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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1951

Tuesday, February 20th, 1951.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Twenty-second Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable CLARENCE WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 8th day of January, 1951.

HIS HONOUR CLARENCE WALLACE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In welcoming you to the Second Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of British Columbia, I wish to express my profound regrets that death has removed a valued counsellor and representative of my people in the person of Commander Charles Taschereau Beard, member for Esquimalt riding. He was a man of outstanding ability, and his loss will be mourned not only by his constituents, but by all those who knew of his unselfish public service.

Since last you met, British Columbia, together with the other Provinces of Canada, has rejoiced with Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh over the birth of their daughter Princess Anne. I am pleased to note that the warm felicitations of my people were transmitted to their Royal Highnesses by my Government.

During the past twelve months, the international situation has become more grave, and it is apparent that every precaution should be taken to strengthen the defences of democratic countries against encroachment by those who wish to undermine and destroy our way of life.

My Government, acting on direction from the National Government, has taken steps to implement civil defence measures by appointing a Minister to be responsible for its general administration. An advisory Provincial committee has been established and a co-ordinator of civil defence appointed. I am gratified to note that, through the introduction of legislation, further provision will be made for the establishment of civil defence.

For the first time since Confederation, two historic conferences have been held for the purpose of determining the most acceptable method of amending the Constitution

and at the same time permitting it to be domiciled in Canada. Representatives of my Government attended both conferences, one of which was held in Ottawa and the other in the ancient and historic city of Quebec, where the Fathers of Confederation met so long ago to devise a basis for a unified Canada.

It is indeed gratifying to be able to advise you that considerable progress has been made and that there is every hope that an agreement will be reached.

Representatives of my Government also attended a Dominion-Provincial Conference to discuss fiscal matters, and, while I regret that no basis of settlement with respect to corporation and income tax revenue has yet been reached, I am able to advise you that here, too, my Government is hopeful of reaching agreement.

Out of this latter conference, however, have come two proposals for the amending of the "British North America Act." One deals with contributory old-age pensions and the other with the right of the Provinces to impose an indirect sales tax. Both these proposed amendments will be placed before you.

Among other important matters to be submitted for your consideration will be legislation designed to remove controls from the sale of oil and gasoline.

Authorization of further borrowings for the development of power, for the purpose of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and for construction of new schools will be sought.

You will be asked to make further provision for the completion of the building programme of the University of British Columbia.

An agreement between my Government and the Aluminum Company of Canada in connection with the proposed establishment of an aluminium industry will be placed before you.

Appropriations for the extension of boundary, topographic, and hydrographic surveys, all of which are essential to the industrial growth of the Province, will be placed before you.

Amendments to the "Provincial Elections Act" will be submitted.

Provision for the health and welfare services of the Province will be asked. Social assistance will be reviewed, and recommendations for improvement of the allowance will be submitted for your consideration. Financial aspects of the Hospital Insurance Service also will be reviewed.

The Public Accounts will be presented and Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted.

Legislation affecting various branches of public service will be placed before you. I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. *H. E. Sexton*, Bishop of British Columbia.

Madam Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, she had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Straith*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Madam Speaker, and that she do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as she shall appoint do presume to print the same.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of Commander Charles Taschereau Beard, member for the Electoral District of Esquimalt, and that the Clerk do convey to Mrs. Beard and the family of the late member the condolences and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts and Printing;
3. On Mining and Railways;
4. On Agriculture;
5. On Municipal Matters;
6. On Forestry and Fisheries;
7. On Labour;
8. On Social Welfare and Education.

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Gillis*, *Morrow*, *MacDougall*, *Stevenson*, and *H. E. Winch*.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer* (Attorney-General)—

The Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

The Reports of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1949, and the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1950.

The Annual Report by the Director of New Haven, Year ended December 31st, 1950.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1950.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith* (Provincial Secretary)—

The Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Kenney* (Minister of Lands and Forests)—

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 63, Chapter 175, R.S.B.C. 1948, from January 22nd, 1950, to February 15th, 1951.

Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Land Settlement Board (including the Agricultural Credit Commission) as at December 31st, 1949.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1950.

The Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission of the Department of Finance for the Period January 1st, 1950, to December 31st, 1950.

“Unclaimed Money Deposits Act”—Statements of Unclaimed Money Deposits, Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1950.

