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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1961

Thursday, January 26th, 1961

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Twenty-sixth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 8th day of November, 1960, the members took their seats, after having taken the prescribed oath of allegiance and having signed the Parliamentary Roll.

Major-General the Honourable GEORGE RANDOLPH PEARKES, V.C., P.C., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *W. D. Black*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, Premier, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, that *Lorne Hugh Shantz*, Esquire, member for North Okanagan Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

E. K. DeBeck, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared Mr. *Lorne Hugh Shantz* duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

Prayers by the Rev. G. R. Easter.

The letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read, as follows:—

“ *Re General Election, September 12th, 1960*

“ OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

“ VICTORIA, B.C., October 24th, 1960.

“ E. K. DeBeck, Esq.,

“ Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,

“ Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

“ SIR,—His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by His Proclamation issued on the 3rd day of August, 1960, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill vacancies caused by such dissolution.

“ The elections were duly held pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Elections Act*.

“ I transmit herewith the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer setting forth the names of the members who were elected in the respective electoral districts.

“ Yours very truly,

“ L. J. WALLACE,

“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*”

(ENCLOSURE)

“ October 24th, 1960.

“ L. J. Wallace, Esq.,

“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary,*

“ *Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“ *General Election, September 12th, 1960*

“ SIR,—The Twenty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on August 3rd, 1960, and Writs calling for a General Election were issued on August 3rd, 1960, and made returnable October 12th, 1960, which date was extended by Order in Council No. 2305, approved October 12th, 1960, to the 28th day of October, 1960. The day for the nomination of candidates was set for August 29th, with Polling Day being September 12th, 1960.

“ I hereby certify that from the returns received members were elected to represent the Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof for the respective electoral districts as are hereinafter set forth, viz.:—

ALBERNI	Stanley John Squire.
ATLIN	Frank Arthur Calder.
BURNABY	{ Cedric Cox.
	} Gordon Hudson Dowding.
CARIBOO	William Collins Speare.
CHILLIWACK	William Kenneth Kiernan.
COLUMBIA	Richard Orr Newton.
COMOX	Daniel R. J. Campbell.

COWICHAN-NEWCASTLE	Robert Martin Strachan.
CRANBROOK	Leo Thomas Nimsick.
DELTA	{ Camille Mather.
	{ James Henry Rhodes.
DEWDNEY	David Barrett.
ESQUIMALT	Herbert Joseph Bruch.
FERNIE	Harry Cartmell McKay.
FORT GEORGE	Ray Gillis Williston.
GRAND FORKS-GREENWOOD	Lois Mabel Haggen.
KAMLOOPS	Philip Arthur Gaglardi.
KASLO-SLOCAN	Randolph Harding.
LILLOOET	Donald Frederick Robinson.
MACKENZIE	Anthony John Gargrave.
NANAIMO AND THE ISLANDS	Earle Cathers Westwood.
NELSON-CRESTON	Wesley Drewett Black.
NEW WESTMINSTER	Rae Eddie.
NORTH OKANAGAN	Lorne Hugh Shantz.
NORTH PEACE RIVER	Jacob Francis Huhn.
NORTH VANCOUVER	{ Raymond Joseph Perrault.
	{ James Gordon Gibson.
OAK BAY	Alan Brock Macfarlane.
OMINECA	Cyril Morley Shelford.
PRINCE RUPERT	William Harvey Murray.
REVELSTOKE	George Hobbs.
ROSSLAND-TRAIL	Donald Leslie Brothers.
SAANICH	John Douglas Tisdalle.
SALMON ARM	Willis Franklin Jefcoat.
SIMILKAMEEN	Francis Xavier Richter.
SKEENA	Dudley George Little.
SOUTH OKANAGAN	William Andrew Cecil Bennett.
SOUTH PEACE RIVER	Stanley Carnell.
VANCOUVER-BURRARD	{ Eric Charles Fitzgerald Martin.
	{ Bert Price.
VANCOUVER CENTRE	{ Leslie Raymond Peterson.
	{ Alexander Small Matthew.
VANCOUVER EAST	{ Alex B. Macdonald.
	{ Arthur James Turner.
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY	{ Robert William Bonner.
	{ Thomas Audley Bate.
	{ Buda Hosmer Brown.
	{ William Neelands Chant.
VICTORIA CITY	{ J. Donald Smith.
	{ Waldo McTavish Skillings.
YALE	Irvine Finlay Corbett.

