

Monday, March 11th, 1935.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *J. A. Gaudette*.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,594.16 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1936.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,048.38 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1936.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,280.48 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,426.36 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,807.64 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Apiary Inspection, to 31st March, 1936.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$98,114.88 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,497.60 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Field Crop and Seed Improvement Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,469.92 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Women's Institutes, to 31st March, 1936.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,508.52 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, International, National, and Provincial Exhibits, to 31st March, 1936.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,033.64 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Soil Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and Accessories, to 31st March, 1936.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs, to 31st March, 1936.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Vancouver Exhibition Association (Buildings), to 31st March, 1936.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,532.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Corporation of City of Victoria (Buildings), to 31st March, 1936.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Interior Provincial Fair Association, to 31st March, 1936.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Chilliwack Agricultural Association, to 31st March, 1936.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, In Aid of Kamloops Bull Sale, to 31st March, 1936.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Farmers' Institutes, to 31st March, 1936.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1936.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Gopher Extermination, to 31st March, 1936.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1936.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$99,405 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1936.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,748.72 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1936.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1936.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$111,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including Administration, Maintenance of Buildings, Launches, Autos, and other Equipment, etc.), to 31st March, 1936.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lumber Trade Extension (including Grants in Aid thereof), to 31st March, 1936.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400,646.81 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Salaries, to 31st March, 1936.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grant to Canadian Forestry Association, to 31st March, 1936.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1936.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance and Cruising, to 31st March, 1936.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Research, to 31st March, 1936.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reforestation and Forest Nursery, to 31st March, 1936.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1936.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, B.C. Hydrometric Service, to 31st March, 1936.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act," to 31st March, 1936.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Surveys and Maps, to 31st March, 1936.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refund of Stumpage deposited with Dominion Government by Homesteaders in Former Railway Belt and Peace River Block prior to Transfer, to 31st March, 1936.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Land Act" and "Revenue Act," to 31st March, 1936.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Publicity, to 31st March, 1936.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1936.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,197.72 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1936.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,251.08 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1936.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,669.30 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Probate and Succession Duties Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,971.02 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$116,588.98 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,962.80 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1936.

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

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 11th, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER :

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

Your Committee recommends that the Rules be suspended and that the time for receiving reports be extended from March 12th to March 25th, 1935.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. MANSON, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 11th, 1935.

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. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Plants, and to prevent the Spreading within the Province of Insects, Pests, and Diseases destructive to Vegetation," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 11th, 1935.

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. 60) intituled "An Act to provide for the Protection of Plants and to prevent the Spreading within the Province of Insects, Pests, and Diseases destructive to Vegetation," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

1. Was any furniture or carpets purchased for the offices of the Minister of Lands since November, 1933?

2. If yes, what articles were purchased, and what was the cost of each article?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. One Underwood typewriter, \$151.75; carpet, \$477.23; under-felt \$35.20; pedestals, \$23.38. ("Replies submitted by Public Works Department.")"

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. What was the cost of beer licences when this Government took office?

2. Has the cost of beer licences been decreased since this Government took office?

3. If yes, what has been the amount of the decrease?

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

"1. Fees for beer licences were computed in accordance with the following schedule on the estimated profit, based on the volume of sales to the licensee during the twelve months ending September 30th immediately preceding. Where two or more beer licences are located in the same city, town, or village, then the average profit was taken on which to base the fees for beer licences for that particular city, town, or village.

Estimated Profit.	Fee.
Up to \$3,000.00.....	\$150.00
\$3,001.00 to \$5,000.00.....	250.00
5,001.00 to 7,500.00.....	350.00
7,501.00 to 10,000.00.....	500.00
10,001.00 to 15,000.00.....	750.00
15,001.00 and up.....	1,000.00

"2. The method of taking the average profit as a basis on which to compute fees, as mentioned in No. 1, was not deemed to be just and equitable, more particularly where the volume of sales was small. In certain cities a licensee with double the volume of business was charged the same fee as a licensee doing a small volume of business. A change in the method of computation of fees was decided upon and became effective with beer licences issued for the year 1934.

"3. Commencing with the issuance of licences for the year 1934, the method of computing fees is on the basis of a fixed minimum fee which is determined by the volume of business in respect of the premises for which application for beer licence is made during the twelve months ending September 30th immediately preceding, in accordance with the schedule set out hereunder, and to which is added the equivalent of 50 cents per barrel of approximately 25 imperial gallons of draught beer and 25 cents per barrel of bottled beer of 10 dozen pints or 6 dozen quarts purchased during the period hereinbefore mentioned.

Value of Beer purchased.	Fixed Minimum Fee.
\$3,000.00 and under.....	\$75.00
3,001.00 to \$8,000.00.....	100.00
8,001.00 and over.....	150.00 "

Mr. Price asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

1. What are the arrears of tax payments within municipalities on farm lands at latest available dates?
2. What are the arrears of tax payments on business properties within municipalities at latest available date?

