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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF THE PROVINCE OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1930

Tuesday, January 28th, 1930.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Seventeenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ROBERT RANDOLPH BRUCE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 13th day of December, 1929,

His Honour ROBERT RANDOLPH BRUCE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In welcoming you to the Second Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of British Columbia, I am sure that you will all rejoice with me at the complete recovery of His Majesty the King from the serious illness which prostrated him a little more than a year ago. His sufferings and convalescence were followed alternately with anxiety and pleasure by his loyal subjects throughout the Empire and by none more warmly than by the people of British Columbia. The love and loyalty with which His Majesty is regarded by his subjects can be measured by their anxiety over his illness and their rejoicing at his recovery.

The past year has been one of prosperity for the Province, with a total productive value surpassing all previous records. The returns from mining and agriculture have reached new high figures.

The forestry returns will show an increase in quantity production. Energetic measures are being taken to extend the lumber market, and in accordance with these, my Government recently granted a subsidy to the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association to aid in sending a delegation that is visiting Australia and New Zealand for the purpose of seeking new avenues for the trade in our forestry products in those countries.

Our fishery returns are incomplete, but it is expected that they will show a decrease from former years owing to a reduced catch.

Following the decision of the Privy Council that the right of licensing salmon-canneries and fish-packing establishments rested in the Province, my Commissioner of Fisheries has taken measures for the better protection of the industry which you will be asked to approve.

An international agreement for the replenishment of sockeye salmon in the Fraser River area is being considered by the Governments concerned.

The question of the settlement of our vacant public lands has been receiving the earnest attention of my Government during the year, and you will be advised of the efforts that have been made to secure closer and more permanent occupation of our farming areas.

The disposal of the lands in the Sumas Dyking District in a manner that will tend to bring about immediate settlement, cultivation, and increased production is under consideration.

In relation to the question of immigration and land settlement, the Premier last summer met the Right Honourable J. H. Thomas, Minister of Employment in His Majesty's Imperial Government, and a report on the resources of British Columbia and the possibilities of their development has been forwarded for his consideration.

The large areas of lands that have reverted to the Province for non-payment of purchase price and taxes constitute a serious problem. The disposal of these lands to the encouragement of settlement is a matter of vital importance to the Province.

The condition of the fruit-growers in the irrigated districts of the Province has received the carnest consideration of my Government and a Commissioner has been appointed to investigate the situation.

Following the establishment of a Markets Branch in connection with the Department of Agriculture, Marketing Commissioners have been appointed for the purpose of extending the sale of our agricultural products. Marked results beneficial to the Province are already in evidence.

A survey of the resources of the territory tributary to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, made by my Government in conjunction with the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific Railway Companies, was completed last year. The information gathered should prove helpful in future dealings with this important subject.

I have pleasure in advising you that within the past year the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, for the first time in its history, showed a profit on operations for five consecutive months.

Negotiations for the return of the Dominion Railway Lands and the Peace River Block to the Province have been continued during the year.

In order that the wealth of resources in our lands, forests, and mines, together with our scenic beauty, may be made accessible, my Government has under consideration and development a well-considered policy of highway construction. Since with transportation is bound up the successful settlement, industrial growth, and increasing tourist traffic of the Province, beneficial results may confidently be expected to follow this policy.

The amendments to the "Water Act" passed last Session, enlarging the powers of the Water Board, have worked satisfactorily. There are indications of a continually expanding demand for the utilization of our water-powers for electrical development.

I am pleased to note the high standing of the credit of the Province. Notwithstanding the heavy programme of financing, my Government has been able to market its securities and obtain the best average price therefor of any Province in Canada.

The audit of the Public Accounts of the Province, of which mention was made at the last Session, has been completed.

Among other matters, you will be asked to consider Bills to provide for ;---

The licensing of fish-canneries.

The licensing and regulation of public carriers of passengers or freight.

The licensing of private detectives.

The licensing of collection agents.

The education of soldiers' dependent children.

The regulating of stock-brokers.

Amendments to the "Marriage Act."

Amendments to the "Government Liquor Act."

The reports of the various departments of my Government will be laid before you.

The Public Accounts of the last fiscal year and the Estimates for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration.

I leave you in confidence that your duties will be faithfully performed, and may the blessings of a Divine Providence inspire and guide your deliberations.

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

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson, D.D.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriff's 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. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bruhn, it was Resolved,-

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 the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of the 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.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

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;

3. On Printing;

4. On Railways;

5. On Mining;

6. On Agriculture;

- 7. On Municipal Matters;
- 8. On Forestry;
- 9. On Fisheries;

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.

The following papers were presented :---

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary-

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended June 30th, 1929.

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the Year 1928.

Annual Report of Vital Statistics for the Year 1928.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Civil Service Commissioner for the Year ended March 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1928.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General-

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Period April 1st, 1928, to March 31st, 1929.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1929.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the Year ended December 31st, 1928.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Municipalities for the Year ended December 31st, 1928.

Annual Report of the Mothers' Pensions Board on the Administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended September 30th, 1929.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1928. Annual Report of the Official Guardian for the Year ended October 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1928.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1928. Annual Report of the Oakalla Prison Farm for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands-

Return of Timber Licences reinstated by Order in Council under Section 42 of the "Forest Act."

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 30 of the "Forest Act."

Return of Lands exchanged under Chapter 14 of Statutes of British Columbia, 1926–27, being "Townsite Crown Lands Exchange Act."

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance-

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1929.

Return of Moneys received and paid out by the Official Administrator of the Province under Section 53 of the "Administration Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1924."

By the Hon. the Minister of Education-

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1929.

By the Hon. the Minister of Railways-

Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1928.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture-

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1928.

Annual Report of the Land Settlement Board for the Year 1928.

By the Hon. the Minister of Public Works-

Annual Report of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1929.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines-

Annual Report of the Hon. the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1928. Return pursuant to Section 169, "Mineral Act," Chapter 167, R.S.B.C. 1924.

Preliminary Review and Summary of Mining Operations for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

Report on the Taku River Area, Atlin Mining Division, North-western Mineral Survey District.

Summary of Mining Operations for Period ended June 30th, 1929.

By the Hon. the Minister of Labour-

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1928.

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 3.39 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29th, 1930.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Hayward* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the Victoria City Private Acts, and for other powers.

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. Spencer (Vancouver City) moved, seconded by Mr. Borden (Nelson),-

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

"We, His Majesty's most dutiful and most 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, which was, on the motion of Mr. Pattullo, 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 3.45 p.m.

Thursday, January 30th, 1930.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the Victoria City Private Acts, and for other powers, was received.

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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Shelly, it was Resolved,— That Harold Despard Twigg, fourth member for the Victoria City Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Howe, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Maitland, it was Resolved,— That the Hon. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe, Mr. Twigg, Mr. A. M. Manson, Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, and the Clerk of the House be appointed a Select Committee to consider the draft of the revision of the Rules, Orders, and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly as presented to this House on March 12th, 1929, by the Select Committee appointed last Session in that behalf, and to submit to this House during the present Session a report thereon, with such changes and recommendations as such first-named Committee may deem advisable.

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

ANDOLPH DRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

January 29th, 1930.

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) initialed "An Act to provide for the Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children," 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. Shelly presented the following papers :---

Return pursuant to Section 124A of the "Taxation Act," Chapter 254, R.S.B.C. 1924. Return pursuant to Section 43 of the "Revenue Act," Chapter 222, R.S.B.C. 1924.

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 4.16 p.m.

Friday, January 31st, 1930.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. *Pearson*, Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. Howe presented the following papers :---

Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1929. Annual Report of the Tranquille Sanatorium for the Year ended March 31st, 1929.

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

1. Who is Game Commissioner?

2. When was he appointed, and what is his salary?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :---

"1. A. Bryan Williams.

"2. Appointed April 1st, 1929; salary, \$5,000 per annum."

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

1. Were any automobiles purchased by, or for the use of, Mr. A. F. Griffiths, Commissioner investigating the operations of the Liquor Control Board?

2. If so, how many; of what make; at what cost; and from whom were they purchased; and for what purpose?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :--

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Pearson asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question :---

How much revenue was collected by the Companies Branch, and reported to the Treasury, between April 1st and December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :---

"\$98,714.99,"

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :---

Have any Stipendiary Magistrates been appointed, with salary, since August 20th, 1928?
If so, who have been appointed; where are they located; and what are they paid?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :--

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. How many were on the staff of the Provincial Police at August 20th, 1928?

2. How many are on the staff of the Provincial Police now?

3. How many were transferred to the services of the Game Department?

The Hon, Mr. Pooley replied as follows :----

"**1**. 258.

" 2. 222.

"3. Forty-seven."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:-

1. Was a new cruiser built for use by the Provincial Police in northern or other waters during the past year?

2. If so, at what cost?

3. Were tenders called for this work?

4. What type of engine was installed in said cruiser?

5. Where was said engine built?

6. Were tenders invited for said engine?

7. If yes, were said tenders opened in public?

8. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :----

"1. Yes.

"2. \$16,370.06.

"3. Yes.

"4. Fairbanks-Morse 75-horse-power reversible engine.

"5. No information. Company has offices and warehouses at Vancouver and Victoria and factories at Toronto and Sherbrooke.

"6. Contract called for a 75-horse-power Diesel engine of approved make, to be supplied by contractor.

"7. Answered by No. 6.

"8. Answered by No. 6."

1. Have any sums been paid to a Clipping Bureau since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, what sums; when were payments made; and to whom?