“ F. HURLEY,
“ Chief Electoral Officer.”

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *B. H. Brown*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the letter of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of members be entered on the Journals of the House.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect (standing on His Honour's right) then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I address you to-day for the first time as Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia. In bidding you welcome to this First Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament, I express the earnest hope that the wise counsel of my Ministers and the support of the Legislature will result in continued progress and development for our Province during my term of office.

I desire also to express at this time, on your behalf and on that of all British Columbians, our gratitude to my predecessor, the Honourable Frank Mackenzie Ross, C.M.G., M.C., LL.D., for his unselfish and devoted service to the people of our Province.

My Government was pleased, during the year just concluded, to welcome many distinguished personages to British Columbia. Foremost among these was His Excellency Major-General the Right Honourable George P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., who made his first visit to the Province as Governor-General of Canada.

Last November I was pleased to administer the oath of office to two new Ministers of the Crown: The Honourable Francis Xavier Richter was sworn in as Minister of Agriculture and the Honourable Buda Hosmer Brown as a Member of the Executive Council without Portfolio. Also, the Honourable Leslie Raymond Peterson assumed the portfolio of Minister of Labour in addition to his duties as Minister of Education; and the Honourable Earle Cathers Westwood, Minister of Recreation and Conservation, undertook further responsibilities as Minister of Commercial Transport.

Studies on matters of great public interest were completed during the year.

The Royal Commission on Education, under the chairmanship of Dean S. N. F. Chant, completed its survey of the Provincial educational system, and its report will be placed before you. Findings and recommendations contained in this report will greatly assist my Government in its continuing improvement of education within our Province. Some of the recommendations have already been put into effect, others will be implemented immediately, while still others, because of their far-reaching implications, will be given further study.

The report of a committee of investigation into Provincial mental health services, headed by Dr. Matthew Ross, Medical Director of the American Psychiatric Association, is expected shortly and will be placed before you.

My Government has made extensive representation during the past year to the Royal Commission on Transportation, which is inquiring into the structure of national railway transportation costs.

My Government has participated in conferences with representatives of other Provinces and of the Government of Canada to determine a method by which the Constitution of Canada may be amended.

My Government is conscious of its responsibility to all future generations to seek wise and impartial counsel in the formation of policies leading to the development of the Province's hydro-electric power resources. Accordingly, it has asked the British Columbia Energy Board to investigate and report on a variety of matters pertaining to development of the Columbia and Peace Rivers. An interim report will be submitted by March 1st. Meanwhile, discussions relative to the Columbia River development have gone forward steadily at Provincial, national, and international levels, and a treaty has been negotiated between the Governments of Canada and the United States. Financial arrangements for the project must, however, await the counsel of the British Columbia Energy Board and discussions with the Minister of Finance of the Government of Canada.

Last year my Government initiated and played host to the first Alaska-Yukon-British Columbia Conference on matters of mutual interest. The second conference will be convened by the Honourable William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska, this year at Juneau, and it is my Government's intention to co-operate closely with that State and with the Yukon Territory in orderly and integrated development of our northern areas.

My Government has vigorously pursued policies designed to stimulate employment through industrial expansion. In this connection, I am pleased to note that the development of new natural-gas fields in north-eastern British Columbia is proceeding, and that transmission-lines to serve these fields are being extended. It is also gratifying to learn that materials have been ordered for the construction of a pipe-line to transport natural gas across the Strait of Georgia from the Lower Mainland to Vancouver Island.

During the past year my Government has studied intensively the various means by which improved facilities for the marketing of British Columbia crude oil might be provided. The first step in providing these facilities was taken last year with completion of a gathering system which terminates at Taylor, south of Fort St. John. I am pleased to note further that arrangements are being made for the construction this year of a pipe-line to bring crude oil from the Peace River fields to the refineries of southern British Columbia. The resultant stimulus to exploration and development of new reserves, and to the economy as a whole, will be profound and lasting. To encourage further drilling activity, my Government has authorized construction of a bridge across the Sikanni River near Fort Nelson. This structure will provide

year-round access to the lands on the east side of the river, which hold great promise for petroleum production.

Legislation introduced by my Government in 1957, under which a bounty for the production of pig iron or its equivalent from British Columbia-mined ores is offered, has already proved effective. Commercial production of pig iron at Kimberley has begun and additional smelter capacity for iron ore will be installed.