The Hon. Mr. Gray replied as follows:—

- "1. Information not available in this Department.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Monday, March 11th, 1935.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$598,189.09 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1936.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,185.30 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Revenue Receipts, Bonds, Cheques, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1936.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Sutors' Funds Deposits, to 31st March, 1936.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent Extra-municipal School Taxes, to 31st March, 1936.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1936.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grant to City of Greenwood, to 31st March, 1936.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grant to City of Rosland, to 31st March, 1936.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,524.38 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, to 31st March, 1936.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,402 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1936.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,849.78 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Office, to 31st March, 1936.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Text-book Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Free Text-books, Maps, etc., to 31st March, 1936.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,320.24 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Schools, to 31st March, 1936.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,658.88 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Industrial Education, to 31st March, 1936.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$104,071.44 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools, to 31st March, 1936.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,613.10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Normal Schools, to 31st March, 1936.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,833.39 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf and the Blind, to 31st March, 1936.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,108,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1936.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Erection of New Buildings, Maintenance and Repairs of School Buildings, Special Aid to School Districts, and Desks for Rural Schools, etc., to 31st March, 1936.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children and Expenses, to 31st March, 1936.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Examination of Teachers and High School Entrance Classes, to 31st March, 1936.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1936.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1936.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificatees, to 31st March, 1936.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,513 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Official Trustee, Community School Districts, to 31st March, 1936.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Board of Reference, to 31st March, 1936.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Printing of Report of Survey of School Finance, to 31st March, 1936.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Educational Reorganization, to 31st March, 1936.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1936.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1936.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Special Grant to Victoria College, to 31st March, 1936.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$224,052 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Account, Sinking Funds, to 31st March, 1936.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$352,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Account, Redemption of Debentures, to 31st March, 1936.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$907,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Account, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company—Interest on Guaranteed Bonds due July 15th, 1935, and January 15th, 1936, to 31st March, 1936.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Account—British Columbia House, London, England—Instalment on Mortgage, to 31st March, 1936.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Account, "Soldiers' Land Act, 1918," to 31st March, 1936.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,670.48 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1936.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,780.88 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1936.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,613.88 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, " Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1936.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,468.80 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1936.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,923.94 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1936.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,147.58 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1936.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,083.64 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1936.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$103,137.92 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1936.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,420.38 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1936.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$636,202.40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1936.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$126,627.64 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1936.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$170,443.48 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$83,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1936.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1936.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1936.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds (Bounties, Salaries, and Expenses), to 31st March, 1936.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1936.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Revision of Statutes—Legislative Counsel, to 31st March, 1936.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1936.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Adult Education, to 31st March, 1936.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,391 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries, General Office, to 31st March, 1936.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,663.46 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industries, to 31st March, 1936.

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

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments regulating the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works," was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12th, 1935.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,228 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1936.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,308.80 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1936.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,985.96 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Library and Archives, to 31st March, 1936.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,666.40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Libraries Act," to 31st March, 1936.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,541.32 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1936.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,181.70 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1936.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,626.40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1936.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1936.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,063.79 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1936.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$795,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory Grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1936.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Special Grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1936.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Resident Physicians, to 31st March, 1936.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,220 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Charitable Associations, etc., to 31st March, 1936.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1936.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Schedule Bond, to 31st March, 1936.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to Canteen Fund Trustees, to 31st March, 1936.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, and Entertainments, to 31st March, 1936.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to Teachers' Pensions Fund, to 31st March, 1936.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Superannuation Act"—Government contributions to Superannuation Fund, to 31st March, 1936.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to Greater Vancouver Water District *re* installing New Water-mains to Essondale and Boys' Industrial School Area, to 31st March, 1936.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$49,106.49 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Administration, to 31st March, 1936.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,766.40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Welfare Branch (including Administration of "Infants Act" and Mothers' Pensions Branch), to 31st March, 1936.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$110,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, In Aid of Destitute Poor and Sick, to 31st March, 1936.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Burial of Indigent Persons, to 31st March, 1936.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Grants and Contributions to Homes and Aid Societies, to 31st March, 1936.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$118,245.40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1936.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$512,633.87 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1936.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,087.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1936.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$159,246.40 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Tubercular Hospital and Farm, to 31st March, 1936.

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

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

1. Is a man named Thomas Fulton employed by the Government?
2. If yes; (a) For how long has he been employed; (b) at what wages; (c) in what capacity?
3. Have any moneys, exclusive of wages, been paid by the Government to Thomas Fulton?
4. If yes; (a) How much; (b) for what purpose?

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Is there a company operating in West Vancouver on a land-development project entitled British Pacific Properties, Limited?
2. Have any workers been killed on this project since the inception of the work?
3. If so, how many?
4. Have any workers on this project been injured?
5. If so, how many?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Two.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. 156."

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

1. Has the Board of Industrial Relations staff examined the salary lists and working-time schedules of all employees in all Government institutions for the purpose of seeing that the Minimum Wage and Hours of Work Regulations are being conformed to?
2. If no: (a) Will instructions be given to have this investigation; (b) to see that the regulations are enforced if and where necessary?

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

- "1. Board of Industrial Relations has no power to make regulations for Government employees. Salary lists and working-time schedules of all Government employees have recently been surveyed and on recommendation of Department of Labour certain adjustments have been made.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Have any complaints been received relative to non-compliance by the City of Victoria with the Minimum Wage Regulations?
2. Will the Department have an investigation made, particularly in relation to the clerical staff?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Yes."

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

1. What amount of taxes on farm lands are in arrears at latest available date?
2. What amount of income taxes are in arrears at latest available date?

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

- "1. \$347,538.42. Taxes on farm lands under 'Public Schools Act,' etc., are not segregated from other real property.
- "2. \$754,705.32."

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

1. Was any work done on the Cranbrook-Kimberley Road during the year 1934?
2. If so, what did this work consist of?
3. What was the mileage and total cost of such work, if any?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2 and 3. Three miles new construction and reconstruction, \$2,250 relief-work and \$5,454 ordinary improvement; 19.7 miles general maintenance, \$1,200, and \$2,200 relief-work; 4.55 miles bituminous surfacing, *see* Votes and Proceedings No. 18, 1935 Session, page 4; 0.5 mile oiling, \$307.37."