The Hon, Mr. Pooley replied as follows :--

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

1. Who is Coroner at Prince George; when was he appointed; and what is his remuneration?

2. Who was his predecessor; what was his remuneration; and why was he retired?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :---

"1. Harold Scott Trefry, M.D.; appointed February 8th, 1929. Paid fees allowed by 'Coroners Act.'

"2. H. B. Guest; paid fees allowed by 'Coroners Act'; retired in the public interest."

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

1. Were any Provincial constables dismissed in Fort George District during 1929?

2. If so, what are their names; how long had they been in the Service; where did they enlist; and why were they dismissed?

3. Which of them were returned soldiers?

4. How many of them were married?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. Alexander Moir; enlisted at Vancouver, January 3rd, 1929; discharged, June 30th, 1929. L. R. P. Dickson; enlisted at Vancouver, January 1st, 1927; discharged, June 30th, 1929. Arthur T. Batchelor; enlisted at Kamloops, October 1st, 1926; discharged, June 30th, 1929. Formation of Game Department necessitated police reorganization. Moir expressed the wish to resign.

"3. All were returned soldiers.

"4. All were married."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 4 p.m.

Monday, February 3rd, 1930.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. J. Sipprell, D.D.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by Mr. Pattullo, it was Resolved,-

That this House place on record its deep sorrow and sense of loss in the death of the late High Commissioner for Canada in London, the Hon. Peter C. Larkin, who for some years has devoted his great gifts to the service of the nation, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the bereaved family.

Mr. Kirk presented the following petitions:--

From the London and Western Trusts Company, Limited, and the Standard Trusts Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of substituting the London and Western Trusts, Limited, for the Standard Trusts Company, and for other powers.

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act," chapter 55, British Columbia Statutes, 1921, and for other powers.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Atkinson, it was Resolved,-

That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consist of fifteen members, as follows: Messrs. Berry, Kennedy, Lister, Kingston, Michell, Peck, MacNaughton, Carson, R. Mackenzie, Wrinch, A. M. Manson, Gillis, Gray, MacPherson, and Hanna.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Howe, it was Resolved .--

That the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries shall consist of fourteen members, as follows: Messrs. Spencer, Cornett, M. Manson, Berry, Rutledge, Twigg, Peck, R. Mackenzie, Carson, MacNaughton, Wrinch, Gray, Pearson, and Hanna.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Pooley, it was Resolved, --

That the Select Standing Committee on Printing shall consist of seven members, as follows: Messrs. Peck, Rutledge, Michell, Twigg, Hanna, Gillis, and Uphill.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmic, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Burden, it was Resolved,-

That the Select Standing Committee on Forestry shall consist of eight members, as follows: Messrs. MacNaughton, M. Manson, Spencer, Walkem, Fitzsimmons, Wrinch, Buckham, and Hanna.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmic, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Maitland, it was Resolved,— That the Select Standing Committee on Railways shall consist of eight members, as follows: Messrs. Walkem, Carson, Cornett, Borden, Schofield, A. M. Manson, I. A. Mackenzie, and Kergin.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe, it was Resolved,-

That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters shall consist of thirteen members, as follows: Messrs. Hayward, Kennedy, Cornett, Kirk, Peck, Davie, Dick, Berry, Gray, Gillis, Hanna, MacPherson, and Sutherland.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. McKenzie, it was Resolved,— That the Select Standing Committee on Mining shall consist of ten members, as follows: Messrs. Borden, Schofield, Lister, Carson, Fitzsimmons, Kingston, Kergin, Wrinch, Pearson, and Uphill.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bruhn, it was Resolved,— That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall consist of eleven members, as follows: Messrs. Twigg, Davie, Dick, Kingston, M. Manson, Borden, Lister, I. A. Mackenzie, Kergin, MacPherson, and A. M. Manson.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Tolmie, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Shelly, it was Resolved,-

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of thirteen members, as follows: Messrs. Twigg, Kirk, Beatty, Spencer, Kennedy, R. Mackenzic, Hayward, Rutledge, Sutherland, A. M. Manson, I. A. Mackenzie, Buckham, and Pearson.

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. Atkinson-Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Prescription Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Poolcy*—Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Official Guardian Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the "Assignment of Book Accounts Act."

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Collection Agents," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 3rd, 1930.

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. 5) initialed "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Collection Agents," 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. Pooley presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Private Detectives," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 3rd, 1930. 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 provide for the Licensing of Private Detectives," 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. *Poolcy* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:---

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Lieunsing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House, February 3rd, 1930.

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. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen," 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. *Pooley* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:--

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 3rd, 1930.

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. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle 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.

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act for the Prevention of Fraud in connection with the Sale of Securities," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 3rd, 1930.

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. 13) intituled "An Act for the Prevention of Fraud in connection with the Sale of Securities," 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.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to provide for the Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following ruling with reference to Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'":---

"My attention has been drawn to Bill (No. 8) intituled 'An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act," introduced by the honourable member for Nanaimo, and I find upon perusal of the Bill that the measure will affect the revenues of the Crown; and that following many decisions of this House the Bill is not one which it is competent for a private member to introduce. The Bill is therefore out of order and should be dropped from the Order Paper, and I so rule."

Mr. Pattullo appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division :--

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		Messieurs	
Mackenzie, R.	Kirk	Howe	Schofield
Fitzsimmons	Lister	Shelly	Kennedy
Carson	Beatty	Tolmie	Davie
Uphill	Spencer	Pooley	Burden
Cornett	Hayward	Hinchliffe	Atkinson
Kingston	Twigg	Michell	Lougheed
Borden	Maitland	Manson, M.	McKenzie, W. A.
		NAYS-12.	
		Messieurs	
Rutledge	Gillis	Kergin	Pattullo
Pearson	Wrinch	Mackenzie, I. A. Manson, A. M	
MacPherson	Gray	Sutherland	Buckham
		PAIRS:	
		Messieurs	
	Peck	Hanna	

Mr. A. M. Manson moved, seconded by Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, the adjournment of the House on a question of urgency with respect to Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act," and nine members rose in their places in support of the motion.

Mr. A. M. Manson proceeded to state the subject-matter of the proposed motion upon which he had moved the adjournment of the House.

The Hon, Mr. Pooley rose to a point of order.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, Mr. A. M. Manson submitted the proposed motion to him for consideration.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order on the ground that it did not concern a definite matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. A. M. Manson appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division :--

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Mackenzie, R.		Lister		Shelly	Kennedy
Rutledge		Beatty		Tolmie	Davie
Fitzsimmons		Spencer		Pooley	Bruhn
Carson		Hayward		Hinchliffe	Burden
Cornett		Twigg		Michell	Atkinson
Kingston		Maitland		Manson, M.	Lougheed
Borden		Howe		Schofield	McKenzie, W. A.
Kirk					
	NAYS-12.				
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Uphill		Gillis		Kergin	Pattullo
Pearson		Wrinch -		Mackenzie, I. A.	Manson, A. M.
MacPherson		Gray		Sutherland	Buckham
]	PAIRS :	

Messieurs

Hanna

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie rose to a question of privilege with reference to Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act."

Mr. Speaker ruled that the matter mentioned did not disclose a question of privilege, and that the honourable member was out of order.

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

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The Chair was sustained on the following division:-

YEAS-31.

Messieurs

Mackenzie, R.	Kirk	Shelly	Kennedy
Rutledge	Lister	Tolmie	Davie
Fitzsimmons	Beatty	Pooley	Bruhn
Carson	Spencer	Hinchliffe	Burden
Uphill	Hayward	Michell	Atkinson
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Messieurs

Mackenzie, I. A. Sutherland Pattullo Manson, A. M. Buckham

PAIRS : Messieurs

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Mr. Pearson asked the Hon, the Minister of Education the following questions :--

1. What amount had been expended for temporary assistance from Vote 75, as at December 31st, 1929?

2. Are any salaries at present being paid out of allotment for temporary assistance under this vote?

3. If so, to whom, and at what rate?

The Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe replied as follows :---

"1. \$2,788.79.

"2. Yes.

"3. C. M. Dunlap, \$65 per mensem; Miss A. T. Wilson, \$65 per mensem; E. S. Blair, \$4 per diem; S. H. Welch, \$3.50 per diem."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:-

1. Have any sums been paid to a Clipping Bureau since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, what sums; when were payments made; and to whom?

The Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe replied as follows :--

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Hanna asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:-

1. What position does Miss Lottie Bowron occupy, and what is her salary?

2. What were her expenses up to December 31st, 1929?

3. What are her qualifications for the position?

4. Were any qualified teachers given an opportunity to apply for the position?

5. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe replied as follows :----

"1. Miss Bowron is Rural Female Teachers' Welfare Officer, appointed under section 4 of the 'Public Schools Act'; salary, \$150 per mensem.

"2. Travelling expenses, \$1,337.45.

"3. Miss Bowron has a good knowledge of rural conditions, having been born in the country and having spent her early school-days there. Moreover, she is a woman of wide experience, great tact, and administrative ability.

"4 and 5. No. It is not the duty of this officer to examine the work done in the schools, and therefore a person with a teacher's qualifications is not required."

Mr. MacPherson asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question :---

How many Coroners in the Province of British Columbia have had their appointments rescinded since August 20th, 1928?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :---

"Ten. Of these, five were rescinded owing to removal from their districts; one resigned."

Mr. MacPherson asked the Hon, the Minister of Education the following questions:-

1. What was the total cost to the Province of the Empire Educational Conference?

2. Can the Department furnish details of the expenditure of the amount allotted?

3. If so, who were engaged to do clerical work for the conference, and what were their rates of pay?

The Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe replied as follows :---

"1. The total cost to the Province of the National Conference on Education held in this Province in April, 1929, was \$3,738.02.

