civil Service Superannuation Fund, \$100,000. Issue \$25,000,000, 43/8 per cent bonds, dated April 15th, 1957; Civil Service Superannuation Fund, \$36,000; Retirement Fund, \$112,000; and British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund, \$1,562,000. Issue \$30,000,000, dated September 25th, 1957; Series MA, \$2,896,000, 3 per cent due September 15th, 1960: Series MB, \$3,231,000, 5 per cent due September 15th, 1964: Series MC, \$5,149,000, 5 per cent due September 15th, 1982; and Series MD, \$18,-724,000, 5 per cent due September 15th, 1992. Issue \$10,000,000, 5 per cent, dated November 15th, 1957; Series MC 5 per cent, September 15th, 1982, Workmen's Compensation Board, \$10,000, and British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund, \$84,000; Series MD and N 5 per cent, September 15th, 1992, British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund, \$851,000; Retirement Fund, \$400,000; Municipal Superannuation Fund, \$2,450,000; Teachers' Pension Fund, \$2,347,000; Pacific Great Eastern Railway Pension Fund, \$190,000; British Columbia Power Commission Superannuation Fund, \$600,000; and Workmen's Compensation Board, \$4,250,000. Issue \$20,000,000. $3\frac{7}{8}$ per cent bonds, dated February 1st, 1958, no purchases. (c) No fee paid."

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:---

With reference to the Minister's answers appearing on page 111 of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly for 1957 and on page 40 of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly for 1958, with reference to buildings at The Woodlands School, that "a new building to accommodate approximately 350 bed and crib cases would probably be ready for occupation by May, 1957," and "in addition under construction is the conversion of one of the nurses' homes no longer required for its original purpose for use as patient accommodation":—

1. Is the new building ready?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many children are now residing in the new building?

3. Has the nurses' home been converted?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, how many patients are now in residence in the converted nurses' home?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. There are 286 patients, which includes 162 new admissions and admissions from other parts of the School to meet an internal reorganization; one ward recently opened and the remaining one, which is the sick and infirm ward, will be in complete operation as soon as trained staff is obtained.

" 3. Yes.

"4. Sixteen to date; eventual accommodation, 28."

Mr. Carnell asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

With respect to the Crease Clinic and the Provincial Mental Hospital:-

1. Are there any open wards?

2. If the answer is yes, (a) how many, (b) how many patients occupy open wards, and (c) what percentage of the total patient population occupies open wards?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Crease Clinic, four open wards, and Provincial Mental Hospital, eleven open wards; (b) in Crease Clinic, 165 patients reside on open wards, and in Provincial Mental Hospital, 996 patients reside on open wards; (c) percentage of total population occupying open wards in the Crease Clinic, 68.2 per cent, and Provincial Mental Hospital, 30.4 per cent."

Mr. Brothers asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:---

With respect to the Crease Clinic:-

1. How many patients were discharged as cured from January 1st, 1958, to December 31st, 1958?

2. How many patients were discharged on probation from January 1st, 1958, to December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"1. Number of patients discharged from the Crease Clinic, January 1st, 1958, to December 31st, 1958, breaks down as follows: Recovered, 77; much improved, 44; improved, 1,191; total, 1,312; unimproved, 190; grand total discharged, 1,502.

"2. No patients are discharged on probation from the Crease Clinic as this type of discharge is not provided for under the Statute."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:---

With respect to Project 881 referred to on pages 9, 25, 32, and 141 in the Report of the Minister of Highways, 1957/58:---

1. During the course of reconstruction by the R. & L. Construction Company, did work on the project cease on one or more occasions due to financial difficulties of the company?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, did reconstruction recommence on the said occasions and on what actual dates did reconstruction cease and commence?

3. Is the road presently under construction and, if so, by what company?

4. What is the total amount paid to date to the R. & L. Construction Company?

5. How many miles have been reconstructed to date?

6. What was the original estimated date of completion of the project and what is the present estimated date of completion?

7. (a) Prior to the granting of the contract did the Department of Highways investigate and ascertain the history of the R. & L. Construction Company as to its experience in highway construction and (b) if yes, what experience did it have?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:---

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Yes; R. & L. Construction Company.

"4. \$1,560,113.51.

"5. Project has been completed with the exception of placing ³/₄-inch gravel and pulvimixing (16.46 miles).

"6. September 30th, 1958, and June 30th, 1959.

"7. (a) Yes and (b) various contracts."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:-

1. Have tenders been called for the engines of the proposed new Government ferries to run between Vancouver Island and the Mainland?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) which firms submitted tenders and what was the amount of each tender, (b) which tender, if any, was accepted, and (c) was a contract placed with the successful company and, if so, what was the date of the contract?