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

1. Was one Higgins appointed to the position of Road Foreman in the south-eastern portion of the Cariboo District?
2. If so, what was the date of the appointment?
3. Who was the former Road Foreman in this section, and for how many years had he filled the position?
4. Has any petition been received in connection with this matter?
5. Did the Minister or Deputy Minister of Public Works advise residents of the district that the matter would be investigated?
6. Was the former Road Foreman a returned soldier with a family?
7. Is said Higgins a returned soldier with a family?
8. If the answer to question 1 is in the affirmative, was the appointment of said Higgins made upon recommendation of some person or persons; and, if so, whom?

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

- "1. No. Ed. Higgins was employed from November, 1934, as local foreman, South Cariboo, when and as required.
- "2. See answer to No. 1.
- "3. J. Jowsey was similarly employed, April, 1932, to November 6th, 1934; then as sub-foreman until end of working season.
- "4. Yes; presented by J. Jowsey, Sr., R. V. Chapman, and A. Barnes.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Department records disclose J. Jowsey, Jr., as married but not a returned soldier.
- "7. Department records disclose Ed. Higgins as married; no information as to his being a returned soldier.
- "8. See answer to No. 1."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Was J. K. Naseby appointed as District Road Foreman and Relief Foreman in the Arrow Lake District?
2. If yes, on whose recommendation was J. K. Naseby appointed?
3. Have any petitions been received by the Government from residents in said district, asking for the removal of said foreman?
4. Have any complaints been received from said district regarding dictatorial and terrorizing methods used by said foreman in his administration of relief-work?
5. If yes, what action does the Government intend to take?

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

- "1. No; I. K. Nasby was employed, when and as required, as local foreman.
- "2. See answer to No. 1.
- "3. No.
- "4. An unsigned petition was received purporting to come from 'the women of Glendevon,' making complaint against the local foreman.
- "5. Investigation did not disclose any need for departmental action."

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

1. What is the number of Grade A dairy-barns in the area controlled by the B.C. Lower Mainland Dairy Products Board?
2. What is the number of Grade B barns in the area?
3. How many dairies in the area have been prevented from shipping fluid milk since 1933, due to their being graded lower than Grade B?
4. How many of such dairies have since been regraded A or B? Give number for each grade.

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

- "1. Inspection now in progress within the controlled area. Information not available until inspection completed.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Have any appointments been made to the staff of the B.C. Lower Mainland Dairy Products Board?

2. If yes, what is the number of persons now employed by this Board, and the salaries paid?

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

"1. No information, as appointments not made by Provincial Government.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has the Government official knowledge of the proposed plan of the Child Emigration Society of Great Britain to establish a farm school, to be known as the Fairbridge Farm School, in the vicinity of Cowichan Station, with the object of training boys and girls for farm-life in Canada?

2. If yes, what is the Government's attitude?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. It is understood that the proposed school is similar to the Fairbridge Farm School that was established many years ago in Western Australia with capital from Great Britain. No concessions have been asked for or granted by the Government of this Province. The property will be subject to assessment and taxation in the same manner as property in all other rural districts. In addition to several other buildings, there will be a school on the premises operated under the provisions of the 'Public Schools Act,' subject to the same regulations and following the same curriculum during school-hours as all other rural schools. The teachers will be selected from those in this Province holding certificates from the Department of Education."

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

1. Does the Government exercise any control or supervision over the Glen Hospital, 1036 Salisbury Drive, Vancouver, B.C.?

2. Does this hospital receive any Government grant?

3. If so, has there been any complaints received that an overcrowding and unsanitary condition exists?

4. Are there any patients suffering from contagious diseases admitted for treatment?

5. If so, what diseases?

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

"1. Yes; to a limited extent.

"2. No.

"3. No.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4."

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

1. Did the Municipality of Surrey apply for a loan to assist in financing relief costs?

2. If yes: (a) Was the loan refused; (b) for what reasons?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No. (Negotiations under way.)"

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

1. Was an inquiry held by the Department of Municipal Affairs into the dismissal of Miss Curry from the post of Matron of the North Vancouver Hospital by the North Vancouver Hospital Board?

2. Did the Government, following the inquiry, order said Hospital Board to pay Miss Curry three months' salary and three months' maintenance, estimated at \$45 a month?

3. Has this money been disbursed to said Miss Curry?

4. If yes, has the amount paid to Miss Curry been charged to North Vancouver City and North Vancouver District?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Yes.

“ 3. Yes.

“ 4. The Government first deducted the amount in question, \$405 (three months' salary at \$90—\$270; three months' maintenance at \$45—\$135) from the grant to the North Vancouver Hospital; later on they made a special grant of \$400, leaving a net charge to North Vancouver Hospital of \$5.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th, 1935.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *E. A. Henry*.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,553.86 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Boys' Industrial School, to 31st March, 1936.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,037.80 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Girls' Industrial School, to 31st March, 1936.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,762.22 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Provincial Home for Incurables, to 31st March, 1936.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Home for the Aged, to 31st March, 1936.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Preventive Medicine, Special Public Health Services, etc., and Health Insurance Organization, to 31st March, 1936.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,171.60 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1936.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,371.69 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1936.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,075.62 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Employment Service, to 31st March, 1936.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,818.44 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1936.

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

Mr. *Gillis* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 11th, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We have met on various occasions and discussed matters pertinent to the canning of salmon and other phases of this industry, and we beg to make the following recommendations:—

First: That the cannery-licence fees be more equitably adjusted in so far as salmon licences are concerned, so that the small packer may not be unduly penalized by the now prevailing high cannery-licence fee.