"2. The details of the expenditure are as follows: Rental of two typewriters for three months, \$30; 500 illustrated programmes, \$200; expressage by Public Works Department, \$3; grant to National Conference Committee, \$2,800; rental of 18 chairs, 2 carpets, 3 mirrors,

1 table, and 3 vases, \$25.52; 300 luncheons and services of orchestra at Empress Hotel, \$464; installing telephones and cost of messages, \$35.40; luncheon at Hotel Vancouver to delegates from overseas, \$72.60; 1.000 booklets *re* catalogue of pictures, \$107.50; total, \$3,738.02.

"3. No information."

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

1. Is one Adam Bell employed by the Department?

2. If so, in what capacity?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :--

"1. Yes.

"2. Inspector; member of the Male Minimum Wage Board and Board of Adjustment under the 'Hours of Work Act.'"

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions :--

1. How many have been dismissed from the service of the Liquor Control Board since August 20th, 1928?

2. How many of these were war veterans?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :---

"1. Twenty-eight.

"2. Thirteen."

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

1. Was Dan Hurley dismissed from the position of Liquor Vendor at Lillooet? If so, why?

2. Who was appointed in his stead?

3. Was the new appointee convicted at any time of selling liquor to Indians?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :--

"1. (a) Yes; (b) disregard of instructions of Board.

"2. James C. Carmichael, of Lillooet.

"3. No information."

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

1. Who is Liquor Vendor at Prince George; when was he appointed; and at what salary?

2. Was he formerly President of the Conservative Association?

3. Who was his predecessor, and why was he dismissed?

4. Did the auditors find his stock and accounts in correct order?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :--

"1. (a) Carnaby W. Ferry; (b) June 16th, 1929; (c) \$175 per month.

"2. No information.

"3. (a) E. Thomson; (b) services as Vendor unsatisfactory.

"4. Yes."

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

How many licences to sell beer by the glass have been granted since August 20th, 1928?
To whom have these beer licences been granted; for use on whose premises; and where in each case?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :--

"1. Twenty-five.

"2. Name of licensee, hotel, and place as follows: W. Beswick, Nimpkish Hotel, Alert Bay; S. Knight, Flathead Hotel, Corbin; D. B. Derbyshire, Ashcroft Hotel, Ashcroft; G. Thorburn, Tzouhalem Hotel, Duncan; L. C. Jamieson, Jamieson Hotel, McBride; E. R. Havens, Commercial Hotel, Duncan; York Hotel, Ltd., York Hotel, Vancouver; D. Radakovich, Canada Hotel, Prince George; W. A. Reasbeck, Dawson Creek Hotel, Dawson Creek; C. W. Dawson, Omineca Hotel, Hazelton; Lytton Hotel Co., Ltd., Lytton Hotel, Lytton; W. Sullivan, Commercial Hotel, Prince Rupert; A. E. Broomfield, Princeton Hotel, Princeton; G. E. Wardle, Similkameen Hotel, Princeton; A. O. Johnson, Tulameen Hotel, Princeton; H. B. Purdy, Bridesville Hotel, Bridesville; W. Larsen, Province Hotel, Grand Forks; W. Rainey, Winnipeg Hotel,

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Grand Forks; F. X. Hartinger, Grand Forks Hotel, Grand Forks; A. Traunweiser, Yale Hotel, Grand Forks; M. Wasyluk, Canal Flats Hotel, Canal Flats; G. F. Lunn, Cross Keys Hotel, Cranbrook; A. Svec, Alexander Hotel, Natal; J. H. Goodeve, Pacific Hotel, Greenwood; Abbots-ford Hotel Co., Ltd., Abbotsford Hotel, Vancouver."

Mr. Hanna asked the Hon, the Attorney-General the following questions :---

1. What was the total of liquor-sales for the year 1928?

2. What was the total of liquor-sales for the year 1929?

"1. See Seventh Annual Report of Liquor Control Board.

"2. See Eighth Annual Report of Liquor Control Board,"

Mr. MacPherson asked the Hon, the Attorney-General the following questions:----

1. Is M. D. Harbord employed by the Liquor Control Board?

2. If so, to what position has he been appointed, and at what salary?

3. Is this the same M. D. Harbord who was employed during the conference of the National Council of Education in Victoria?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. Warehouseman at \$150 per month.

"3. No information."

Mr. Pattullo asked the Hon, the Minister of Public Works the following questions :----

1. Were tenders called for the construction of a veterans' unit and kitchen at Essondale?

2. Were tenders opened in public?

3. How many tenderers were present when the tenders were opened?

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4. Who was the successful tenderer?

The Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Six.

"4. Pacific Engineers, Limited, being lowest tenderers."

Mr. Pattullo asked the Hon, the Minister of Public Works the following questions :---

1. Have any sums been paid to a Clipping Bureau since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, what sums; when were payments made; and to whom?

The Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied as follows:----

"1 and 2. No."

Mr. Pattullo asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:---

1. Has the Department built a suspension bridge in the vicinity of Daisy Lake since August 20th, 1928?

2. Were the concrete piers added to after the cable arrived on the ground? If so, why?

The Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. No; but the anchorages were moved back a few feet and excavated deeper, owing to faults being found in the rock at the original sites."

Mr. MacPherson asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

1. Were any Delco lighting plants requisitioned by the Department during the year 1929?

2. If so, how many; from whom were they purchased; and at what price?

3. To what use are they being put, and where, in each case?

The Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. One; Bruce-Robinson Electric (B.C.), Limited; price, \$295.

"3. Lighting Agassiz-Rosedale Ferry."

Mr. MacPherson asked the Hon, the Minister of Public Works the following questions:-

1. What type of engine was installed in the Nelson Ferry?

2. Where was said engine manufactured, and what was the price paid?

3. Was any other type of engine recommended by departmental officials?

"1. Three-cylinder 45-horse-power Diesel engine, Model 43.

"2. No record on Department file. Engine purchased from Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Company.

"3. Mechanical Superintendent recommended in order of merit for this purpose—Fairbanks, Petter, and Venn Severin engines."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :---

1. Have any sums been paid to a Clipping Bureau since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, what sums; when were payments made; and to whom?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :----

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Kergin asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. What salary is paid to Mr. C. A. Welsh as Chairman of the Milk Commission?

2. Is this the same Mr. Welsh who was Conservative candidate in a by-election in New Westminster?

3. What business was he in before being appointed Chairman of the Milk Commission?

4. What experience has he had to qualify him for his new position?

5. Is Mr. Welsh the husband of the successor to Mrs. J. W. deB. Farris on the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :---

"1. Mr. C. A. Welsh not Chairman of the Milk Commission appointed May 19th, 1928.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. Answered by No. 1.

"5. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Buckham asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. Has any acreage in the Sumas Reclamation Project reverted to the Government since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, how many acres of such reverted land have been disposed of; to whom; and at what price or prices per acre?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :--

" 1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Pearson asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions :---

1. Have any contracts for road-work been let in Dewdney Electoral District during 1929?

2. If so, to whom?

3. Were tenders called for in each case?

4. If so, who were the tenderers, and what was the amount of tender in each case?

5. If yes, were such tenders opened in public?

6. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Hodgson, King & Marble; (b) Ellis-Cotton, Ltd.; (c) Fraser Construction Co., Ltd. "3. Yes.

"4. (a) For paving Washington Street, Village of Mission: Columbia Bitulithic, Ltd., \$20.314.35; General Construction Co., Ltd., \$19,655.10; Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd., \$20,062.20; Hodgson, King & Marble, \$19,510.50. (b.) Construction of relocation portion of Dewdney Trunk

Road (3.75 miles), Albion to Whonnock: Ellis-Cotton, Ltd., \$89,954; General Construction Co., Ltd., \$92,706; S. S. Magoffin & Co., Ltd., \$102,577.40; Vancouver Pile Driving & Contracting Co., \$107,231.22; Pacific Engineers, Ltd., \$113,903; Fraser Construction Co., Ltd., \$118,647.50. (*a*.) For construction and relocated portion of Dewdney Trunk Road from Pitt River Bridge to Hunter Road (3 miles): Dawson, Wade & Co., Ltd., \$29,323.75 (tender submitted on unit price basis amounted to \$24,796.28; when extensions were checked by Department officials the tender on unit price basis was found to amount to \$29,323.75); Fraser Construction Co., Ltd., \$29,056; General Construction Co., Ltd., \$30,245; Pacific Engineers, Ltd., \$39,998.50.

" 5. Yes.

"6. See answer to No. 5."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon, the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :---

1. What amount had been expended from Vote 24, for Farmers' Institutes, at December 31st, 1929?

2. What amount had been expended from Vote 25, for Women's Institutes, at December 31st, 1920?

3. What amount had been expended from Vote 48, for Promotion of Sheep Industry, at December 31st, 1929?

4. What amount had been expended from Vote 49, for Promotion of Swine Industry, at December 31st, 1929?

5. What amount had been expended from Vote 51, covering Colonization Commission, at December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :---

"1. \$13,173.13.

"2. \$8,080.60.

"3. \$5,269.01.

"4. \$1,448.32.

"5. \$8,347.28."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:----

1. Was a pamphlet of "Institute Yells and Songs" distributed amongst Women's Institutes? 2. What was the cost of said pamphlet and who was the author?

3. Is said pamphlet still being distributed?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :---

"1. Yes. A single page stencilled leaflet was distributed to Women's Institutes at the request of the Lower Mainland District Institute.

"2. Approximate cost for paper, \$2; stencil, 22 cents; postage, \$1.30. Compiled by Secretary of Lower Mainland District Institute for 1928.

"3. Yes."