3. If the answer to No. 2 indicates a contract was placed, (a) did the Minister of Highways inform any of the bidders that a contract would be placed with them prior to the date the Purchasing Commission made its decision and placed a contract and (b) were engineering reports obtained on the various engines proposed in the tenders and, if so, on what dates and what did the reports advise?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Walkem Machinery & Equipment, \$720,804; Orenda Engines Limited, \$750,852; Maxwell Simson & Associates, \$784,934; Maritime Industries Limited, \$789,000; Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Company Limited, \$994,570; Dominion Engineering Company Limited, \$1,013,834; Enterprise Engine & Machinery Company, \$1,196,256; and General Motors, \$970,000; (b) Orenda Engines Limited, \$750,852; and (c) yes; December 3rd, 1958.

"3. (a) Contract placed by Purchasing Commission; and (b) yes; October 24th and December 1st. Reports from Consulting Engineer and Superintendent of Ferries revealed that proposals by Orenda Engines Limited and Maxwell Simson were both satisfactory. Specifications of engines proposed by Orenda were superior to engines proposed by Maxwell Simson, and Orenda proposal was lower of two quotations. Acceptable."

FEBRUARY 24TH.

Mrs. Haggen asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:---

With respect to the highway link presently under construction, known as the Christina Lake–Blueberry Highway:—

1. What is the mileage?

2. What mileage is now completed, except for hard surfacing?

3. What mileage is presently under contract and upon which work is currently proceeding?

4. What mileage is intended to be let in contract in the present fiscal year?

5. What mileage is intended to be let in contract in the next fiscal year?

6. When is it intended to let the first paving contract and for what mileage?

7. When is it anticipated that the highway will be completed and open for traffic?

8. What have been the survey costs to date?

9. What have been the construction costs to date?

10. What have been the right-of-way purchase costs to date?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:-

"1. 45.63 miles.

"2. 24.63 miles.

" 3. 6.09 miles.

"4. Remainder.

" 5. Not applicable.

" 6. 1960 will pave all completed sections.

"7. Fall, 1960.

"8. \$146,592.

"9. \$4,578,898.

"10. \$55,470."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:----

1. Did any graduate psychiatric nurses resign from the Mental Health Services during the years (a) 1957 and (b) 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many resigned in the relevant years?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. Fiscal year 1956/57: Psychiatric nurses, male, 60; psychiatric nurses, female, 134; total resignations, 194. Fiscal year 1957/58: Psychiatric nurses, male, 55; psychiatric nurses, female, 134; total resignations, 189. Period April 1st to December 31st, 1958: Psychiatric nurses, male, 30; psychiatric nurses, female, 84; total resignations, 114. Reasons for resignations of psychiatric nurses: To further education, 4 male and 10 female; household duties, 29 female; marriage, 6 female; moving from job locality, 4 male and 17 female; ill health, 5 female; to accept other employment, 5 male and 7 female; personal reasons (includes wish to change environment, illness at home, transportation difficulties), 8 male and 10 female; superannuated, 7 male; deceased, 2 male; totals, 30 male and 84 female."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:-

1. Were any employees of the Department of Highways paid for overtime work during the calendar year 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many were so paid and at what rate or rates?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. At straight time, 635, and at time and one-half, 2,856."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:---

1. Have tenders been called for construction of the following roads: (a) The Salmo-Creston Cut-off and (b) Blueberry-Paulson Road?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, have contracts been awarded and, if so, to whom were contracts awarded and for what amount?

3. What is the estimated date of completion in both instances?

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The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:-

"1. (a) and (b) Yes.

"2. Contracts awarded item 1 (a) above: Project No. 870, 4.11 miles, contract tender, \$372,629, P. F. Law Construction Limited; Project No. 756, 6.94 miles, contract tender, \$821,459, P. F. Law Construction Limited; Project No. 1023, 7.45 miles, advertised (not awarded yet). Contracts awarded item 1 (b) above: Project No. 668, 6.53 miles, contract tender, \$674,271.90, P. F. Law Construction Limited; Project No. 777, 5.32 miles, contract tender, \$951,568, P. F. Law Construction Limited; Project No. 870, 3.35 miles, contract tender, \$872,288.50, P. F. Law Construction Limited (note, P. F. Law Construction Limited was the low bidder in all above); Project No. 878, 8.76 miles, contract tender, \$808,822.60, Interior Contracting Company Limited; Project No. 971, 9.56 miles, being advertised (not awarded yet).

"3. As soon as possible."

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. What is the average length of hospitalization of mental patients at Crease Clinic admitted (a) between January 1st, 1957, and December 31st, 1958, and (b) between January 1st, 1956, and December 31st, 1957?