Second: That the Fisheries Department make recommendations to the Dominion Fisheries Department permitting white settlers to share equal privileges under free permit system such as used by the Indians to enable them to take fish for their own personal food-consumption during the run of the salmon to their spawning-grounds, and during the time of the present depressed conditions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. GILLIS, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Sanatorium for the Care and Treatment of Persons suffering from Tuberculosis," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 13th, 1935.

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. 68) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Sanatorium for the Care and Treatment of Persons suffering from Tuberculosis," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Provincial Home for Aged Persons," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 13th, 1935.

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. 69) intituled "An Act to provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of a Provincial Home for Aged Persons," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Libraries Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting the Practice of Nursing."

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

1. Has a petition been received from the settlers adjacent to the site of Camp 422, Wilson Landing, protesting against the damage caused to their property?
2. If so, what action has been taken or is intended to be taken by the Government?

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

- "1. Yes; referred to Public Works Department.
- "2. None, by the Department of Lands."

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

1. How many logging operations were there actively engaged in cutting timber on Vancouver Island during the calendar year ended December 31st, 1934?
2. What was the total log-scale from such operations?
3. What were the proportions of different species of timber so scaled?
4. What stumpage, royalties, and other fees were charged on each species?

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

- "1. Logging-operation statistics are not compiled except for forest districts. For Vancouver District, 1,038.
- "2. For Vancouver District, *see* page 18, Forest Branch Report.
- "3. For Vancouver District, *see* page 16, Forest Branch Report.
- "4. Royalty charged depends on the land status and is charged in accordance with provisions of sections 53, 53A, 53B, and 54 of the 'Forest Act.'"

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

1. Did one Richard Williams, of Fernie District, receive any remuneration for fighting fire which took place at Flagstone on Saturday, July 14th, 1934?
2. If so, how much per hour, and what was the total amount received?
3. Did said Richard Williams receive any pay for fire-fighting at Edwards Lake on or around July 10th, 1934?
4. If so, how much per hour, and what was the total amount received?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Twenty-five cents per hour, less Workmen's Compensation. Total wage received, \$1.74.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Thirty cents per hour, less Workmen's Compensation. Total wage received, \$1.49."

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

What was the total amount of sales made by the stores of the Liquor Control Board on Vancouver Island for the calendar year ended December 31st, 1934?

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

"\$1,706,826.88."

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

1. Was any security given for the loan of \$59,999.96 made to the James Canadian Seeds, Ltd., page K 311, Public Accounts, April, 1932, to March, 1933?

2. If yes, give particulars of security?

3. What were the terms of repayment?

4. Have any repayments been made?

5. If yes, in what amount?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. First mortgage on the property (approximately 260 acres) and buildings; chattel mortgage on stock, machinery, and equipment.

"3. Loan granted August 27th, 1930, for a period of ten years, repayable in nine equal annual payments with interest at 6 per cent.; first payment of principal and interest to be made twenty-four months after date of loan and thereafter every twelve months.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by question No. 4."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.45 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.31 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th, 1935.

QUARTER TO NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Economic Council, to 31st March, 1936.

90A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, In Aid of Employment of Youth, to 31st March, 1936.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,239.98 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1936.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,683.36 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office, to 31st March, 1936.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,269.84 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1936.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,732.34 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Bureau of Mines, to 31st March, 1936.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,858.44 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mine-rescue and Training Stations, to 31st March, 1936.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants, to 31st March, 1936.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, etc., to 31st March, 1936.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,013.60 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mineral Survey and Development Act," Supplementary, and Lectures on Practical Geology and Mineralogy, to 31st March, 1936.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* Explosives to assist *Bona-fide* Mineral Prospectors, to 31st March, 1936.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Advertising, Miscellaneous, Bulletins, Incidentals, and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1936.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,378.76 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1936.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$152,927.18 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1936.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$136,153.82 be granted to His Majesty to defray the Expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1936.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,835.12 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1936.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,415,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1936.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1936.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,428.46 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1936.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1936.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1936.

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 Mr. *Manson*, seconded by Mr. *Sutherland*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the name of Mr. *McKee* be added to the membership of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Savage* asked the Hon. the Commissioner of Fisheries the following questions:—

1. How many canneries, fish-reduction plants, or fish-processing factories were operated on Vancouver Island during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1934?

2. What was the total amount of revenue paid by such canneries, fish-reduction plants, or fish-processing factories to the Provincial Government during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1934?

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

"1. Six salmon-canneries, \$9,000; one tierced-salmon plant, \$500; two pilchard and herring canneries, \$200; five pilchard-reduction plants, \$2,500; five salmon dry-saltery plants, \$2,100; nine herring dry-saltery plants, \$4,500; five miscellaneous plants, \$5.

"2. \$18,805."

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

1. Have requests been received during the past year from units of organized labour requesting the Government to bring "silicosis" and "hernia" within the provisions of the "Workmen's Compensation Act"?