Refunds and Remissions made under Section 44 (1) of the “Revenue Act,” R.S.B.C. 1948, during the Calendar Year 1950.

Remissions and Refunds made under authority of Section 88 (1), (2), and (3) of the “Taxation Act,” R.S.B.C. 1948, during the Calendar Year 1950.

“Administration Act,” Chapter 6, R.S.B.C. 1948—Returns by Official Administrators of all Moneys paid and received by them in respect of all the Estates of Deceased Persons administered by them, Calendar Year 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Bowman* (Minister of Agriculture)—

The Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Minister of Mines)—

The Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year 1949.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Minister of Municipalities)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson* (Minister of Public Works)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Eyres* (Minister of Trade and Industry)—

The Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

By the Hon. Mr. *Straith* (Minister of Education)—

The Seventy-ninth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province for the School-year 1949–50.

By the Hon. Mr. *Cates* (Minister of Labour)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Labour of the Province for the Year 1949.

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (President of the Council)—

The Twelfth Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

The Fifth Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1950.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission under the “Public Utilities Act” for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

The Tenth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission under Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act" for the Year ended February 28th, 1950.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Milk Board under Section 67 of the "Public Utilities Act" for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 3.36 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21st, 1951.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. R. Ashford*.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Ritchie (Salmon Arm) moved, seconded by *Mr. Smith* (Kamloops),—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session."

A debate arose.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.12 p.m.

Thursday, February 22nd, 1951.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Father G. Penfold*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

Mr. Morrow presented a petition from the Okanagan Telephone Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intitled "An Act to amend the 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act.'"

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the petition read and received.

Mr. *Gillis* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 21st instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 22nd, 1951.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 21st instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Mr. *Morrow*, Mrs. *Rolston*, Messrs. *Brown*, *McDonell*, *Stevenson*, *MacDougall*, *Gould*, *Smith*, *Hendricks*, *MacLean*, *H. E. Winch*, *Turner*, and *Calder*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *MacDougall*, *King*, *McDonell*, *Whisker*, *Lundell*, *Smith*, *Finnerty*, *MacIntyre*, *Ash*, *H. E. Winch*, *Turner*, and *Haggen*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Gillis*, *Welch*, *Braden*, *Lundell*, *Mowat*, *Brown*, *MacLean*, *Uphill*, *E. E. Winch*, *Haggen*, and *Harding*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *King*, *Hope*, *Stevenson*, *Ritchie*, *Bennett*, *Finnerty*, *Steele*, *MacLean*, *Braden*, *Ash*, *Smith*, *E. E. Winch*, *Harding*, *Haggen*, and *H. E. Winch*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Hope*, *Bennett*, *Morrow*, *Ritchie*, *Ash*, *Hendricks*, *Proudfoot*, Mrs. *Rolston*, Messrs. *Finnerty*, *Lundell*, *H. E. Winch*, *Turner*, *Haggen*, and *Nimsick*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Welch*, *Whisker*, *MacIntyre*, *Steele*, *McRae*, *MacLean*, *King*, *Finnerty*, *Mowat*, *Gould*, *E. E. Winch*, *Calder*, and *Nimsick*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis*, *McDonell*, *MacDougall*, *Whisker*, *MacIntyre*, *Pearson*, *Proudfoot*, *Uphill*, *E. E. Winch*, *Turner*, and *Nimsick*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Mrs. *Rolston*, Messrs. *Pearson*, *Welch*, *Hendricks*, *Braden*, *McRae*, *Mowat*, *E. E. Winch*, *Harding*, *Calder*, and *Haggen*.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. GILLIS, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Friday, February 23rd, 1951.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *James Barton*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.24 p.m.

Monday, February 26th, 1951.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. E. Whitehouse*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Turnbull*—

Return submitted pursuant to Section 21, Chapter 69, Statutes of 1902 (amended by Chapter 74, 1943), being the "Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902."

The Report on Vital Statistics in the Province of British Columbia for the Year 1948.

By the Hon. Mr. *Eyres*—

The Annual Report of the Provincial Department of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

By the Hon. Mr. *Cates*—

The Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1950.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Have hospitals designed for the care of convalescent or chronic patients been built recently or are now under construction?
2. If yes, (a) where are same located, (b) number of beds, and (c) cost per bed?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Nelson, (b) ninety-eight beds, and (c) \$4,628, excluding equipment.