2. What is the average *per diem* cost of maintaining and treating patients at (a) Essondale, (b) Crease Clinic, (c) The Woodlands School, (d) Colquitz, and (e) Homes for the Aged during the 1957/58 fiscal year?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"1. (a) 58.39 days and (b) 56.82 days.

"2. (a) Provincial Mental Hospital, \$4.59 per diem; (b) Crease Clinic, \$12.55 per diem; (c) The Woodlands School, \$5.37 per diem; (d) Colquitz, \$4.42 per diem; and (e) Homes for the Aged, \$4.33 per diem."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:-

1. With respect to the British Columbia Power Commission bond issue referred to in Orders in Council No. 1607 and No. 1608 of 1955, was any of this bond issue taken up by the Minister of Finance on behalf of any Governmental agency?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in what amount and by which agency?

3. Was any of this bond issue taken up with the knowledge or upon the advice of

the Department of Finance for the trust funds of any Provincial commissions or boards? 4. If the answer to Question No. 3 is yes, in what amounts and for what commissions

or boards?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:---

"1. No.

"2. Not applicable.

"3. Yes; at various times.

"4. Workmen's Compensation Board, \$5,450,000; Municipal Superannuation Fund, \$520,000; Teachers' Pension Fund, \$650,000; British Columbia Power Commission Superannuation Fund, \$50,000; Pacific Great Eastern Railway Superannuation Fund, \$30,000; and British Columbia Power Commission Sinking Fund Account, \$283,000."

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

With respect to the nursing staff at The Woodlands School:----

1. What was the total number of nurses employed as at December 31st, 1958?

2. (a) How many are graduate psychiatric nurses and (b) how many are registered nurses?

3. Did any nurses resign during the year 1958?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, (a) how many were graduate psychiatric nurses and (b) how many were registered nurses?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:---

"1. Two hundred and fifteen.

"2. (a) Two hundred and nine and (b) six.

" 3. Yes.

"4. (a) Thirty-four; personal or family reasons, 14; illness, 6; leaving Province, 5; other employment, 3; furthering education, 2; retired, 2; type of employment not acceptable, 1; transferred to Essondale, 1; total, 34; and (b) leaving British Columbia, 1, and personal, 1."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:-

With reference to Highways Project 881:---

1. Did the Departmental Comptroller's Branch investigate the financial status of the company submitting the lowest bid, namely, the R. & L. Construction Company?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) was the company bonded, (b) was it able to submit negotiable securities, (c) what recommendation, if any, did the branch make as to the employment of this company, and (d) is it the general practice to accept bids from companies who can secure a bond but have no negotiable securities?

3. Did the Department's engineers make a recommendation based on an investigation of the said company's engineering and construction background?

4. If the answer to No. 3 is yes, what was their recommendation?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:-

"1. No; the company was bonded.

"2. See No. 1 above.

" 3. Yes.

"4. Since the principals of the company had done previous work for the Department and had produced a performance bond guaranteeing the successful completion of the contract, it was recommended by the Chief Engineer that the award be made."

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:-

With respect to male psychiatric nurses employed in Mental Health Services, in the fiscal years 1955/56, 1956/57, and 1957/58 respectively, how many nurses were (a) under 40 years of age, (b) between 40 and 50 years of age, (c) between 50 and 60 years of age, and (d) over 60 years of age?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"Number of male psychiatric nurses: (a) Under 40 years of age: Fiscal year 1955/56, 143; fiscal year 1956/57, 168; and fiscal year 1957/58, 210. (b) Between 40 and 50 years of age: Fiscal year 1955/56, 110; fiscal year 1956/57, 119; and fiscal year 1957/58, 144. (c) Between 50 and 60 years of age: Fiscal year 1955/56, 81; fiscal year 1956/57, 91; and fiscal year, 1957/58, 103. (d) Over 60 years of age: Fiscal year 1955/56, 24; fiscal year 1956/57, 24; and fiscal year 1957/58, 27."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:---

1. Did the Provincial Government purchase any debentures issued by school districts in the Province in the years 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in which years, in what amounts, and in which districts?

The Hon. W. A. C. Bennett replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. 1956, \$372,000, Vancouver School District; 1956, \$108,000, Fernie School District; 1956, \$75,000, Maple Ridge School District; 1956, \$219,000, Nelson School District; 1956, \$80,000, Sooke School District; and 1958, \$1,280,000, Vancouver School District."

Mr. Carnell asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following question:-

How much money was spent on Moose Creek (Alces River) Bridge and approaches during the years (a) 1955, (b) 1956, (c) 1957, and (d) 1958?