2. If yes, how many?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Silicosis, 18; hernia, 22."

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

Thursday, March 14th, 1935.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments regulating the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments for the Protection of certain Animals and Birds" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Adoption of Children" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mrs. *Smith*, the Order for the consideration of Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hairdressers Act'" in Committee of the Whole was discharged, and the Bill referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Planta* moved, seconded by Mr. *Manson*,—

Whereas the McNary Bill requesting the President of the United States to negotiate an agreement with Canada for the construction of an International Highway through the Dominion of Canada to Alaska has passed the United States Senate:

And whereas the said Bill provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 for survey and \$2,000,000 for construction of the Alaska section of the proposed International Highway:

And whereas the passing of the said Bill will likely result in negotiations between the United States and the Dominion of Canada during the current year with a view to implement the findings of the United States Commission appointed by Act of Congress, May 15th, 1930 (Public No. 228—71st Congress), with whom were associated the following Canadian representatives: J. M. Wardle, Chief Engineer of Federal Parks Branch, Canadian Department of Public Works; Hon. George Black, Representative of the Yukon Territory and Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons; and G. P. Napier, Assistant Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works of British Columbia, of which joint meeting Mr. Black was Chairman:

And whereas the said Monetary Bill implements the proposal as recommended in the report of the Commission as herein above referred to, page 3, "Report of the Commission to Study the Proposed Highway to Alaska," as follows:—

"That consideration be given by the road-building agencies of Alaska and Yukon Territory to the construction of the Fairbanks-Dawson Road without waiting for the adoption of the entire project, in order to develop the intermediate territory and provide an early connection between these two communities, as well as complete a vital link in the proposed through highway."

And whereas the following excerpts appear on page 2 of the report of the said Commission published at Washington, D.C., by the Department of State, "Conference Series No. 14," intitled "Report of the Commission to Study the Proposed Highway to Alaska," page 2, as follows:—

"5. The benefits to be gained from the project from the American point of view are:—

- "(a.) Development of Alaska through making the territory by highway, resulting in an increase of population and consequent increase in revenue from taxes, tending to decrease the present necessity for Federal appropriations for the support of the territory.
- "(b.) The road would be a great contribution to the welfare of American citizens now living in Alaska under adverse conditions, by providing a physical connection with the vast continental road system.
- "(c.) Opening of a new country that is now practically inaccessible, giving opportunity for settlement, investment of capital, and employment.
- "(d.) The new road would make accessible to the continental highway system the existing road net in Central Alaska comprising about 900 miles, providing a new and valuable area for exploration, for recreation, or for business purposes.
- "(e.) The highway would foster air commerce with Alaska by furnishing a guiding landmark and provide service to aviators along the most practicable flying route to the interior of the territory and to Asia.
- "(f.) Promotion of friendly relations between citizens of United States and Canada."

And whereas the excerpts above quoted would appear to indicate that in the opinion of the Commission the proposed highway would be of material advantage in the development of Alaska:

And whereas the following excerpt appears on page 2 of the "Report of the Commission to Study the Proposed Highway to Alaska": "No attempt is made to evaluate the benefits Canada would derive from the project, but it may be mentioned that in addition to such direct development of new Canadian territory as might be brought about by the road, Canada would gain the business and commerce incident to providing service and supplies to motorists using the road for access to Alaska."

And whereas the above quoted excerpt indicates that in the opinion of the Commission the route of the proposed highway has not been fully canvassed to ascertain the economic and strategic benefits which would accrue to Canada from the construction of the said highway:

And whereas the route of the proposed highway from Hazelton and northward does not appear the most practical route to best serve the interests of the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia in particular:

And whereas from a study of the report of the said Commission, and the report of Ernest Walker Sawyer, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., which was submitted to the United States Department of Interior in conjunction with official United States map known as "Alaska Map No. 8": and from a review of current developments, as appearing in the press of the United States and the Dominion of Canada from time to time since the appointment of the Commission hereinbefore referred, there appears evidence that aid to air-plane travel is not least of the advantages sought through the construction of the proposed highway to Alaska, which contention is borne out in the excerpts as follows, taken from the "Report of the Commission to Study the Proposed Highway to Alaska":—

"For example, the shortest line between New York and Tokio passes through mid-western and western Canada and through Alaska, just a few miles north of Fairbanks. From all Pacific Coast American ports the shortest air-line routes to Asia, as far west as India or Persia, lie close to Alaska. Alaska, therefore, owing to its favourable strategic location, is the most suitable jump-off point for air travel to Asia.

"The Pacific-Yukon Highway is properly located to serve aviation, and the completion of the project will probably greatly stimulate aviation in the area affected and thereby further develop the country. Indeed, it would not be surprising if the increase in aviation activities were to force the construction of the project from that view-point alone, irrespective of other advantages."

And whereas the construction of the said highway would appear to be of material advantage in the development of the Alaska "Panhandle" to a degree which may eventually preclude the fulfilment of Motion No. 2 submitted to this Legislative Assembly by Mr. Kergin on February 8th, 1928, as follows:—

"Whereas the northern half of the Province of British Columbia and the whole of the Yukon Territory are bounded on the west of Alaska from 54° 40' north latitude to the Arctic Ocean, a distance of approximately 1,300 miles:

"And whereas the Province of British Columbia is bounded on the west by that part of Alaska known as the 'Panhandle' from the 54° 40' north latitude in a north-westerly direction to the 60th parallel of north latitude, a distance of approximately 600 miles:

"And whereas said Panhandle of Alaska is in width approximately 30 miles and acts as a barrier and is detrimental to the development of the northern half of this Province:

"And whereas as a result of friendly diplomatic overtures between the Dominion of Canada and the United States previous differences of opinion in respect to the Alaskan-Canadian boundary were formally adjusted by the Alaska Boundary Tribunal on October 20th, 1903:

"And whereas we believe it would be in the interests of both the United States of America and Canada that a readjustment of the Alaskan-Canadian boundary be made:

"And be it further Resolved, That a humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa."