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 5.20 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4th, 1930.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were received :--

From the London and Western Trusts Company, Limited, and the Standard Trusts Company, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of substituting the London and Western Trusts, Limited, for the Standard Trusts Company, and for other powers.

From the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act," chapter 55, British Columbia Statutes, 1921, and for other powers.

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> R. RANDOLPH BRUCE, Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Solemnization of Marriage," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 4th, 1930.

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. 14) initialed "An Act respecting the Solemnization of Marriage," 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. *Maitland* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:----

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE.

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 4th, 1930.

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. 15) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Distress 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.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Atkinson, Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Eggs Marks Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

February 3rd, 1930.

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. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 6) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Prescription Act'" was read a second time. To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Official Guardian Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hanna*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Collection Agents" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Private Detectives" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. A. M. Manson, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act for the Prevention of Fraud in connection with the Sale of Securities" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. Sutherland asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions :----

1. Have any rebates been allowed of moneys owing to the Conservation Fund by any of the water improvement districts?

2. If so, in what amounts, and upon what basis in each of the districts?

The Hon. Mr. Burden replied as follows :----

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Sutherland asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions :--

1. Were any authorizations to make survey or other rights in water over 40,000 horse-power granted during 1929?

2. If so, on what waters; to whom; for what quantity of water; and for what purposes? The Hon. Mr. *Burden* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. (a.) Campbell River: Vancouver Island Power Co., Ltd., 2,580 cubic feet per second; power for sale. (b.) Stave River, at Ruskin: Western Power Co. of Canada, Ltd., 6,300 cubic feet per second; power for sale."

Mr. Sutherland asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question :--

What was the debit balance of the Forest Reserve Account at December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Burden replied as follows :---

"There was no debit balance of the Forest Reserve Account at December 31st, 1929, but there was a credit balance of \$42,409.70."

Mr. Sutherland asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:----

1. What was the total number of saw and shingle mills operating in the Province at December 31st, 1929?

2. What was the total number of saw and shingle mills operating in the Province at December 31st, 1928?

The Hon, Mr. Burden replied as follows :---

"1. 354 sawmills; 53 shingle-mills.

"2. 314 sawmills; 56 shingle-mills."

Mr. Sutherland asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions :---

1. What amount was expended on range improvement during the year 1929?

2. What amount was at the credit of grazing fund at December 31st, 1929?

The Hon, Mr. Burden replied as follows :--

"1. \$3,692.42.

" 2. \$3,723.97."

Mr. MacPherson asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:-

1. Has any agreement been entered into with Creston Reclamation Company respecting the drainage of Kootenay flats?

2. If so, on what terms?

The Hon. Mr. Burden replied as follows :--

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. MacPherson asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions :---

1. How many motor cars or trucks were purchased between August 20th, 1928, and March 31st, 1929?

2. How many motor cars or trucks have been purchased since April 1st, 1929?

3. What types of car or truck were purchased? At what price for each type, and from whom?

The Hon. Mr. Burden replied as follows :---

"1. Thirty-three.

"2. Twelve.

"3. Three Ford light deliveries at \$775, F. Abbot, Quesnel; one Ford coach, \$921, F. Abbot, Quesnel; one Ford light delivery, \$744, Dearborn Motors, Kamloops; one Ford truck, \$1,235, Dearborn Motors, Kamloops; two Ford light deliveries at \$754, Henry Motors, Smithers; one Ford light delivery, \$754, Terrace Motors, Terrace; four Ford light deliveries at \$739, Fernie Motors, Fernie; two Ford light deliveries at \$739, Columbia Motors, Trail; two Ford light deliveries at \$749, R. Beurge, Nakusp; two Ford light deliveries at \$744, Watkins Garage, Vernon; one Ford light delivery, \$744, Orchard City Motors, Kelowna; two Ford light deliveries at \$744, McPherson Garage, Grand Forks; one Ford light delivery, \$745.45, E. A. Begert, Penticton; one Ford light delivery, \$739, Duncan Garage, Duncan; two Ford light deliveries at \$729. Stonehouse Motors, Vancouver; one Ford light delivery, \$744, Corfield Motors, Courtenay; one Ford light delivery, \$739, Corfield Motors, Ladysmith; one Ford light delivery, \$729, Bretts, Ltd., Abbotsford; one Ford coach. \$848, Nanaimo Motors, Nanaimo; one Ford truck, \$1,207, National motors, Victoria; three Whippet coupes (with box bodies) at \$995, Dezall's Garage, Cranbrook; one Ford coach, \$880, National Motors, Victoria; one Chevrolet touring (second-hand), \$400, Begg Motor Co., Victoria; one Ford light delivery, \$790.47, Watkins Garage, Vernon; one Ford light delivery, \$535, National Motors, Victoria; one Ford truck, \$1,170.84, E. A. Begert, Penticton; one Dodge sedan, \$1,552.63, Humphries Motors, Victoria; one Chevrolet coach, \$978.37, Nelson Transfer Co., Nelson; one Chevrolet coach, \$986.77, Kamloops Motor Co., Kamloops; one Chevrolet bus, \$2,411.45, Begg Bros. and Tupper & Steele, Vancouver; one Ford touring, \$790, N. Bentley, Summerland; one Chrysler sedan, \$1,600, Okanagan Garage, Ltd., Penticton."

Mr. MacPherson asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions :----

1. Where were water surveys made during 1929?

2. What amount was expended on each survey?

The Hon. Mr. Burden replied as follows :---

"1. Chilko Lake, Homathko River, Southgate River, Bulkley River, Babine Lake, Anderson Creek, Ootsa and Francois Lakes, East and West Kootenays, Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys, Kamloops and Yale Districts.

"2. Chilko-Homathko-Southgate power scheme, \$19,500; Bulkley River, \$5,500; Babine Lake-Skeena River, \$2,100; Anderson Creek, tributary to Babine Lake, \$550; Nechako River (Ootsa and Francois Lakes), \$2,500. Final-licence surveys: East and West Kootenays, \$600; Okanagan-Similkameen, \$600; Kamloops-Yale, \$800."

Mr. Pearson asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question :----

What amount had been expended from Vote 109, for Lumber Trade Extension, at December 31st, 1929?

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

1. Who investigated conditions at Tranquille Sanatorium?

2. What was his position in the Civil Service at the time he made the investigation?

3. What was his remuneration, and what was the total cost of the inquiry?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows:---

"1. W. J. Cox.

"2. None.

"3. \$10 a day while actually employed; inquiry still proceeding."

Mr. Gray asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question :----

What steps is the Government taking to relieve the unemployment situation throughout the Province?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :---

"Representative of the Department has been sent to the Unemployment Conference of the Western Provinces and municipal organizations being held at Winnipeg. Also conferences have been held with the representatives of several British Columbia municipalities."

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

1. Have any sums been paid to a Clipping Bureau since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, what sums; when were payments made; and to whom?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :---

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What amount was expended in travelling expenses by the Minister of Lands from August 20th, 1928, to March 31st, 1929?

2. What amount was expended in travelling expenses by the Minister of Lands from April 1st to December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows :---

"1. \$753, during the seven and a quarter months from August 20th, 1928, to March 31st, 1929.

"2. \$1,731.98."

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

1. What amount was expended in travelling expenses by Mr. T. D. Pattullo, when Minister of Lands, during the four and three-quarter months from April 1st, 1928, to August 20th, 1928?

2. Was a Provincial general election held during the above-named period?

3. If so, on what date were the writs for such general election issued?

4. When was the said election held?

5. Did Mr. Pattullo contest the election in the Riding of Prince Rupert?

6. How many trips to Prince Rupert did Mr. Pattullo make after the date of the issue of the said writs and before the said election?

7. What amount was expended in travelling expenses for the said trips?

8. How many days was Mr. Pattullo engaged in these trips?

9. Did Mr. Pattullo put in vouchers for maintenance for the entire number of those days? 10. To what amount?

11. Was this sum for maintenance paid to Mr. Pattullo?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows :--

"1. \$1,517.21.

"2. Yes.

"3. June 7th, 1928.

"4. July 18th, 1928.

"5. Yes.

"6. Two.

"7. \$517.80.

"8. Thirty-nine days.

"9. No. For twenty-four days.

"**10**. \$240.

"11. Yes."

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

1. Who is Magistrate at Penticton?

2. When was he appointed?

3. Who was his predecessor?

4. Why, and on whose recommendation, was the change made?

5. Did the present incumbent give permits to certain citizens of Penticton to carry firearms? The Hon, Mr. *Pooley* replied as follows:—

"1. George F. Guernsey.

"2. August 19th, 1929.

"3. Thomas A. Pope.

"4. In the public interest and on request of the police.

" 5. Yes."

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

1. Was the appointment of Major Stanley Paulin, M.D., Medical Superintendent at the Boys' Industrial School, rescinded?

2. If so, why?

3. What was Dr. Paulin's military record?

4. Was he a married man with a family when he went overseas?

5. Who was appointed in his place?

6. What is his military record?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :----

"1. Yes (appointment is that of Medical Officer).

"2. In order to appoint a doctor within easier reach of the institution in cases of emergency.

"3. No information.

"4. No information.

"5. C. R. Symmes, M.D., C.M., of Port Moody.

"6. No information."

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

1. Have any sums been paid to a Clipping Bureau since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, what sums; when were payments made; and to whom?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1. Not by Provincial Secretary's office.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Who were employed on the staff of the Provincial Museum at August 20th, 1928, and what were their salaries?