The Hon. P. A. Gaglardi replied as follows:----

"1955/56, bridge, *nil*, and approaches, *nil*: 1956/57, bridge, \$365, and approaches, not known; 1957/58, bridge, \$21,374.98, and approaches, approximately \$6,000; and 1958/59, bridge, \$7,165.14, and approaches, approximately \$2,000."

Mr. Reid asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

In respect to civil defence:----

1. How many communities in British Columbia took advantage of the civil defence financial assistance programme during the current fiscal year?

2. Will instructions be issued to householders in possible evacuation areas with regard to evacuation procedure?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:----

"1. Seventy-four communities.

"2. Instructions regarding evacuation procedures have already been issued to householders in the Greater Vancouver and Greater Victoria target areas; a pamphlet containing instructions for persons living outside target areas has been prepared and will be distributed throughout the Province."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.54 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Capt. A. Pamplin.

Mr. Bryan made a statement regarding his party affiliation.

The Hon. R. W. Bonner 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 "Racing Commission Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 25th, 1959.

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. 29) intituled "Racing Commission 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. A. C. Bennett 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 "British Columbia Power Commission Security Validating Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 25th, 1959.

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. 36) intituled "British Columbia Power Commission Security Validating 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 following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day:—

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner-Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the Wife's Protection Act."

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner-Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the Contributory Negligence Act."

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner—Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the Administration Act."

On the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner—Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the Companies Clauses Act."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$13,108,976 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt, to 31st March, 1960.

The Committee reported the Resolution. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. Gibbs asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:---

1. In the year 1958, how many licences were issued in the Province of British Columbia for (a) commercial vehicles and (b) passenger vehicles?

2. In the year 1958, how many licences were issued to owners on Vancouver Island for (a) commercial vehicles and (b) passenger vehicles?

3. In the year 1958, how many licences were issued to owners in the City of Victoria for (a) commercial vehicles and (b) passenger vehicles?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:---

, 2, and 3:— Passenger Commercial	,		Vancouver Is'and per Cent of Prov- ince. 18.209 14.512	Victoria Total, 41,342 8,030		Victoria per Cent of Prov- ince. 10.630 6.877
	505,654	87,758	17.355	49,372	56.259	9.763 "

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:-

1. What was the total number of staff of the probation office as at December 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total number of Probation Officers-Grade 1 employed in the probation office as at December 31st, 1958?

3. What was the total number of Probation Officers—Grade 2 employed in the probation office as at December 31st, 1958?

4. What was the total case load carried by the above probation officers?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:----

"1. Forty-five.

"2. Two.

" 1,

"3. Twenty-three.

"4. One thousand five hundred and twenty-five."

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions: ---

1. Did Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation proceed with test borings, geological surveys, and field engineering prior to March 1st, 1955, pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement drawn between the corporation aforesaid and this Government?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) did the said corporation expend not less than \$100,000 prior to March 1st, 1955, on such work aforesaid and (b) was a complete record of expenditures on the works aforesaid furnished by certified statement to the Province by the corporation aforesaid?

3. If the answer to No. 2 (b) is yes, how much was stated to have been expended?

4. Did Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation fail to comply with any of the provisions of the memorandum referred to in No. 1 or 2 hereof?

5. If the answer to No. 4 is yes, did the Government cause the corporation's \$125,000 bond to be forfeited?

6. If the answer to No. 5 is no, what has the Government done in respect to the said bond?

The Hon. R. G. Williston replied as follows:----

" 1. Yes.

"2. (a) and (b) Yes.

"3. \$153,008.40.

"4. No.

" 5. Not applicable.

" 6. Not applicable."

Mr. Carnell asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:---

With respect to the Provincial Mental Hospital:-

1. How many patients were admitted from January 1st, 1958, to December 31st, 1958?

2. How many patients were in residence on the following dates: (a) January 1st, 1958, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:---

"1. Number of admissions to Provincial Mental Hospital from January 1st, 1958, to December 31st, 1958, 1,371, and number of admissions to Crease Clinic from January 1st, 1958, to December 31st, 1958, 1,500.

"2. Patients in residence in the Provincial Mental Hospital (a) on January 1st, 1958, 3,395, and (b) on December 31st, 1958, 3,276; patients in residence in the Crease Clinic (a) on January 1st, 1958, 236, and (b) on December 31st, 1958, 227."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:-

1. What was the total number of staff employed at Haney Correctional Institute and forestry camps effective December 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total number of inmates in Haney Correctional Institute and forestry camps effective December 31st, 1958?

3. What was the total number of graduate social workers employed at Haney Correctional Institute as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:-

"1. Two hundred and ninety-six.

"2. Four hundred and ninety-five.

"3. (a) Seven and (b) twelve."