And whereas the Legislative Assembly did approve the above motion, February 9th, 1928:

And whereas a joint Commission was chosen in 1903 to settle the dispute between Great Britain and the United States as to the boundary of Alaska, and which Commission consisted of Elihu Root, Senator Lodge, and Senator Turner for the United States, and Lord Alverstone, Sir Louis Jette, and Mr. (now Sir Allen) Aylesworth, K.C., for Canada:

And whereas it is reported in "Chronicles of Canada," Vol. 30, Part VIII., page 215, that: "A majority consisting of Lord Alverstone and the three American members had decided substantially in favour of the United States. Sir Louis Jette and Mr. Aylesworth declined to sign the award and declared it in part a 'grotesque travesty of justice'":

And whereas "When the terms of the treaty were first announced Mr. Borden (now Sir Robert) declared that it should have been made subject to ratification by the Canadian Parliament." (See "Chronicles of Canada," Vol 30, Part VIII., page 217.)

And whereas "After the award Sir Wilfrid Laurier went further, contending that the lesson was that Canada should have independent treaty-making power. It is important," he said, "that we should ask the British Parliament for more extensive powers, so that if ever we have to deal with matters of a similar nature again, we shall deal with them in our own way, in our own fashion, according to the best light we have":

And whereas the Dominion of Canada now possesses independent treaty-making powers (see Statute of Westminster):

And whereas the consummation of a treaty between the Dominion of Canada and the United States for the readjustment of the Canadian-Alaskan boundary will solidify the position of British Columbia within Confederation; strengthen the position of the Dominion of Canada as an integral part of the British Empire; and increase the friendly relations between the Dominion of Canada and the United States through the removal of this contentious problem:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that concurrent with negotiations between the Dominion of Canada and the United States for construction of the said highway negotiations should be undertaken for readjustment of the Alaskan-Canadian boundary as set forth in the motion approved by this Legislature as hereinbefore stated (see Journals of Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, February 9th, 1928), and that the Province of British Columbia shall be represented in such negotiations.

Be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and Preamble be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State or such other proper official at Ottawa.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Friday, March 15th, 1935.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act respecting the Inspection and Sale of Fruit."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act respecting the Dairy Industry."

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch* (in the absence of Mr. *E. E. Winch*)—Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Merritt."

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch* (in the absence of Mr. *E. E. Winch*)—Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for Compensation to Workmen for Injuries sustained and Industrial Diseases contracted in the Course of their Employment.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Juvenile Courts Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial School Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Home for Girls Act.'"

Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments regulating the Working of Metalliferous Mines, Quarries, and Metallurgical Works" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Female Minimum Wage Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Adoption of Children" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Barbers Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. *Leary* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Forestry, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 15th, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

We have held nine meetings and have listened to presentations by heads of various forest organizations, including the Forest Branch, the B.C. Forest Conservation League, the B.C.

Loggers' Association, and the Canadian Forestry Association. In addition, we had the opportunity of hearing from technical experts, the Chairman of the Economic Council, the Trade Commissioner on the export of lumber, and from others interested in forest problems.

These discussions have covered most phases of forest economy. As a result, we have arrived at the following conclusions for the betterment of conditions in the great revenue-producing and labour-absorbing industry in British Columbia:—

(1.) We strongly recommend that a larger money grant be made each year for the direct purpose of forest-protection and fire-prevention, in order that a proper patrol and lookout system may be maintained during the fire-hazard season, resulting in the lessening of the present heavy timber losses through forest fires.

(2.) We recommend that in this connection the analysis of forest values, fire risk, and forest ownership, as presented by the Chairman of the Economic Council, be taken into consideration.

(3.) We recommend that the Forest Branch be aided in arousing a greater consciousness of our forest wealth and the necessity of forest-protection, through the means of a publicity programme.

(4.) We commend the Forest Branch for their efforts to protect our young forest-growth. We urge that still greater efforts be made towards this end.

(5.) We further recommend that consideration and support be given to worthy, private enterprise, in connection with their efforts to educate the public as to our timber wealth, and ways and means of conservation and utilization of waste in keeping with a broader Forest Branch policy.

(6.) The Committee are of the opinion that, wherever possible, the high-lead systems should be encouraged to discontinue, as being wasteful to our timber in many cases and dangerous to human life.

(7.) We view with great concern the reports as to the rapidity of our forest depletion. We urge that a very close check be made of the actual figures covering the estimated stand of our forest wealth, and the annual depletion resulting through all agencies, since there seems to be divergence of opinion as to our exact timber wealth.

(8.) We recommend that the export of our sawlogs and round timber be held down to a minimum.

(9.) In view of present unemployment, we recommend that the Forest Branch utilize, wherever possible, the services of youth in protection of our greatest industry.

(10.) We recommend that funds be made available, as soon as possible, for the creation of a Division of Forest Chemistry within the present department, in order that an intelligent survey be made of the possibilities of developing chemical by-product industries in British Columbia; which investigation cannot be made except by a trained research staff.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. LEARY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 14th, 1935.

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. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Sutherland*:—

1. What was the total amount spent on relief in its different forms (segregate) in the various Provincial ridings during the calendar year 1934?

2. What was the total overhead in connection with Relief Administration during the calendar year 1934?

3. How many special Relief Investigators were appointed during the calendar year 1934, giving salaries and expense accounts?

By the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*—

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch*:—

1. Were any Public Works Department equipment, cars, or trucks purchased between October 1st and December 31st, 1934, inclusive, out of funds supplied by the Dominion Government for unemployed relief?