Copper mining and milling activity increased markedly during 1960 and the installation of smelter facilities to produce blister copper within the Province may shortly be feasible. You will be asked to consider measures designed to encourage the establishment of such a smelter.

The wood products plant at Castlegar, which utilizes timber previously considered unmerchantable, has begun production, and the modernization of facilities at Woodfibre is expected to be complete by mid-year. I am pleased to note, too, that two major companies have announced plans for an increase in the Province's newsprint production facilities. As a further result of the policy of fuller forest utilization encouraged by my Government, a number of sawmills in the Kamloops region installed barking and chipping facilities last year and are now shipping pulp chips by rail to Vancouver.

My Government's vigorous efforts to develop wider markets for our forest products continued last year. In July, major United Kingdom timber buyers were taken on an extensive tour of industry operations within the Province, and two months later, representatives of nineteen other countries were similarly received in co-operation with the forest industries. These marketing efforts will be continued throughout the United Kingdom and Europe this year as part of a broad programme of trade promotion now being undertaken through British Columbia House in London.

As a further aid to the expansion of British Columbia's trade, my Government has organized, with the assistance of leading business concerns, a second British Columbia International Trade Fair to be held in May at Vancouver.

An office for the promotion of investment, trade, and tourism will be opened in California this year.

The programme of my Government to enhance business and employment opportunities through the provision of ever-improving transportation facilities is also going forward. I am advised by my Ministers that the Provincially owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway will continue to seek agreement with the Northern Alberta Railway for a connection with that line north of the Peace River in the Hines Creek area to complement the existing connection south of the Peace River at Dawson Creek. I am pleased to note further that a detailed survey of a western route for the proposed railway from the Great Slave Lake area is being undertaken in advance of its construction by the Government of Canada.

The new ferry service between the Lower Mainland and southern Vancouver Island, which was inaugurated by my Government last year, has been immensely beneficial to the welfare of the Province in general and of Vancouver Island in particular. Public acceptance of the service has been such that provision of additional services will begin this year.

Work on the Trans-Canada Highway is progressing favourably despite the obstacles offered by extremely difficult terrain. The new Second Narrows Bridge across Burrard Inlet at Vancouver was opened to traffic last year, and my Ministers advise me that the multi-lane highway connecting this bridge to West Vancouver will be completed in February. Most of the 70-mile link extending from the new bridge to the upper Fraser Valley is under construction, and part of it, the Chilliwack by-pass, is already open. Construction on the spectacular Fraser Canyon

and Rogers Pass sections of the highway proceeded, and work on the mile-long Port Mann Bridge across the Fraser River went forward in the face of technical problems involving pier foundations.

All contracts have been awarded for construction of the Salmo—Creston cut-off of the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway and the section of this highway extending from Castlegar to Grand Forks is nearing completion. Work is proceeding on the multi-lane route between the Deas Island Tunnel and the International Border. You will be asked to approve further appropriations for these and other highway projects planned by my Government.

It is a matter of national concern that the economic growth of Canada has not kept pace with the growth of our labour force. I am pleased to note, however, that to the full extent its jurisdiction permits, my Government's efforts to maintain the highest possible level of employment have been accompanied by a heartening improvement in industrial relations. As a result, there has been a very substantial reduction during this year in the number of working days lost through industrial disputes. The number of persons gainfully employed within the Province, their average weekly wage, and their total income have all increased during the past year.

The progress of my Government's programme to train a more highly skilled labour force was reflected last year in the opening of a new vocational school at Burnaby, and I am advised that the first unit of a similar school at Prince George will be in operation by September of this year. Emergency vocational training for unemployed persons is being provided in Nanaimo, Vancouver, and Victoria, and a programme to assist those persons whose high school education has been interrupted will be made available through night schools beginning in September.

To provide greater opportunities for our people to acquire the necessary skills to meet the challenge of automation and technical change, my Government plans, in co-operation with the Government of Canada, a further expansion of vocational and trades-training programmes and facilities.

Construction of the College of Education Building at the University of British Columbia is under way, while a new classroom and faculty building at the University of Victoria was planned, constructed, and recently opened in the record time of less than ten months. Arrangements for the construction of science, library, and student union buildings on the Victoria campus have already been undertaken, and the extensive ten-year programme of capital construction supported by Provincial grants is progressing favourably at the University of British Columbia.