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

1. What was the total number of psychiatrists employed at the Provincial Mental Hospital at Essondale as at December 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total number of patients in the Provincial Mental Hospital at Essondale at December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:---

"1. Provincial Mental Hospital and Crease Clinic, eleven psychiatrists.

"2. Provincial Mental Hospital and Crease Clinic, 3,503 patients; the number of patients in the two institutions has dropped from 3,631 at December 31st, 1957, to 3,503 at December 31st, 1958, while the number of psychiatrists employed has remained constant at eleven."

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:----

1. What was the total number of staff employed at New Haven as at December 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total number of inmates at New Haven as at December 31st, 1958? The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:—

"1. Seventeen.

"2. Thirty-five."

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.

Thursday, February 26th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. J. Wormell.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The Committee reported progress. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM, February 25th, 1959.

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 19th 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 March 10th, 1959.

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 Hon. R. G. Williston (Minister of Lands and Forests) presented the Annual Report of the British Columbia Lands Service of the Department of Lands and Forests for the Year ended December 31st, 1958.

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:---

1. What was the total number of permanent staff employed by the Mental Health Services as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

2. What was the total number of temporary staff employed by the Mental Health Services as at (a) December 31st, 1957, and (b) December 31st, 1958?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"1 and 2. Assuming permanent staff means full-time continuously employed personnel, the required staff figures are as follows:—

"December 31st, 1957: Number of full-time continuously employed staff, 2,781; number of part-time employees (approximately half time), 3; number of short-term relief staff, 12; total, 2,796.

"December 31st, 1958: Number of full-time continuously employed staff, 2,790; number of part-time employees, 3; number of short-term relief staff, 15; total, 2,808.

"NOTE.—Above figures include institutional farm staffs at Colony Farm and Colquitz Farm, numbering 60 on both dates."

Mr. Gregory asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. As at December 31st in each of the years 1952 to 1958, inclusive, what was the number of full-time Civil Servants in British Columbia?

2. At the same date in each year how many regular employees were on the payroll but not listed as Civil Servants?

3. During 1958 were any resignations received from Civil Servants and, if so, how many?

4. How many of these resigned posts, if any, were filled?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:-

"1. Number of permanent and casual employees in Civil Service positions as at December 31st in the following years: 1952, 8,558; 1953, 8,543; 1954, 8,523; 1955, 8,893; 1956, 9,270; 1957, 9,621; and 1958, 9,263.

"2. 1952, 3,688; 1953, 3,741; 1954, 3,791; 1955, 4,248; 1956, 5,653; 1957, 5,964; and 1958, 5,377.

"3. Number whose services terminated in 1958 (including resignations, superannuated, died, etc.), 1,922.

"4. Number of appointments to Civil Service positions, 1,571."

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:-

What was the total number of (a) psychiatric nurses, (b) registered nurses, and (c) psychiatric aides, by category, employed in the Mental Health Services as at December, 1958?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:--

"Figures as at December 31st, 1958:---

(<i>a</i>) (<i>b</i>)	Category of Employee. Psychiatric nurse Registered nurse Psychiatric aide		Female. 393 69 522	Total. 806 69 917
(-)		808	984	1,792 "

Mr. Strachan asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:---

1. What was the total number of psychiatric social workers employed in the Mental Health Services as at December 31st, 1958?

2. Did any psychiatric social workers resign from the Mental Health Services during 1958?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, (a) what was the total number of resignations, (b) in what departments did the resignations take place, and (c) what were the reasons, if any, given for resignation?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:----

"1. Forty-six.

"2. Yes.

"3. (a) Total resignations, eleven; (b) Crease Clinic, Essondale, six; Mental Health Centre, Burnaby, four; and Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, one; and (c) ill health, three; personal reasons (not specified), one; to Federal Government, one; to City of Vancouver, one; to Workmen's Compensation Board, one; to return to University of British Columbia, two; and release (part-time casual employees released on return of full-time employees from educational leave of absence), two."

Mr. Turner asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:---

During the years 1955, 1956, and 1957:---

1. How many oil leases were issued after competitive bidding?

2. How many, if any, oil leases were issued by negotiation?

3. How many gas leases were issued after competitive bidding?

4. How many, if any, gas leases were issued by negotiation?

The Hon. W. K. Kiernan replied as follows:-

"1. 1955, none; 1956, one; and 1957, none.

"2. 1955, none; 1956, none; and 1957, none.

"3. 1955, none; 1956, none; and 1957, none.

"4. 1955, none; 1956, none; and 1957, none."