"Additional chronic beds have been made available by the opening of private hospitals or additions being made to private hospitals. Further chronic and convalescent hospitals totalling 400 beds capacity are being planned by several different organizations."

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

1. Was any recommendation received from the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture relative to protection of farm land from erosion damage?

2. If so, (a) what was the recommendation and (b) what steps, if any, have been taken by the Department to act in the matter?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) British Columbia Federation of Agriculture, Resolution No. 34:—

“ ‘Whereas, due to conditions arising along the various rivers and streams in British Columbia, obstructions over which land-owners have no control have created bars, log-jams, and other causes to divert the normal stream current and erode lands lying downstream, the said erosion causing great loss of acreage to cultivated land:

“ ‘And whereas under section 38, subsection (1), clause (e), of the “ Land Registry Act ” the streams of the Province through private land are definitely public easements and under generally accepted usage an easement is the responsibility of the holder:

“ ‘And whereas it is not generally possible for land-owners to do the necessary work nor to afford the technical advice needed nor face the possibility of legal suit from other land-owners in down-stream areas who might consider rightfully or wrongly they suffered damage as a result of the work:

“ ‘Therefore be it *Resolved* by the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture in annual 1950 convention, That the Provincial Government be asked to consider this as a Crown responsibility to be handled jointly by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Lands and Forests, and the Department of Public Works.’

“(b) Matter is under advisement.”

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

1. Has the Department found any variation to occur in charges per patient per day on claims covered by hospital insurance in different hospitals of the Province?

2. If yes, what was the charge per patient-day during December, 1950, in Vancouver General Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital, Royal Jubilee Hospital (Victoria), St. Joseph's Hospital (Victoria), Royal Inland Hospital (Kamloops), Royal Columbian Hospital (New Westminster), Kootenay Lake Hospital (Nelson), M.M. Hospital (Rossland), Queen Victoria Hospital (Revelstoke), Grand Forks Hospital, Kelowna Hospital, Quesnel Hospital, Kimberley Hospital, and St. Eugene Hospital (Cranbrook)?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Vancouver General, \$13; St. Paul's, Vancouver, \$10.15; Royal Jubilee, Victoria, \$11.30; St. Joseph's, Victoria, \$10.80; Royal Inland, Kamloops, \$9; Royal Columbian, New Westminster, \$11.20; Kootenay Lake, Nelson, \$9.75; Mater Misericordiae, Rossland, \$7.75; Queen Victoria, Revelstoke, \$8.25; Grand Forks, \$9; Kelowna, \$7.50; Quesnel, \$7.25; Kimberley, \$8.50; and St. Eugene, Cranbrook, \$9.40.”

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. Was a committee appointed by the previous Minister to inquire in general into the need for, use, classification, and available supply of practical and partially qualified nurses?

2. If yes, of whom does the committee consist?

3. Has a report been presented by such committee?

4. If yes, will same be made available to members of the Legislature?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Mrs. Rex Eaton, Board of Industrial Relations, chairman, with the following committee: Deputy Minister of Health; Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia; Commissioner of Hospital Insurance; Inspector of Hospitals and Institutions; Deputy Provincial Secretary; representatives from the British Columbia Hospital Association and British Columbia Medical Association; two representatives from the British Columbia Registered Nurses' Association; Inspector of Nursing, Provincial Mental Hospital; head male Nursing Instructor, Provincial Mental Hospital; Psychiatrist (representing Provincial Mental Hospital male nurses); Director, Public Health Nursing; representative, British Columbia Psychiatric Nursing Association; and Director of Mental Health Services, Provincial Mental Hospital.

“ 3. Interim reports only; work of committee not finished, therefore final report not yet completed.

“ 4. Answered by above.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.01 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27th, 1951.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *C. B. Price*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *Donald Cameron Brown*, Esquire, first member for Vancouver-Burrard Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Bowman*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by representatives of the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and by a delegation of the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture and by any other agricultural organizations, and to call any Department of Agriculture officials with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province, and to report its findings to this House.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and, on the motion of Mr. *Gillis*, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*, it was *Resolved*,—

That *Leo Thomas Nimsick* be appointed to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

C. WALLACE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 26th, 1951.

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. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board 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. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. Have any guards been employed on school buildings in School Districts Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 respectively during the past year?
2. If so, how many and on what schools?
3. If guards are employed, (a) why are they deemed necessary, (b) from what source are they paid, and (c) what has been the total cost during the year 1950 and in January, 1951?