2. Who were employed on the staff of the Provincial Museum at August 20th, 1929, and what were their salaries?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1. F. Kermode, Director, \$220; W. A. Newcombe, Assistant Biologist, \$150; W. V. Redfern, Recorder, \$87.50; N. Stark, Stenographer, \$70; F. Risser, Attendant, \$100; W. Gibson, Apprentice, \$50.

"2. F. Kermode, Director, \$220; W. A. Newcombe, Assistant Biologist, \$150; N. Stark, Recorder, \$80; F. Risser, Attendant, \$100. Temporary assistants during summer months: H. W. Hart, Attendant, \$100; J. F. Clarke, Entomologist, \$125."

Mr. Buckham asked the Hon, the Provincial Secretary the following questions:---

1. Was a former patient of Tranquille Sanatorium running a store at Tranquille at August 20th, 1928?

2. Was he subsequently ordered by the Department to close out his business?

3. How many men did he employ?

4. Were they married?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. The store was taken over by a committee and operated as a canteen for the benefit of the patients.

"3. One; still employed by committee

"4. He is married."

Mr. Buckham asked the Hon, the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-----

1. Who was appointed Commissioner to investigate the Industrial School for Boys?

2. What was the cost of said Commission?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1. Lieut.-Colonel E. Pepler, Departmental Solicitor.

"2. \$373.90."

Mr. Buckham asked the Hon, the Provincial Secretary the following questions:----

1. To what position in the Civil Service was J. O. Dunford appointed?

2. When was he appointed, and at what salary?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :----

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon, the Attorney-General the following questions:-

1. How many automobiles were purchased for the Provincial Police between August 20th, 1928, and March 31st, 1929?

2. What types of car were purchased, from whom, and at what price for each type? The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* replied as follows:—

"1. Seven.

"2. One Ford Tudor, from National Motors, Victoria, net price \$875; one Chevrolet phaeton, from Thos. Pitt, Ltd., Duncan, net price \$358.74; one Chevrolet phaeton, from Rushton Garage,

Parksville, net price \$510.50; one Chevrolet phaeton, from General Auto Sales, Ltd., Nanaimo, net price \$769.64; one Oldsmobile sedan, from Kamloops Motors, Ltd., Kamloops, net price \$1.110; one Dodge sedan, from Sipperell & Ralston, New Westminster, net price \$1,558.04; one Studebaker chassis, from Willis-Kingsley Motors, Ltd., Vancouver, net price \$1,477.96."

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 4.12 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5th, 1930.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Hayncard* presented a petition from the Veterans' Sightseeing and Transportation Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of empowering the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay to enter into a certain Agreement with the said Company.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, Bill (No. 17) 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 second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Solemnization of Marriage" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Distress Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hanna*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Eggs Marks Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. Wrinch, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Wrinch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 2) initialed "An Act to provide for the Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Prescription Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Collection Agents" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Official Guardian Act.'"

Bill read a second time,

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzic, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Dick* presented a petition from Edward Gallant, Herbert Nowell, Joseph Wright, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of defining the limits of the practice and profession of Drugless Physicians, and for other powers.

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

1. What amount was expended in travelling expenses by the Minister of Education from August 20th, 1928, to March 31st, 1929?

2. What amount was expended in travelling expenses by the Minister of Education from April 1st to December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows :---

"1. \$685.41. (See Public Acounts, 1928-29, P 58.)

"2. \$1,187.48."

Mr. Lister asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:----

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Education (Mr. Hinchliffe) visit the Normal School at Vancouver on or about August 30th, 1928?

2. If so, what was the purpose of the Minister's visit?

3. What were the consequences of the said visit?

4. Did any saving to the Province result from the visit? If so, what amount?

5. What was the total expense of the Minister in connection with the said visit?

The Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. To examine the details of a project which had been approved by the late Government, for the carrying-out of which tenders had already been received, and for the cost of which an appropriation of \$75,000 had been secured.

"3. The Minister came to the conclusion that much of the proposed project was unnecessary and a great portion of it was dropped.

"4. Yes. The lowest tender was \$65,627; the actual amount spent on the modified scheme, \$5,050.21, being a saving on capital expenditure of \$60,576.79. The total saving, including interest at 5 per cent. for a debenture period of twenty-five years, was \$205,134.21.

" 5. \$34.55."

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

1. What amount was expended in travelling expenses by Hon. R. W. Bruhn, Minister without Portfolio, from August 20th, 1928, to March 31st, 1929?

2. What amount was expended in travelling expenses by Hon. R. W. Bruhn from April 1st to December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows :---

"1. \$440.10. (See Public Accounts, 1928–29, P 3.)

" 2. \$777.65."

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

1. What amount was expended in travelling expenses by Hon. R. L. Maitland, K.C., Minister without Portfolio, from August 20th, 1928, to March 31st, 1929?

2. What amount was expended in travelling expenses by Hon. R. L. Maitland, K.C., from April 1st to December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows :--

"1. \$325.90. (See Public Accounts, 1928–29, P 3.)

"2. \$334.82."

Mr. MacPherson asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions :--

1. Has one Dr. A. O. MacRae been appointed to a position in the Department of Education since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, to what position?

3. Is this the same Dr. A. O. MacRae who was Chairman of a Conservative meeting in Peter Pan Hall, Vancouver, on July 5th, 1928?

The Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. Instructor in high-school subjects by correspondence.

"3. No information."

Mr. Kennedy asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:-

1. Has one Dr. A. O. MacRae been appointed to a position in the Department of Education since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, to what position?

3. Does Dr. MacRae hold any academic qualifications or practical experience that fit him for the said position? If so, what?

The Hon. Mr. Hinchliffe replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. Instructor of high-school subjects by correspondence,

"3. Yes. He is a graduate of Dalhousie University with Honours; taught in Pictou Academy for four years. Pursued postgraduate studies in Edinburgh, Jena (where he secured a Ph.D. with Honours), Leipsic, and Sorbonne (Paris). He was Headmaster of Western Canada College, Calgary, for twenty years; Headmaster of University School, Victoria, for one year; and Professor at the University of British Columbia for one year."

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

1. Have any sums been paid to a Clipping Bureau since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so, what sums; when were payments made; and to whom?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. By authority of former Minister of Finance the service of the Canadian Press Clipping Service, 143–153 University Avenue, Toronto, was retained. Cost, \$5 for month of May, 1928, and \$10 each month to September, 1929, when service was discontinued. Payments were made monthly, upon rendering of accounts, to the Canadian Press Clipping Service, 143–153 University Avenue, Toronto."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:-

1. What amounts have been paid to Helliwell, Maclachlan & Company on account of special audit?

2. How much is still owing to this firm of auditors?

3. Are they still employed?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows :--

"1. \$50,000.

" 2. Nil.

"3. No."

1. How many employees were on the staff of the Provincial Bureau of Information at August 20th, 1928?

2. How many employees were on the staff of the Provincial Bureau of Information at December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows :--

"1. Four.

"2. Six; work of the Bureau has been greatly extended."

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

1. Was one D. B. Tuckwell appointed to the staff of the Bureau of Information?

2. If so, when was he appointed; at what salary; and what were his duties?

3. Is he still in the Service?

4. If not, when did he leave, and why?

The Hon, Mr. Shelly replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. November 19th, 1928; \$200 per month; editor of Public Service Bulletin.

"3. No.

"4. January 31st, 1929; Public Service Bulletin discontinued."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:--

1. What was the total number of sheep in the Province at December 31st, 1929?

2. What was the total number of cattle in the Province at December 31st, 1929?

3. What was the total number of hogs in the Province at December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :---

"1. 205,532.

"2. 416,446.

"3. 64,056."

Mr. Kennedy asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :----

1. How many sheep were there on British Columbia farms in 1927 and 1929?

2. How many dairy and beef cattle were there in British Columbia in 1927 and 1929?

3. What number of hogs were there in British Columbia in 1927 and 1929?

4. What quantity of beef, veal, pork, and mutton was produced in British Columbia in 1927 and 1929?

5. What was the total value of all live stock in British Columbia in 1927 and 1929? 6. What quantity of wool was exported from British Columbia in 1927 and 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows:-

"1. 1927, 130,132; 1929, 205,532.

"2. 1927, 364,363; 1929, 416,446,

"3. 1927, 51,070; 1929, 64,056.

"4. 1927: Beef and veal, 45,119,353 lb.; pork, 2,560,368 lb.; mutton, 2,450,080 lb. Final returns for 1929 not to hand. Estimated production: Beef and veal, 51,560,000 lb.; pork, 3,875,000 lb.; mutton, 4,050,000 lb.

"5. 1927, \$24,286,645. Final returns for year 1929 not to hand. Estimated value, \$32,714,995. "6. 1927, 356,584 lb.; 1929, 530,780 lb."

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

1. What booklets or pamphlets have been issued by the Bureau of Information since September 1st, 1928?

2. Were any pamphlets or bulletins issued by the Bureau destroyed or withheld from distribution?

3. If so, what was the cost of said publication?

The Hon. Mr. Shelly replied as follows :--

"1. Land Series Bulletins.—How to Pre-empt; Questions and Answers; Northern and Central Interior Land Recording Divisions; Southern Interior Land Recording Divisions; Toba Inlet to Queen Charlotte Straits; Queen Charlotte Straits to Milbanke Sound; Milbanke Sound to Portland Canal; Fort George Land Recording Division.

"Public Service Bulletin,-One issue only.

"Post-card Series.—B.C. Productive Soils; Land Settlers in B.C.; Hunting in B.C.; Touring in B.C.; Fruit-growing in B.C.; Mixed Farming in B.C.; Agriculture in B.C.