Mr. Dowding asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

With respect to mental-health research:-

1. Is any research into mental illness undertaken by psychiatrists and psychologists employed at (a) Crease Clinic, (b) Mental Health Centre, (c) Child Guidance Clinic, and (d) The Woodlands School?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) are reports or papers on such research filed or published anywhere and, if so, where; (b) how many separate research projects are under way at the present time; and (c) has any supervisory staff member of the Mental Health Services recently visited mental institutions in the United Kingdom on a research project and, if so, when?

3. How much money has been spent on research into mental illness during the fiscal years 1957 and 1958 respectively by this Government?

The Hon. W. D. Black replied as follows:---

"1. No formal research into mental illness being carried out; however, in (a) Crease Clinic certain clinical investigations of treatment procedures—for example, new drugs—are being carried out; (b) Mental Health Centre, no projects; (c) Child Guidance Clinic, no projects; and (d) The Woodlands School, certain clinical studies of dietary control and drug usage have been carried out.

"2. (a) Articles by staff at The Woodlands School have been published in the Canadian Medical Journal and in the Canadian Psychiatric Journal; (b) at Crease Clinic and Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, two clinical studies are being carried out at the present time, and at The Woodlands School six separate clinical studies are being carried on at present; and (c) no.

"3. 1956/57, \$65,666.68 spent on research; this included a grant of \$7,500 to the Department of Neurophysiological Research at the University of British Columbia and \$58,166.68 spent out of Mental Health Grants. 1957/58, \$55,466.01 spent on research; this included a grant of \$7,500 to the Department of Neurophysiological Research at the University of British Columbia and \$47,966.01 spent out of Mental Health Grants."

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 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, February 26th, 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$23,940 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1960.

6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$73,710 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Administration, to 31st March, 1960.

7. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$40,220 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets and Statistics Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

8. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$156,920 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$21,450 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,960 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the Expenses of Department of Agriculture, Entomology Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,620 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Apiary Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$372,715 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

13. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$53,710 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dairy Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

14. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$50,983 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Poultry Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$51,680 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crops and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,520 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1960.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,760 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1960.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$66,325 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$224,790 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development and Extension Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,730 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, 4-H Clubs, to 31st March, 1960.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,820 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Land Settlement Board, to 31st March, 1960.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,920 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Dyking Commission, to 31st March, 1960.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,017 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Southern Okanagan Lands Project, to 31st March, 1960.

25. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Okanagan Flood-control (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1960.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,090 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Milk Board, to 31st March, 1960.

27. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$72,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1960.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1960.

29. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1960.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1960.

31. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Subsidies on Agricultural Lime, to 31st March, 1960.

32. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Federal-Provincial Farm Labour Service, to 31st March, 1960.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance, to 31st March, 1960.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,850 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Domestic Water Assistance, to 31st March, 1960.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Investigation of Doukhobor Lands, to 31st March, 1960.

36 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Pound District Act," to 31st March, 1960.

37 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Grasshopper-control Act," to 31st March, 1960.

38 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Natural Products Marketing (B.C.) Act," to 31st March, 1960.

39 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Pest-control, to 31st March, 1960.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Fraser River Bank Protection, to 31st March, 1960.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$131,773 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Potato-warehouse Construction Assistance, to 31st March, 1960.

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. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 10.47 p.m.

Friday, February 27th, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Padre J. A. MacLean.

Mr. Uphill asked leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely:—

The matter of a notice given by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to Fernie School Board whereby school buses will, from March 2nd on, be denied access to the Summit Inn at Crowsnest for the purpose of transporting school-children across the railway's yards and as a result of which the school-children will be henceforth exposed to continuing danger to their lives from being forced to walk or run across many railway tracks which are used by shunting engines and box-cars and by through trains and the advisability of declaring the private roadway now used by the school district bus a public roadway or such other remedial action as this House deems suitable.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter submitted did not come within the scope of Standing Order No. 35.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Uphill* made a statement regarding a notice given by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to Fernie School Board whereby school buses will, from March 2nd on, be denied access to the Summit Inn at Crowsnest for the purpose of transporting school-children across the railway's yards.

On the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Greater Nanaimo Sewerage and Drainage District" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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 \$41,445 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1960.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office, Office of Economic Adviser and Co-ordinator of Provincial Finances, to 31st March, 1960.

The Committee reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. L. R. Peterson, the House reverted to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

The Hon. L. R. Peterson presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

A. C. DESBRISAY, Administrator.

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

Government House, February 27th, 1959.

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. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the Public Schools 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.

Mr. Eddie asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. In the Municipality of Coquitlam Social Welfare Branch office, has it been the practice to restrict the amount of social assistance paid to an unemployed employable person to the equivalent of the unemployment insurance rate which would be paid to the individual if he were eligible?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) has this resulted in a grant of social assistance of \$130 per month to a family of six instead of the normal grant of \$158.50 per month in any case or cases and (b) in the Municipality of Coquitlam, how many individuals have received less than the full social assistance grant because of the practice referred to in No. 1 during 1958?