Amendments to the *Public Schools Act* will be presented, and you will be asked to authorize the construction of a Provincial institute of advanced technology.

Your approval of a new *Teachers' Pensions Act* to improve benefits to all teachers currently employed in the public school system, as well as to retired teachers, will be sought.

My Government will continue to provide extension assistance to encourage the effective planning and record-keeping practices which are so essential to sound farm management. A fresh approach to rural youth development, based on revision of the existing 4-H Clubs programme, will be undertaken, and a training course will be offered at senior levels of this programme to assist young people who intend to remain in farming. Arrangements which will grant the Women's Institutes of British Columbia complete autonomy with adequate financial assistance from my Government are nearing completion.

My advisers propose to transfer administration of Provincially owned institutional farms from the Department of Mental Health Services to the Department of Agriculture, but will set aside acreage on which patients may continue to engage in recreational and agricultural activities. These farms, at Colony and Tranquille,

will be used as development and demonstration farms or experimental husbandry farms for the benefit of the valuable areas they serve. Projects for which the splendid facilities of these farms are suited will be developed by my Government in co-operation with the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of British Columbia.

An animal pathology laboratory will be constructed at Abbotsford.

The Select Standing Committee on Forestry will be asked to study proposals concerning legislation that would grant my Government authority to enter into agreements for the disposal of pulpwood on one public working circle or a group of circles, as necessary.

My Government will continue to expand and improve community health services, with particular emphasis on the control of communicable diseases, plans for home care and community rehabilitation, and the construction of new health centres. Hospitals were opened last year at Burns Lake, Golden, Kitimat, Prince George, and Kimberley, while others completed major additions or alterations. I am pleased to note that the Crease Clinic of Psychological Medicine, the Provincial Mental Hospital, and the Geriatric Division at Port Coquitlam have all received full accreditation from the Central Inspection Bureau of the American Psychiatric Association, and are the first in Canada to be so recognized. Construction of an industrial therapy building at the Provincial Mental Hospital and of a surgical wing at the Crease Clinic are being planned this year.

During the past year, progress in the task of simplifying and expediting procedure in the Supreme Court has resulted in the adoption of the Supreme Court Rules, 1961. Consequent amendments to the *Court Rules of Practice Act* will be introduced by my Government. In accordance with legislation approved last year, a central registry has been established for the registration of bills of sale and related documents, and final amendments to the three Statutes involved will be suggested for your consideration. You will also be asked to approve amendments to the *Securities Act*, and to consider legislation concerning uniformity in the payment of compensation for land expropriated by public agencies. My Government will propose a revision of the *Credit Unions Act*.

Construction of the new Victoria Law Courts is ahead of schedule, and the growth of population and business activity in Vancouver has made necessary an improvement of the facilities provided there.

Continued expenditures for the development of park areas throughout the Province are planned by my Government, and you will be asked to consider revisions to the Act concerning operations of the Department of Recreation and Conservation.

My Government will place before you an Act respecting access to public accommodation.

I am pleased to learn that my Government has, during the past year, instituted a group life-insurance plan for civil servants, extended benefits under the *Public Services Medical Plan Act*, and implemented a Province-wide superannuation programme for employees of hospitals within the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service.

My Government is considering inquiries from national organizations which are contemplating the construction in British Columbia of large elderly citizens' homes.

Measures to encourage the building of fall-out shelters and to establish lines of automatic and legal succession to positions of municipal responsibility in the event of a national emergency will be placed before you.

The Public Accounts, and the reports of the departments of my Government, will be laid before you.

Measures to cope fully with current needs and the requirements of our economic growth are embodied in the ways and means for supply to be granted to Her Majesty during the forthcoming year.

Honourable Members, I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties in full confidence that your deliberations will be in the best interests of all our citizens. May Divine guidance attend your labours.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Amend the Trustee Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*,—

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

A debate arose.

Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded Mr. *Turner*,—

That the motion be amended by inserting between the words "except" and "introduction" the words "such business as may relate to unemployment and its alleviation and."

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived.

The debate was resumed on the original motion.

The motion was agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *F. X. Richter*, it was *Ordered*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, it was *Ordered*,—

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 the Hon. R. W. Bonner, the Hon. W. N. Chant, and Messrs. Corbett, Strachan, and Perrault.