"General.—Inserts for British Columbia, Canada; Highways, Motor Camps, and Stoppingplaces in British Columbia; Game and Game Fishes in British Columbia; British Columbia, Playground for the World; British Columbia Manual, 1929. "2 and 3. Yes. Final issue of Public Service Bulletin withheld; cost \$575. Two hundred copies of British Columbia Progress, 1916–1926, destroyed. This publication was first issued in August, 1927; was reprinted October, 1927; and a third edition published in June, 1928. Copies were destroyed, as pamphlet, which was not compiled by Bureau, was obviously intended for political purposes, and inaccuracies were reported in some of the figures contained therein. Cost was \$3,727 for 33,060 copies, and cost of 200 copies destroyed was, in proportion, approximately \$22,55."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. How many automobiles were purchased for the Department of Agriculture between August 20th, 1928, and March 31st, 1929?

2. What types of car were purchased, from whom, and at what price for each type? The Hon. Mr. *Atkinson* replied as follows:—

"1. Six, during the 71/4 months between August 20th, 1928, and March 31st, 1929.

"2, Ford phaetons; Ford agents; \$720.50, \$729.50, \$729.50, \$720.50, \$721.50, \$800."

1. How many automobiles are operated by the Department of Agriculture at the present time?

2. How many were purchased during the four and three-quarter months from April 1st, 1928, to August 20th, 1928?

3. What makes and types of car were purchased, from whom, and at what price for each?

4. How many cars were purchased for said Department during the seven and a quarter months from August 20th, 1928, to March 31st, 1929?

5. What makes and types of car were purchased, from whom, and at what price for each?6. What number of old cars were exchanged on new ones between August 20th, 1938, andMarch 31st, 1929, and what was the total exchange value?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :-

"1. Forty.

"2. Thirteen, during the 434-month period.

"3. Twelve Ford phaetons and one Chevrolet touring. Fords purchased from Ford agents at following prices: \$738.23, \$747.50, \$720.50, \$720.50, \$729.50, \$737.50, \$720.50, \$735.50, \$720.

"4. Six, during the 7¼-month period.

"5. Ford phaetons; Ford agents; \$720.50, \$729.50, \$729.50, \$720.50, \$721.50, \$800.

"6. Five; \$875."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :--

1. How many Markets Commissioners were in the Service at August 20th, 1928?

2. Who were they; where were they located; and what salaries were they paid?

3. How many Markets Commissioners were in the Service at December 31st, 1929?

4. What are their names, salaries, and where are they located?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :---

"1. One.

"2. James A. Grant, Calgary, Alta.; salary, \$2,760 per annum.

"3. One Markets Commissioner, one Director of Markets, and one Markets Representative in Great Britain.

"4. James A. Grant; salary, \$2,760; Calgary, Alta. William Wallace Duncan; salary, \$3,000; Victoria, B.C. Hon, T. G. Coventry; salary, \$4,000; London, England."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :----

1. What is Dr. Gaddes's position in the Department, and what is his salary?

2. To what position was he first appointed on entering the Service, and at what salary? The Hon. Mr. *Atkinson* replied as follows:—

"1. Chairman of Land Settlement Board and Colonization Commissioner; salary, \$5,000 per annum.

"2. A Commissioner under the 'Public Inquiries Act'; salary, \$5,000 per annum."

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Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon, the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :----

1. Who is Live Stock Commissioner?

2. When was he appointed, and at what salary?

3. Where was he domiciled before being appointed?

The Hon, Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :--

"1. Doctor Wallace Ray Gunn, B.S.A., B.V.Sc., V.S.

"2. December 1st, 1929; salary, \$3,000 per annum.

"3. At time of appointment, Toronto, Ontario."

Mr. Kennedy asked the Hon, the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. Was one W. R. Gunn appointed Live Stock Commissioner for British Columbia?

2. What are his academic and other qualifications, and what degrees does he hold?

3. What official or other responsible positions has he occupied, and where?

"1. Yes.

"2. Graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College, Toronto University-B.S.A. (Bachelor of Science in Agriculture). Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto University-B.V.Sc.: V.S. (Bachelor of Veterinary Science; Veterinary Surgeon). Farming and ranching experience in Ontario and Prairie Provinces.

"3. Live-stock editor, 'Nor' West Farmer,' Winnipeg; Federal Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, British Columbia and Prairie Provinces: private practice and official inspector for Federal Dairy Branch, Ottawa; Lecturer, Agricultural School, Kemptville, Ont.; Inspector, Federal Health of Animals Branch, Maritime Provinces and Ontario."

Mr. Gray asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. What amount was expended for stumping-powder during the year 1929?

2. What amount was expended for seed during the year 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows:---

"1. Sales to settlers as reported by Powder Company, \$65,602.48.

"2. \$1,541.43, for demonstration plots."

Mr. Gray asked the Hon, the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. Were any loans made by the Land Settlement Board during the year 1929?

2. If so, what amounts, to whom, and on what terms?

3. Were any applications for loans refused?

4. If so, which applications, and why?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :---

"1. Four only. All agricultural loans are now being made by the Canadian Farm Loan Board.

"2. E. K. Erickson, Prince George, \$500, payable semi-annually, on amortizable plan over a period of twenty-five years; interest at 6 per cent. J. B. Cleland, Merville, \$500, payable annually over fifteen years; interest at 6 per cent. Oliver Co-op. Growers' Exchange, Oliver, \$8,400; three years at 6 per cent. Lister Waterworks District, Camp Lister, \$60,000; loan incomplete; terms of repayment not yet arranged.

"3. No. Since March, 1929, all inquiries regarding agricultural loans referred to the Canadian Farm Loan Board, Central Building, Victoria.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:----

1. How many Directors were there on the Land Settlement Board on August 20th, 1928, and what were their salaries?

2. How many Directors are now on the Land Settlement Board, and what are their salaries? The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :---

"1. One; \$3,240 per annum.

"2. Two; \$5,000 and \$3,240 per annum respectively."

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :-

1. To what position was Hon. T. G. Coventry, ex-M.L.A. for Saanich Constituency, appointed?

2. What salary is he paid, and out of which vote?

3. What previous experience had Mr. Coventry to qualify him for the position?

4. What was the cost of sending Mr. Coventry and his family abroad?

5. What quantity of British Columbia apples was shipped to the United Kingdom from September 1st, 1928, to December 31st, 1928, exclusive of apples for exhibition purposes?

6. What quantity of British Columbia apples has been shipped to the United Kingdom since September 1st, 1929, exclusive of apples for exhibition purposes?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :---

"1. Special representative of the Department of Agriculture in Great Britain.

"2. \$4,000 per annum, out of Vote No. S.

"3. Member of the Legislature for a fruit-growing constituency and member of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture.

"4. Personal expenses of the Hon. T. G. Coventry, \$357.81.

"5. 710,843 boxes.

"6. 533,037 boxes."

Mr. Kennedy asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. Was one Hon. T. G. Coventry, ex-M.L.A., appointed as Markets Representative for Great Britain?

2. If yes, when was he appointed, at what salary, and where is he located?

3. In what way is he qualified for said position?

4. What results of value to British Columbia have been secured by the Markets Representative?

5. What quantity of eggs was exported to the United Kingdom from British Columbia during the period July 1st to December 31st, 1928, and during the same period in 1929?

6. What was the apple production of British Columbia for 1928 and 1929?

7. What percentage of British Columbia's apple crop was exported to Great Britain in 1928 and 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :--

"1. Yes.

"2. June, 1929; \$4,000 per annum; London, England.

"3. Reared on large mixed farm in a fruit-growing district in England, specializing in the production of high-grade live stock; served on Royal North-west Mounted Police, securing intimate knowledge of office administration; for eight years operated large mixed farm in Alberta; member of Legislature for an agricultural constituency in British Columbia and member of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, taking active part in marketing and other agricultural measures; had an extensive knowledge of Old Country conditions, a wide circle of responsible business acquaintances, and had prospects of building up a valuable connection for exporters of British Columbia products.

"4. Obtained wide press publicity for British Columbia products in proper quarters; secured definite orders for British Columbia agricultural products; negotiated in behalf of British Columbia producers in egg deals that have resulted in the export of 401,580 dozen eggs from British Columbia to United Kingdom during second half of 1929. British Columbia apples in November, 1929, sold at premium over Washington and Oregon apples in British market; British Columbia Jonathan apples selling for 12s. to 13s. 6d. per box, against Washington and Oregon Jonathans Ss. 6d. to 12s. per box for fancy grades, week ending November 22nd, 1929. In former years Washington and Oregon apples usually received premium.

"5. July 1st to December 31st, 1928, nil; July 1st to December 31st, 1929, 401,580 dozen.

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"6. 1928, 4.370.819 boxes. Final returns for year 1929 not to hand. Estimated production, 3,236,680 boxes.

"7. 1928, 16.26 per cent.; 1929, 16.46 per cent."

Mr. R. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions :--

1. Has an Egg and Poultry Pool been formed by the poultrymen of British Columbia?

2. If yes, when was it incorporated, and where is its head office?

3. Was the pool assisted by the Department of Agriculture during period of organization?

4. What quantity of eggs was produced on British Columbia farms in 1927, 1928, and 1929?

5. What quantities were exported in each of the years 1927, 1928, and 1929, and what was the average price received per dozen?

6. What was the average price per dozen received for eggs by the British Columbia Egg Producers from April 1st to December 31st, 1929?

7. What quantities of British Columbia eggs were exported to the United Kingdom during 1927, during 1928, and during 1929 from July 1st to December 31st in each year?

8. What quantity of eggs was imported into British Columbia in 1927 and in 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows:-

"1. Yes; B.C. Egg & Poultry Co-op. Association.