3. Has the practice referred to in No. 1 been followed in any other Social Welfare Branch office, municipal or Provincial, and, if so, in which offices?

4. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, during 1958 how many individuals in the Province receive less than the full social assistance grant because of this practice?

5. Has the Minister issued written instructions to all offices in the Province ordering the cessation of the practice referred to and, if so, on what date were the instructions issued?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:---

"1. Yes; granted on the basis of need.

"2. (a) Yes and (b) not available.

"4. Not available.

"5. No; on December 19th, 1958, notification was given to deal with unemployment insurance as with other income which can be supplemented up to Social Allowance maximum for the family group."

[&]quot; 3. Yes.

Mr. Gregory asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:--

1. Has the Minister ever made a reference to a Judge of the Supreme Court, pursuant to section 54 (3) of the "Labour Relations Act "?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, will the Minister in each case indicate when and under what circumstances the reference was directed and the result of the reference?

The Hon. L. Wicks replied as follows:-

"1. Yes.

"2. On January 14th, 1959, it was made to appear that approximately 450 employees of Canadian Collieries Resources Limited, Flavelle Cedar Division, Port Moody, B.C., had ceased work because of a dismissal of a foreman or charge hand. In the circumstances, I referred the matter to the presiding Judge in Chambers, Supreme Court of British Columbia, on January 15th. On January 19th the men returned to work. The reference was withdrawn."

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

1. As at December 31st in each of the years 1952 to 1958, inclusive, (a) how many persons were inmates of Provincial gaols and (b) how many persons were inmates of the British Columbia Penitentiary?

2. In each year, how many were recidivents in each category?

The Hon. R. W. Bonner replied as follows:---

"1. (a) See Gaol Reports, appendices, and (b) no information.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Roche asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:-

1. How much acreage is being held under grazing lease to-day in the North Peace River riding and in the South Peace River riding?

2. What is the approximate acreage available from the Government on pre-emption terms in the North Peace River riding to-day?

The Hon. R. G. Williston replied as follows:----

"1. In the North Peace River riding, 64,824.1 acres are held under grazing leases and, in addition, applications have been approved covering approximately 15,691 acres over which surveys have not as yet been completed. In the South Peace River riding, 31,021.15 acres are held under grazing leases and, in addition, applications have been approved covering approximately 32,366 acres over which surveys have not as yet been completed.

"2. Figures not available. Under the provisions of the 'Land Act,' pre-emptions can only be considered over surveyed Crown lands suitable for agricultural purposes, and the amount of Crown lands in this category could be determined only by individual examination of each parcel."

Mr. Speare asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What have been the increases and percentage increases in the following from 1952 to 1958: (a) Total hospital operating costs, (b) hospital salary costs, and (c) number of hospital employees?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:---

"Final figures for 1958 not yet available; estimated increases, 1952 to 1958, in (a) total operating costs of public hospitals, \$15,200,000, 52.6 per cent; (b) salary costs, \$11,900,000, 61.2 per cent; and (c) number of employees, 2,620, 28 per cent."

Mr. Newton asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:-

Have any new nurses' and staff residences been built in the Province since 1952 and, if so (a) how many, (b) give the number of staff that can be accommodated in these residences, (c) what was the total cost of constructing the residences, (d) what did the Province of British Columbia pay toward the cost of construction, and (e) what did the Federal Government pay toward the cost of construction?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:---

"(a) Since 1952, eleven new nurses' and staff residences, plus two major additions to staff residences, have been constructed; (b) the hospital staff that can be accommodated in these residences and additions number 689; (c) the total cost of constructing these residences and additions was 4,267,876; (d) the Provincial Government paid grants-in-aid totalling 1,792,667; and (e) the Federal Government paid grants totalling 320,213 toward this cost."

Mr. Roche asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. How many hospitals have been built since 1952 and at what cost?

2. (a) How many acute beds does this construction represent and (b) how many other beds?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:-

"1. During the period 1952 to date, twenty-eight hospitals have been built at a cost of \$21,693,174; in addition, thirty-three projects have been completed, consisting of additions as well as renovations to hospitals; also, additions to staff residences and new staff residences; this construction has been completed at a cost of \$12,388,848.

"2. This construction represents (a) 2,095 acute beds and (b) 702 staff beds and 334 chronic and convalescent beds."