On the motion of the Hon. W. A. C. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Strachan, it was *Ordered*,—

That *Alexander Small Matthew*, Esquire, second member for Vancouver Centre Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. W. D. Black (Provincial Secretary)—

Fifth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31st, 1960.

Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Civil Service Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31st, 1960.

Twenty-first Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Municipal Superannuation Act* for the year ended March 31st, 1960.

Nineteenth Annual Report of the business done in pursuance of the *Teachers' Pensions Act* for the period January 1st to December 31st, 1959.

Report containing a record of the business done in pursuance of the *Public Services Medical Plan Act* during the year ended March 31st, 1960.

Report of the Royal Commission on Education, Province of British Columbia, 1960.

Report of the 1960 (Second) Commission of Inquiry into Road-user Charges, November, 1960.

Return submitted in accordance with provisions of section 199, *Provincial Elections Act, 1953*, chapter 5, Statutes of British Columbia, 1953 (Second Session), being certified copy of Order in Council No. 2305, approved by His Honour the Administrator on October 12th, 1960, extending the time allowed for return of Writs of Election for Comox and Yale Electoral Districts.

Balance-sheet as at March 31st, 1960, and Profit and Loss Statement for twelve months ended March 31st, 1960, Department of Queen's Printer.

By the Hon. R. W. Bonner (Attorney-General)—

The Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1960.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1960.

The Forty-ninth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the year ended December 31st, 1959.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the year ended December 31st, 1959. (In manuscript form.)

The Annual Report of the Director of Correction for the year ended March 31st, 1960. (In manuscript form.)

The Annual Report for 1960 of the British Columbia Racing Commission. (In manuscript form.)

And by leave of the House tabled the following:—

Court of Appeal Rules, 1959, and amendment.

Supreme Court Rules, 1961, and amendment.

By the Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands and Forests)—

Return of lands exchanged under section 62 of chapter 206, *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, from January 25th, 1960, to January 25th, 1961.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1960.

Return submitted in accordance with section 46 (2) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*: Refunds and remissions made under section 46 (1) of the *Revenue Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1960.

Return submitted in accordance with section 85 (4) of the *Taxation Act*: Remissions and refunds made under authority of section 85 (1), (2), and (3) of the *Taxation Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, during the calendar year 1960.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits, under authority of *Unclaimed Money Deposits Act, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*, for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1960.

Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1960, Office of the Assessment Commissioner.

Eighteenth Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission, January 1st, 1960, to December 31st, 1960.

By the Hon. *F. X. Richter* (Minister of Agriculture)—

Land Settlement Board, Agricultural Credit Commission financial statements as at December 31st, 1959.

By the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year ended December 31st, 1959.

By the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce)—

Report of the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce for the year ended December 31st, 1960. (In manuscript form.)

By the Hon. *L. R. Peterson* (Minister of Education)—

Eighty-ninth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

Report of the Public Library Commission for the year ended December 31st, 1960.

Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History and Anthropology for the year 1960.

By the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance)—

The Eighty-eighth Report of Vital Statistics for the year 1959.

Twelfth Annual Report, British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service, January 1st to December 31st, 1960.

Annual Report of the Mental Health Services Branch, Department of Health Services and Hospital Insurance, for the year ended March 31st, 1960.

By the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Minister of Social Welfare)—

Annual Report of the Department of Social Welfare for the year ended March 31st, 1960.

By the Hon. *E. C. Westwood* (Minister of Recreation and Conservation)—
Report of the Department of Recreation and Conservation.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (President of the Council)—

Fifteenth Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the year ended March 31st, 1960.

Public Utilities Commission Twentieth Annual Report pursuant to section 36 of the *Motor Carrier Act*, licence-year 1959/60.

First Annual Report of the British Columbia Energy Board for the period ended December 31st, 1960.

By the Hon. *P. A. Gagliardi* (Minister of Highways)—

Minister of Highways Report for the fiscal year 1959/60.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.04 p.m.

Friday, January 27th, 1961

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *D. F. Johnstone*.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Public Libraries Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 26th, 1961.

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 Public Libraries Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Museum Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
January 26th, 1961.

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. 3) intituled *An Act to Amend the Provincial Museum Act*, a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

Mr. *Bruch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Shelford*,—

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

“ We, Her 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 all at the opening of the present Session.”