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

"1. Yes; in Districts No. 8 (Slocan), No. 9 (Castlegar), and No. 12 (Grand Forks), and two months, July and August, in District No. 11 (Trail); no guards in District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes).

"2. The number of guards varies from month to month, depending on estimated risk and duration of darkness; in November, 1950, there were forty-one guards employed: District No. 8 (Slocan)—Slocan City, Perry Siding, Appledale, Winlaw, Vallican, Slocan Park, Crescent Valley, South Slocan High School, and South Slocan Elementary School; District No. 9 (Castlegar)—Tarrys, Robson, Castlegar Elementary, Castlegar High, and Kinnaird; District No. 12 (Grand Forks)—Grand Forks City schools; District No. 7 (Nelson)—Salmo Elementary, Salmo High, and Ymir Elementary; District No. 11 (Trail)—Patterson, Fruitvale, and Webster.

"3. (a) Advice of the consultative committee on Doukhobors and the police and to maintain insurance coverage; (b) paid by School Boards, reimbursement from special warrant raised by the Department of the Attorney-General; (c) the cost in 1950 was \$77,446.56 and for January, 1951, it was \$6,510.92."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28th, 1951.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Chaplain *Peglar*.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

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

Order called for "Introduction of Bills."

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. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dykes Maintenance Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*—Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'University Endowment Lands Administration Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Eyres*—Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tourist Camp Regulation Act.'"

Mr. *MacIntyre* presented a petition from the Sea Bus Lines Ltd. and the Victoria Dock Company Limited for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to empower the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize the Minister of Public Works to contract with Sea Bus Lines Ltd. or Victoria Dock Company Limited or a New Company for operating Motor-ferries to connect Powell River with Vancouver by Road."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the petition received.

Mr. *Brown* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to supersede and replace the 'Vancouver Incorporation, Act, 1921,' being Chapter 55 of the Statutes of 1921 (Second Session), and all Amendments thereto."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the petition received.

Mr. *McDonell* presented a petition from Cecil Walter Goodrich, George Henry Biddle, Samuel Garvin, Anne Louise Rowan, Charles Ambrose Barnett, Robert Gourlay Hunter, Stephen Raymer, and Alfred Molineux Lester for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Pacific Mutual Life Assurance Company."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the petition received.

Mr. *Proudfoot* presented a petition from The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the petition received.

The Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* presented a Return pursuant to Section 169 of the "Mineral Act."

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

1. Has it been the practice during the summer of previous years to have concerts by visiting bands perform at Essondale for the entertainment of the patients?
2. Were such band concerts held during the exceptionally fine weather of 1950?
3. If not, why?
4. During previous years has it been the practice for patients to put on their own amateur concerts at any time?
5. Were any such concerts held during 1950?
6. If not, why?
7. When was the last occasion on which inter-ward bingo games were held by the patients?

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

"1. Yes; during 1949 approximately eight such concerts were held.

"2. Yes; two band concerts were held; two further band concerts were cancelled due to weather conditions.

"3. There was a decrease in the number of outdoor band concerts held in 1950 due to increasing difficulties of obtaining the services of such bands, largely on account of transportation difficulties and union regulations. The audio-visual department, during the last two summers, has placed loud-speakers in the trees throughout the hospital grounds, and recorded music has been played each day during the fine weather over the public-address system.

"4. Yes; occasionally.

"5. Yes; a large, well-attended Remembrance Day concert was put on entirely by the patients with the assistance of the Director of Recreation and the Anglican padre. During the Christmas season, thirty-three smaller Christmas concerts were held in which the patients participated in the programme.

"6. There has been a reduction in the number of concerts held in which the patients participated in the programme due to the fact that it has been felt that greater benefits could be obtained to greater numbers by other forms of recreational activities. Patient-participation in concerts leads in many instances to distressful situations as a result of the emotionally unstable condition characterizing the participants. It has been found that more benefit could be derived in patient-participating activities such as square dancing, quiz programmes, games, and recreation of this nature. With the opening of the new recreational hall this fall there will be a great increase in all patient-participating activities.

"7. The last inter-ward bingo game was held on January 25th, 1951, with a total attendance of 400 participating patients. During the calendar year of 1950 five such sessions were held."

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 5.10 p.m.