"2. Incorporated August 23rd, 1928; head office, Vancouver, 208 Yorkshire Building.

"3. Yes; financial assistance in printing contracts, etc.

"4. 1927, 11,338,633 dozen; 1928, 14,876,757 dozen. Final returns for year 1929 not to hand. Estimated production, 16,481,871 dozen.

"5. 1927, 2,880,000 dozen; average price, 31 cents per dozen. 1928, 6,060,000 dozen; average price, 31 cents per dozen. 1929, 6,237,180 dozen; average price, 33 cents per dozen.

"6. 33.13 cents.

"7. 1927, 41,130 dozen; 1928, nil; 1929, 401,580 dozen.

"8. 1927, 152,370 dozen; 1928, 138,075 dozen. Final returns for 1929 not to hand. Estimated imports, 86,194 dozen."

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 4.33 p.m.

Thursday, February 6th, 1930.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following petitions were received :---

From the Veterans' Sightseeing and Transportation Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of empowering the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay to enter into a certain Agreement with the said Company.

From Edward Gallant, Herbert Nowell, Joseph Wright, and others, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of defining the limits of the practice and profession of Drugless Physicians, and for other powers.

On the motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Wrinch, it was Resolved.---

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all sales of timber over 5,000,000 feet since August 20th, 1928, giving the following information: (a) To whom sold and where situated; (b) sale price; (c) whether sale was made by tender or auction.

On the motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Gillis, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between Dr. W. H. Gaddes and the Prime Minister, or any other member of the Government, since November 1st, 1928.

On the motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. Hanna, it was Resolved,-

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Minister of Railways, any other Minister of the Crown, or any official of the Government of British Columbia, and the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, Limited, or any official of said Company; the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or any official of said Company; the Vancouver Holdings Company, Limited, or any official of said Company; the Canadian Northeastern Railway Company, or any official of said Company; or any other individual or company, relating to the charter of the Portland Canal Short Line; the charter granted to the Canadian North-eastern Railway Company; and the foreshore at the head of the Portland Canal abutting on the townsite of Stewart.

On the motion of Mr. Pattullo, seconded by Mr. MacPherson, it was Resolved,-

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of copies of all correspondence and contracts between the Minister of Railways, any other member of the Government, or any official of the Government of British Columbia, and any Government, the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, or any individual, relating to the survey of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the territory adjacent or tributary to it, and the Peace River country.

On the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzic, seconded by Mr. Hanna, it was Resolved,-

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all documents and Orders in Council, and of all correspondence between the Minister of Lands, or any other Minister of the Crown, or any official of any department of the Government, and any private individual, company, or corporation, since August 20th, 1928, relating to the purchase by the Government of timber within the limits of Strathcona Park.

On the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, it was Resolved,-

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of: (a) All persons in the permanent or temporary Service, and the Provincial Police, who have resigned since April 1st, 1929; (b) all persons in the permanent or temporary Service, and the Provincial Police, whose services have been dispensed with since April 1st, 1929; (c) dates of their leaving the Service; (d) their ages, places of residence, and length of time in the Service; (e) reasons for their dismissal; (f) also names and ages and places of residence of all persons appointed, temporarily or otherwise, to the Service, and the Provincial Police, since April 1st, 1929.

On the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Hanna, it was Resolved,-

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all applications for pardons since August 20th, 1928; the particulars of each offence; the reasons urged for clemency; the persons pressing same; the result of the application in each case; and where pardons were granted.

On the motion of Mr. MacPherson, seconded by Mr. Gillis, it was Resolved,-

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Prime Minister of British Columbia, or any member of the Government of British Columbia, or any official of said Government, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, the Government of the United States of America, the Government of the State of Alaska, or any association, corporation, or private individual, relating to a proposed highway between British Columbia and Alaska.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Solemnization of Marriage."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Distress Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Eggs Marks Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Real-estate Agents and Real-estate Salesmen" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 1) initialed "An Act to amend the 'Sheriffs Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to provide for the Licensing of Private Detectives" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. Wrinch asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. Was one W. Sanford Evans appointed to inquire into the production and marketing of fruit?

2. What previous experience had he had in the marketing of fruit, and where?

3. What remuneration is he receiving?

4. What was the cost of this inquiry at December 31st, 1929, exclusive of the Commissioner's salary?

5. Who is Secretary to the Commissioner, and what salary is he paid?

6. What previous experience of fruit-marketing had said Secretary?

7. What other fruit-marketing Commissioners have been appointed since August 20th, 1928?

8. Where are they located, and what salaries do they receive?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :----

"1. Yes.

"2. Ten years' experience in the marketing of agricultural products in Western Canada.

"3. \$50 per diem for first 100 days; \$40 per diem thereafter while engaged upon inquiry.

"4. \$3,729.92.

"5. James George Thompson; salary, \$250 per month.

"6. Colonization, transportation, and freight rates expert, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Canadian lines.

"7. A Director of Markets.

"8. Victoria; \$3,000 per annum."

Mr. Michell asked the Hon, the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:----

1. Was a Commission appointed to inquire into the fruit production and marketing problems in British Columbia?

2. If so, who is the Commissioner, and when was he appointed?

3. What previous experience (if any) had he to qualify him for such investigation?

4. What previous experience (if any) had he in marketing of Canadian farm products?

5. Who is the Secretary to the Fruit Inquiry Commission, and what positions has he held that would qualify him for his present work?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows:---

"1. Yes.

"2. W. Sanford Evans; August 26th, 1929.

"3. Chairman of Pacific Coast Fisheries Commission in the year 1916; Secretary of Millers' Committee of Food Control Board of Canada during war period.

"4. Ten years' experience in the marketing of agricultural products in Western Canada.

"5. James George Thompson; General Agent of Canada Colonization Association, jointly supported by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways and by the trust and mort-

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gage companies of Canada. In such office he was engaged in land-agency organization for emigration from the United States to Canada. As a member of the staff of the Canadian Pacific Railway Traffic Department he secured an intimate knowledge of freight rates, which knowledge was required for the Commission."

Mr. Pattullo asked the Hon, the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. What percentage of the salary of the butter-maker or manager of the Pouce Coupe Creamery was paid by the Department during 1929?

2. What percentage was paid by the Department during the preceding years?

3. What percentage was promised to the Peace River electors by the present Minister of Lands during the last election?

The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows :--

"1, Salary not known. An allowance of \$50 per month paid by this Department.

"2. 1924 allowance, \$150 per month; 1926 and 1927 allowance, \$100 per month.

"3. No information."

Mr. M. Manson asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:-

1. Was a creamery established with Government assistance at Vanderhoof, B.C.? If so, when?

2. What sums of money were expended on said creamery by the Government from its inception to August 20th, 1928?

3. What deficit was outstanding against said creamery as at August 20th, 1928?

4. Was said deficit paid by the Department of Agriculture? If so, on what date, and what was the amount?

5. What was the yearly profit or loss on operating from commencement of operations to August, 1928?

6. By what arrangement has said creamery been operated during the period from April 1st to December 31st, 1929?

7. What profit or loss is shown in the operation of said creamery for the period April 1st to December 31st, 1929?

8. What quantity of butter-fat was manufactured in said creamery during the period April 1st to December 31st for the years 1927, 1928, and 1929 respectively?

9. Does the Department of Agriculture pay a bonus to patrons of the Vanderhoof Creamery? The Hon. Mr. Atkinson replied as follows:----

"1. Yes; 1920.

"2. \$15,327.52.

"3. No information. Deficit at December 31st, 1928, \$6,774.40. (Bank overdraft, \$11,606.58.)

"4. Overdraft paid by Department, March 30th, 1929, \$11,698.70.

"5. June 15th, 1925, to December 31st, 1926, loss \$544.58; year ended December 31st, 1927, loss \$1,418.73; period ended August 20th, 1928, no information; loss year ended December 31st, 1928, \$4.811.09.

"6. Operating agreement with Burns & Co., Ltd.

"7. Profit of \$875.83 for period ended December 31st, 1929.

"8. 1927, 37,674.5 lb.; 1928, 32,375.5 lb.; 1929, 31,938 lb.

"9. No."

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

1. What are the names and home addresses of the members of the Male Minimum Wage Board?

2. Was any member of the Board an unsuccessful Conservative candidate at the last Provincial election?

3. If so, which member?

4. How many meetings of the Board were held during the year 1929?

5. Where were said meetings held, and how many were present at each meeting?

6. What remuneration does each member of the Board receive, and what allowance for expenses?

7. How many groups of workers have been brought under the Act since April 1st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :---

"1. Jas. D. McNiven, Chairman, Victoria; Geo. H. Cowan, K.C., Vancouver; Adam Bell, Revelstoke.

"2. Yes.

"3. Adam Bell,

"4. Twenty-six meetings of one day each.

"5. Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, Prince George, Kamloops, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Nelson, Cranbrook, and New Westminster. Except at three meetings, all members of the Board were present.

"6. Chairman, no remuneration; Geo. H. Cowan, \$10 per diem for nine meetings, \$20 per diem for fifteen meetings; Adam Bell, \$10 per diem for twelve meetings; after date of appointment to the Civil Service (October 21st) no remuneration as a member of the Board. Actual expenses paid.

"7. One."