A debate arose.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Monday, January 30th, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *R. O. W. Wilkes*.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—On Thursday last, the Hon. Leader of the Opposition requested me, as I understood him, to express an opinion as to the right of the Hon. the Minister of Highways to take his seat in the House, at which time I reserved any comment.

I am of the opinion that it is not within my competence to express any such opinion and that the request is therefore not in order.

Should the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition wish to avail himself of the opportunity so to do, I am prepared to discuss with him what appropriate procedures may be available to bring about a debate of any such question.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 6) intituled *An Act to Amend the Savings and Loan Associations Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 7) intituled *An Act to Amend the Jury Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 8) intituled *An Act to Amend the Horse-racing Regulation Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 9) intituled *An Act to Amend the Families' Compensation Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 10) intituled *An Act to Amend the Evidence Act*.

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.

Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Mather*,—

That the motion be amended by adding the following:—

“ This Legislature regrets that the Speech from the Throne gave no indication that the Government is aware of the serious unemployment situation in our Province or is prepared to institute the measures necessary to deal effectively with it; failed to give the public any assurance that the Government is prepared to take dynamic action in meeting the needs of our society, in solving municipal problems, and in providing adequate social welfare standards; and failed to show concern for the developing chronic nature of other social problems such as drug addiction and

mental sickness and to provide for over-all comprehensive medical care of our citizens.”

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—20

Messieurs

<i>McKay</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Squire</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>

NAYS—31

Messieurs

<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Murray</i>	

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

Mr. *Perrault* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *McKay*,—

That the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended by adding the following:—

“ This House regrets that the Speech from the Throne contains nothing which would indicate an awareness by the Government of the serious unemployment situation prevailing and contains no proposals designed to alleviate this condition; nor does it contain any indication that the Government is prepared to take needed and immediate steps in the all-important field of social welfare; nor does it contain any proposal designed to restore business activity within the Province.”

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that the amendment proposed was repetitious of the amendment previously proposed by Mr. *Strachan*, upon which the House had already expressed its opinion.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Ordered*,—

That on Tuesday, the 31st day of January, 1961, and on all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31st, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *S. J. B. Parsons*.

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. *Cox*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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 5.54 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31st, 1961

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Gibson* rose on a point of personal privilege and asked leave of the House to read a letter written by him to the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*.

Leave having been granted, the letter was read.

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* asked leave of the House to make a statement in reply. Some members objected. Leave was not granted.

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 the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following question:—

What was the total number of permanent staff employed on forest protection in the calendar year 1960?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“The total number of permanent staff employed on forest protection in the calendar year 1960 was as follows: Full-time protection staff, 45; staff whose duties included a significant share of forest-protection activities (e.g., rangers and radio-men), 239; total, 284.”

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

With reference to Order in Council No. 1438 of 1958 relating to an access-road easement for the Corbett Lumber Company:—

1. Was the easement renewed (a) in 1959 and (b) in 1960 as provided for in the Order in Council?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, was an annual rent paid by the grantee to the Crown in accordance with the Order in Council?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is yes, upon what dates was the rent paid and in what amounts?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) Yes and (b) no.

“ 2. Yes.

“ 3. June 24th, 1958, \$28.60; June 22nd, 1959, \$28.60.”

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

1. In the year 1960 (a) how many miles of forest road were built in British Columbia and (b) how many miles of forest trail?

2. What is the total number of miles of forest roads and trails in the Province as of December 31st, 1960?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ The following represents construction of roads and trails by the British Columbia Forest Service only, as figures are not available for construction by private agencies:—

“ 1. (a) Forest-protection road, 254.3 miles; extraction (access) road, 67.3 miles; total, 321.6 miles. (b) Forest-protection trail, 166 miles.

“ 2. Forest-protection roads, 1,798.3 miles; extraction (access) roads, 349.6 miles; forest-protection trails, 2,097.9 miles; total, 4,245.8 miles.”

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

With reference to Consolidated Services Limited, C. D. Schultz & Company Limited, and C. D. Schultz Appraisal Company Limited:—

1. What contracts, if any, have been given to any of these companies for work under the jurisdiction of the Department of Lands and Forests since May 29th, 1958?

2. Has any work in connection with Columbia River power development been given to any of these companies?

3. Have any moneys been paid to any of these companies since May 29th, 1958, for any work under the jurisdiction of the Department of Lands and Forests and, if so, in what amounts?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. None.

“ 2 and 3. See No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.33 p.m.