2. If so, what equipment, cars, or trucks were purchased?

3. If so, what was the cost of said equipment, cars, or trucks?

4. If so, from whom was the equipment, cars, or trucks purchased?

By the Hon. Mr. *Sloan*—

Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Bruhn*:—

1. How many Justices of the Peace held commissions in British Columbia on November 1st, 1933?

2. How many Justices of the Peace hold commissions in British Columbia at the present time?

3. Have any Justices of the Peace had their commissions revoked since November 15th, 1933?

4. If so, what are their names?

5. For what causes were such commissions revoked?

6. How many Justices of the Peace have been commissioned since November 15th, 1933?

7. How many Stipendiary Magistrates have been commissioned or appointed since November 15th, 1933?

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

1. Has the Minister of Labour received a request from the Elphinstone and District Workers' Protective Association, asking for leave to work out taxes and payments on Government land?

2. If yes, what is his reply?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Replied to effect it was understood arrangements had been made by Public Works Department whereby unpaid taxes could be worked out, but that this Department could not do anything further to the arrangement made by the Public Works Department."

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

1. Was an investigation held at Lillooet into the distribution of relief by a Mr. McConnan?
2. If so, did the member for Lillooet assist in this investigation?
3. Was the cross-examination of relief recipients partly conducted by the member for Lillooet?
4. If so, in what capacity did the member for Lillooet act on this investigation?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Member for Lillooet had no official standing at such investigation.
- "3. Report of investigator does not disclose this.
- "4. Answered by No. 2."

Mrs. Steeves asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Are Government grants given to the Western Division of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind?
2. Are detailed financial statements covering the work of this organization available to the public?
3. If yes, in what manner are they made available?
4. Has the Government received any request that a Provincial Advisory Committee on Blind Welfare be set up?
5. If yes, from which organizations has such a request been received?
6. Does the Government intend to accede to this request?

The Hon. Mr. Weir replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2 and 3. Detailed financial statements may be inspected by persons interested at the Vancouver office of the Western Division of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. B.C. Division, Vancouver and District Branch, Canadian Federation of the Blind.
- "6. No legislative authority for the creation of an advisory committee."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 p.m.

Monday, March 18th, 1935.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 18th, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has considered Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hair-dressers Act,'" and recommends that the same be allowed to proceed without amendments

and be restored to the Order Paper to be considered in Committee of the Whole at the next sitting of the House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. MANSON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Manson* (for Mrs. *Smith*), it was *Ordered* that Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hairdressers Act'" be placed on the Orders of the Day to be considered in Committee of the Whole at the next sitting of the House.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 18th, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Various delegations, including representatives of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, were heard by the Committee and their representations carefully reviewed, and such matters as received the approval of the Committee have been submitted to the responsible Minister to deal with.

Various amendments to the "Municipal Act," the "Village Municipalities Act," the "Municipal Elections Act," the "Town Planning Act," and the "Municipal Cemeteries Act" will be submitted to the Legislature for consideration.

The following Resolution was passed unanimously by the Committee:—

"Whereas from evidence produced to this Committee it is evident that the present basis of assessment of land for taxation purposes is inequitable and confusing, this Committee therefore recommends that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council direct the appointment of a Municipal Assessment Commission for the purpose of revision, equalization, and stabilization of assessment values as between municipalities throughout the Province."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Enactments respecting the Adoption of Children" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Male Minimum Wage Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company Act, 1934'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act, 1934'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'City of Armstrong Incorporation Act, 1913'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act respecting the Training of Apprentices" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act respecting Civil Service Superannuation" was committed and reported complete without amendment.

On the motion that the Bill be now read a third time, a debate arose.

Bill read a third time on the following division:—

YEAS—31.

Messieurs

<i>King</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Whittaker</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Manson</i>	<i>Johnson</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>MacKay</i>	<i>McPherson, D.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>McKeen</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>Savage</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Harris</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Burns</i>	<i>Barrow</i>	<i>Carson</i>	

NAYS—7.

Messieurs

<i>Bakewell</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Connell</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Swailes</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>	<i>Uphill</i>
<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Planta</i>

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Deserted Wives' Maintenance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 59) intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fuel-oil Tax Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act respecting the City of Prince Rupert" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with regard to certain questions on the Order Paper:—

Honourable Members,—In regard to question No. 14 (by the honourable second member for Vancouver East) on to-day's Order Paper No. 30, this is not in order for the following reasons: The information sought is not within the official knowledge or duties of the Minister, as the matters referred to in the sub-questions under No. 14 are not matters of administration for which the Department of Railways is responsible. The Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company is a body corporate and its administration is under a Board of Directors and not under the Department of Railways. Questions must have relation to matters for which there is Ministerial responsibility, and in regard to matters for which a Minister is responsible to Parliament and within his official knowledge. Such is not the case regarding individuals employed by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company. B.C. Speakers' Decisions, 2, pages 49, 50; Votes and Proceedings, March 8th, 1935; Camp. 127 and 129. *May*, 240.

I am advised the information sought by the honourable member is being secured for him from the company officials.

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

In reply to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Pooley*, the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return:—

What sum of money, if any, was paid to R. Lamb for each of the months October, November, and December, 1934, and January and February, 1935, on account of: (a) Relief-work; (b) maintenance-work; and details in each case.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Medical Inspection of Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1934.

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—

Annual Report of the Lands and Survey Branches of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1934.

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

1. What was the total amount collected on Vancouver Island by the Treasury during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1934, from real-property tax?
2. What was the total amount collected on Vancouver Island by the Treasury during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1934, from succession duties?
3. What was the total amount collected on Vancouver Island by the Treasury during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1934, from income tax?
4. What was the total amount collected on Vancouver Island by the Treasury during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1934: (a) From coal royalties; (b) from coal-land taxes?

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

"1 to 4. Revenues are not segregated in respect to specific areas. Much revenue paid in to Collector at Victoria is not derived from Vancouver Island."