Mr. Eddie asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:-

With regard to the operation of the Workmen's Compensation Board during the year 1958:—

1. Did the Board have a public relations programme in operation?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) was there a full-time publicity director in charge of this programme and (b) what was the total amount of money expended in the operation of this programme, including wages and materials, etc.?

The Hon. L. Wicks replied as follows:-

"1. No; not as such but a programme of information to those concerned with workmen's compensation. The programme consisted in part of the issuance of revised handbooks for workmen and for employers and information for physicians and others entitled to treat workmen, the preparation of other informative literature, including a centennial brochure, monthly news bulletins, the holding of the Second Annual Labour Seminar, sponsored by the British Columbia Federation of Labour and attended by 129 union officers, business agents, and shop stewards, other seminars of a similar nature, news releases of accident statistics, regulations, compensation costs and related subjects, etc.

"2. (a) No and (b) the employees engaged in the information programme are concerned with other Board activities and no breakdown is kept for wages or material."

Mr. Gibson asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:---

1. What was the total amount of moneys granted by the Province toward hospital construction from the years 1952 to 1957?

2. What was the total amount of Federal assistance paid toward the cost of this hospital construction in the same period?

The Hon. E. C. F. Martin replied as follows:---

"1. The total Provincial grants toward construction for hospitals and additions to hospitals was \$7,731,975; in addition, during the same period, Provincial grants toward major renovations and alterations projects and projects for the provision of living-quarters for hospital personnel amounted to \$3,118,283.

"2. Federal assistance paid toward the above costs amounted to \$2,505,917."

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 5.50 p.m.

Monday, March 2nd, 1959.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. T. B. D. Ragg.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

111. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$5,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1960.

112. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$109,490 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Administration, to 31st March, 1960.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$260,470 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$204,023 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Mechanical Tabulation Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$616,445 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Consumer Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,013 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Real Property Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

117. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$147,460 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Assessment Equalization Act," to 31st March, 1960.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$66,900 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Income Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

119. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$237,520 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1960.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Langford Warehouse, to 31st March, 1960.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Office Furniture and Equipment, to 31st March, 1960.

122. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Motor-vehicles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1960.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$339,190 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,510,680 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, etc., to 31st March, 1960.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Housing Commissioner, to 31st March, 1960.

126. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Courts of Revision, to 31st March, 1960.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Assessment Appeal Board, to 31st March, 1960.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Estimates, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, etc., to 31st March, 1960.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$123,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1960.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1960.

131 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$650,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," Interest on Civil Service Superannuation and Retirement Funds, to 31st March, 1960.

132 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Members of Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act," Interest, to 31st March, 1960.

133 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905," to 31st March, 1960.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grants in Aid of Local Government, to 31st March, 1960.

135 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Supreme Court Act," Payment of Interest on Suitors' Fund Deposits, to 31st March, 1960.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Salary Contingencies, to 31st March, 1960.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,440,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Home-owner's Subsidy, to 31st March, 1960.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Salary Revision, to 31st March, 1960.

139 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act," to 31st March, 1960.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Power Subsidy, to 31st March, 1960.

The Committee reported the Resolutions. Report to be considered at the next sitting. Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. L. R. Peterson presented a Return in reply to the following notice of questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Strachan:—

In each of the School Districts Nos. 1, 6, 9, 13, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 38, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 63, 70, 73, 76, 77, 78, 79, and 81 and in each of the unattached schools of Atlin, Bamfield, Butedale, Esperanza, Kyuquot, McDame Creek, Muchalat, Sarita River, Sydney Inlet, Tahsis River, University Hill, and Zeballos what were the following amounts as shown in notice of final determination of budget for calendar year 1958:—

1. Operating surplus 1957?

2. Miscellaneous grants?

3. Recoveries of expenditure?

4. Current capital balance, non-shareable?

5. Government grants: (a) Basic operating and (b) capital debt?

6. District taxation: (a) Basic levy and (b) capital debt and other costs?

7. Gross total budgeted expenditure?

8. Final apportionment of district taxation between components: (a) Percentage, (b) components, (c) 1958 assessed values, (d) basic levy, (e) capital debts and other costs, and (f) total component requisitions?

The Hon. the Minister of Education stated that, in his opinion, the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such a Return upon the table of the House and thereupon presented such Return.

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 5.55 p.m.

Monday, March 2nd, 1959.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. L. R. Peterson presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:—

A. C. DESBRISAY,

Administrator.

The Administrator transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the British Columbia University Act," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 27th, 1959.

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. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the British Columbia University 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.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,420 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1960.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$85,480 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Administration, to 31st March, 1960.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$68,460 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of General Educational Services, Curriculum Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$130,185 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of General Educational Services, Adult Education Branch, to 31st March, 1960.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$139,865 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Division of General Educational Services, High Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1960.