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

1. Have any payments been made by the Government for advertising, subscriptions, or other services to the "Ashcroft Journal" between dates of January 1st, 1934, and February 28th, 1935?
2. If yes, what amounts have been paid, on what dates, and to whom?
3. Are any accounts unpaid in connection with such services?
4. If yes, what amounts, and for what services?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Advertising, \$94.44; subscriptions, \$4; Ashcroft Print Co., Ltd.

"3 and 4. Accounts for recent advertising not yet received."

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

1. How many retail sources of supply of gasoline were there on Vancouver Island during the calendar year 1934?
2. What was the total amount collected in gasoline tax on Vancouver Island during the calendar year ended December 31st, 1934?

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

- "1. No information.
- "2. Receipts from gasoline tax are not segregated in respect to districts."

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

1. Does the Government receive any revenue from the Vancouver Racing Association or the B.C. Thoroughbred Association?
2. If so, upon what basis is the revenue collected, and what is the amount collected?
3. If yes, to whom, and what is the amount paid?
4. Is any amount paid or returned in consideration of collection of this tax?

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

- "1. No; but operators of racecourses act as agents for the Province in the collection of the pari-mutuel tax.
- "2. Basis fixed by 'Amusements Tax Act'; for amounts collected see the Public Accounts.
- "3 and 4. A commission of 2½ per cent. on the tax collected, or, under certain conditions set out in Order in Council No. 1334 of 1932, up to the equivalent of 2 per cent. on the amount wagered."

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

1. Have any payments been made by the Government for advertising, subscriptions, or other services of the "Bridge River-Lillooet News" between date of January 1st, 1934, and February 28th, 1935?
2. If so, what amounts have been paid; on what dates; and to whom?
3. Are any accounts unpaid in connection with such services?
4. If so, what amounts, and for what services?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Advertising, \$206.28; subscriptions, \$2; The Lillooet Publishers.
- "3 and 4. Accounts for recent advertising not yet received."

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

1. Is there any contract or contracts between the C.N. Railway, the G.N. Railway, and the B.C. Electric Railway and this Government respecting the use by these companies of the Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster?
2. If so, what is the duration of these contracts; when were they made; and when do they expire?
3. What are the terms of payments under the contracts?
4. Have the terms been revised since 1932?
5. If so, was the revision of rates upward or downward, and what are the present rates?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Canadian National Railways, twenty years, commencing January 1st, 1930, and expiring December 31st, 1949; Great Northern Railway, twenty years, commencing January 1st, 1930, and expiring December 31st, 1949; British Columbia Electric Railway, five years, commencing January 1st, 1935, and expiring December 31st, 1939.
- "3. Canadian National Railways, 53 cents per car or locomotive crossing the bridge, exclusive of workmen's cars; Great Northern Railway, 53 cents per car or locomotive crossing the bridge; British Columbia Electric Railway, \$6,000 per year for the use of the bridge by their own cars and locomotives; \$900 per year for high-tension wires and towers on the bridge; 53 cents per car for foreign cars. The above charges are payable semi-annually on June 30th and

December 31st in each year. The fixed charges of the British Columbia Electric Railway are payable in advance.

" 4. No.

" 5. Answered by No. 4.

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

1. Was a Commission appointed in November of last year by the Minister of Mines under the "Public Inquiries Act" to inquire into various matters respecting the production and use of coal and petroleum products in the Province of British Columbia?
2. If so, who is the Commissioner, and is the Commission sitting at the present time?
3. Has there been any appointment of counsel to the Commission?
4. If so, what is the name, or what are the names, of any counsel appointed, and what fee is being paid to each of them?
5. Has any firm of chartered accountants been appointed as auditors to the Commission?
6. If no definite fee has been arranged at the present time, has any estimate been made of what their fees will be; and, if so, what is the amount?
7. Is a shorthand note of the proceedings of the Commission being taken; and, if so, what is its daily cost?
8. How many coal-dealers were summoned to appear before the Commission in the City of Victoria?
9. How many coal-dealers have been summoned to appear before the Commission in the City of Vancouver?
10. How many days is it expected will be occupied by the proceedings of the Commission?

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

- " 1. Yes; appointment by Lieutenant-Governor in Council.
- " 2. The Honourable Mr. Justice M. A. Macdonald; sittings being held as convenient.
- " 3. Yes.
- " 4. C. H. O'Halloran, \$50 per diem; J. P. Hogg, \$35 per diem (when before Commission).
- " 5. Price, Waterhouse & Co.
- " 6. Reasonable fees and expenses.
- " 7. Yes; regular fee of \$7.50 per diem, plus rate per folio for transcription.
- " 8. No information.
- " 9. No information.
- " 10. It is impracticable to estimate the number of days likely to be occupied by the proceedings of the Commission."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.43 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19th, 1935.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to provide for the Construction of a Bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bruhn*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia University Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act, 1934'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hairdressers Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 19th, 1935.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921,'" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. MANSON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 15th, 1935.

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. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance 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.

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

1. How many automobile, truck, and motor-cycle licences were issued on Vancouver Island during the licence-year ended February 28th, 1935?

2. What was the total amount collected from such licences and from transfer and registration fees in the same period on Vancouver Island?

3. How many drivers' licences were issued in the same period on Vancouver Island?

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

"1. Passenger motor-vehicles, 19,316; commercial motor-vehicles, 3,586; motor-cycles, 414.

"2. Motor-vehicle licence fees, \$439,411.47; transfer fees, \$9,825; registration fees, \$13,370.

"3. 27,605."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.45 p.m.