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

1. Did the Government appoint a Board to administer the provisions of the "Male Minimum Wage Act, 1925"?

2. If so, was Mr. J. D. McNiven, Deputy Minister of Labour, Chairman of that Board?

3. Was Mr. Frank V. Foster, of Smithers, a member of the Board?

4. If yes, what initial salary was he paid?

5. Was his salary increased?

6. If yes, what was he then paid?

7. What was the total amount paid said Foster during the time he was a member of said Board?

8. Was Mr. T. F. Paterson, of Vancouver, a member of the Board?

9. If yes, what initial salary was he paid?

10. Was his remuneration changed? If yes, what was he then paid?

11. What was the total amount paid said Paterson during the time he was a member of said Board?

12. Is the said T. F. Paterson a brother of Mr. A. D. Paterson, former Liberal member for Delta?

13. Did the said Frank V. Foster and the said T. F. Paterson resign from the said Board?

14. If yes, were others appointed members of the said Board in their stead? If yes, who were appointed, and how long did they hold office; and what was the total amount paid each of said appointees during the time they were members of the said Board?

15. How many months after the appointment of the said Board to administer the "Male Minimum Wage Act, 1925," was its first order made effective?

16. What industry or trade was affected thereby?

17. How many months after the appointment of the said Board to administer the "Male Minimum Wage Act, 1925," was its second order made?

18. What trade or industry was affected thereby?

19. Were any other orders made by the said Board in administration of the "Male Minimum Wage Act, 1925"? If yes, when were they made, and what trades or industries did they affect?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :---

"1. Yes; December 19th, 1925.

"2. Yes.

"3. Yes.

"4. \$225 per month.

- "5. Yes.
- "6. \$250 per month.
- "7. \$8,196.77.
- "8. Yes.

"9. \$225 per month.

"10. Yes; to \$10 per diem when employed on this work.

- "11. \$3,271.77.
- "12. No information.

"13. Yes.

"14. Yes; Harry Wood and E. B. Perry; November 29th, 1927, to August 1st, 1929. Mr. Wood, \$190; Mr. Perry, \$120.

"15. Ten months and twelve days.

"16. Lumber industry.

"17. Thirty months and twelve days.

"18. Catering industry.

"19. No other orders made."

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

1. What are the duties of Adam Bell, Inspector?

2. What is his salary as Inspector?

3. When was he appointed Inspector?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :---

"1. General inspection-work and such other duties as may be assigned to him.

"2. \$185 per month.

"3. October 21st, 1929."

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

1. How many technical officers were in the employ of the Provincial Government on August 20th, 1928?

2. How many were similarly employed as at December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1. The number of technical officers as at August 20th, 1928, was 330.

"2. The number of technical officers as at December 31st, 1929, was 371."

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

Who is Superintendent at Tranquille Sanatorium Farm; what is his age; what salary is he paid; and what are his qualifications for the position?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"Dr. Lapp is Medical Superintendent. W. J. Jackson is Farm Manager; aged 60; salary, \$210 a month; thirty years' successful, practical farming."

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

1. Have annual payments to individuals by way of superannuation been increased?

2. Have all cases been considered?

3. Is it the intention to increase allowance to the late Superintendent of the Girls' Industrial School?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :--

"1. Yes, in certain cases.

"2. Yes, or under consideration.

"3. To be considered."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions :---

1. Is one Captain W. J. Cox employed in any capacity by the Provincial Government?

2. If so, in what capacity, and what is his salary or remuneration?

3. Is this the same Captain Cox who was Secretary of the Esquimalt Conservative Association?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1. Yes.

"2. Inspector to inquire into and report upon certain aspects of the administration and operation of institutions controlled by the following Departments, i.e.: Provincial Secretary, Education, and Attorney-General; \$10 a day when actually employed, together with necessary travelling and incidental expenses.

"3. No information."

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

1. How many employees were in the employ of the Province in the Civil Service: (a) Permanent staff; (b) temporary staff, as at August 20th, 1928?

2. How many were similarly employed as at December 31st, 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :----

"1. (a) Permanent staff, 1,408; (b) temporary staff, 165.

"2. (a) Permanent staff, 1,428; (b) temporary staff, 245.

"These figures do not include any Provincial Police employees, sundry employees at the Mental Hospitals, Tranquille Sanatorium and Tranquille Sanatorium Farm, General Foremen (Public Works Department), Resident Mining Engineers, etc. Civil Service staff only included."

Mr. Pattullo asked the Hon, the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. Has any change been made in the firm or firms carrying fidelity bonds covering Government employees?

2. If so, what changes?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1. Not since May 20th, 1928.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Hanna asked the Hon, the Provincial Secretary the following questions :----

1. Who is Civil Service Commissioner, and what is his salary?

2. To what position was Colonel R. Ross Napier appointed on his being transferred from Vernon, and what is his salary?

3. What was the total cost of the Civil Service reorganization at December 31st, 1929?

4. Out of which vote is Colonel Napier paid?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1. A. N. Baker; \$3,000 per annum.

"2. Commissioner under 'Departmental Inquiries Act.'

" 3. \$3,972.67.

"4. Special Warrants Nos. 5 and 13."

Mr. Hanna asked the Hon, the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. Who is Medical Health Officer and Medical Inspector of Schools at Prince George, and when was he appointed?

2. Was he a member of the Conservative Association Executive in Prince George?

3. Who was his predecessor, and why was he dismissed?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1. Medical Health Officer and Medical Inspector of Schools for City of Prince George appointed by City Council and City School Board respectively.

"2. No information.

"3. No information."

Mr. Gray asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :--

1. Have any sums been paid to a Clipping Bureau since August 20th, 1928?

2. If so what sums; when were payments made; and to whom?

The Hon. Mr. Tolmie replied as follows :---

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Gray asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions :--

1. Has the Provincial Government come to an agreement with the Dominion Government concerning the transfer of the Railway Belt and the Peace River Block to the Province?

2. If not, why not; and, if so, what are the terms of transfer?

The Hon. Mr. Tolmie replied as follows :---

"1. Not to date. Negotiations are proceeding.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. Hanna asked the Hon, the Provincial Secretary the following questions:-

1. What allowance per annum is being paid to A. N. Mouat as superannuation?

2. On what basis of salary, tenure of office, and contribution to the Superannuation Fund is this annual payment calculated?

The Hon. Mr. Howe replied as follows :---

"1 and 2. A. N. Mouat was granted a superannuation allowance of \$1,425 per annum, calculated on the basis of one-fiftieth of his average salary from August 1st, 1917, to March 31st, 1921, and the contributions to the Superannuation Fund of \$4,651.22, with the Government's like amount of \$4,651.22. He was granted, by Order in Council, in addition to the above, an annual retiring allowance of \$575. This additional allowance is entirely apart from the superannuation allowance which is being paid from the Superannuation Fund."

Mr. Pearson asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:----

1. What amount of insurance was carried by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the year 1927, and by whom was it carried?

2. What amount of insurance was carried by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the year 1929, and by whom was it carried?

The Hon. Mr. Tolmie replied as follows :---

"1. To July 22nd, \$3,495,479; after July 22nd, \$2,376,065. Alliance Assurance Company; Thames & Mersey Marine Insurance Company; World Marine & General Insurance Company; Atlas Assurance Company; North British & Mercantile Insurance Company; Union Insurance Society; British & Foreign Marine Insurance Company; British Traders' Insurance Company.

"2. \$2,224,215. Alliance Assurance Company; Phoenix Assurance Company; Thames & Mersey Marine Insurance Company; North British & Mercantile Insurance Company."

Mr. Pattullo asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following question :----

What was the total sum paid to J. Adams, of Prince George, for his work in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern survey, and what was his rate of pay?

The Hon. Mr. Tolmie replied as follows :----

"\$1,550; \$250 per month."

Mr. Pcarson asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:-

1. What was the gross income of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for the year 1929?

2. What were the operating and maintenance costs of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway for the year 1929?

The Hon. Mr. Tolmie replied as follows :---

"1. Information not available; accounts for year 1929 not yet closed.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Department to establish a Government smelter?

2. If so, when; and where; and for what class of ores?

The Hon, Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :----

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions :----

1. What amount was spent by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company on capital account during 1929?

2. Was the cost of any tie replacements, or other maintenance-work, included in the above amount?

3. What was the total expenditure for maintenance-work during the same period? The Hon. Mr. *Tolmie* replied as follows :—

"1. Information not available; accounts for year 1929 not yet closed.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

"3. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:----

1. When was charter granted to the Canadian and North-eastern Railway Company?

2. Which railway has this company operated since charter was granted; for how long was said railway operated; what is its mileage; and what tonnage did it carry?

The Hon. Mr. Tolmie replied as follows :---

"1. Incorporated under the name 'Portland Canal Short Line Railway,' chapter 59, 1909. Name changed to Canadian North-eastern Railway, chapter 74, 1911. Amendment, chapter 70, 1929.

"2. Canadian North-eastern Railway; a few months; $13\,\%$ miles; no record of any tonnage being carried."

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:---

1. What was the total cost of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway survey as at December 31st, 1929?

2. How much of the total has been charged to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and how much to the Canadian National Railways?

The Hon. Mr. Tolmie replied as follows :----

"1. \$265,711.50.

"2. \$88,570.50, Canadian Pacific Railway; \$88,570.50, Canadian National Railways."

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

1. What amount had been expended from Vote 138, covering Lectures on Geology and Mineralogy, at December 31st, 1929?

2. Where were lectures held, and when?

3. What amount had been expended from Vote 141, for Coal Investigations, at December 31st, 1929?

4. Where did investigation take place, and for how long a period?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :---

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. None.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Has the Department purchased any ores?

2. If so, what for; in what amount; at what cost; and from whom?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :---

"1. No. Not since last Return pursuant to section 10, chapter 165, R.S.B.C. 1924.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has the office of the District Mining Engineer for Vancouver Island been moved from Nanaimo; and, if so, why?

2. Where is it now located?

The Hon, Mr. McKenzie replied as follows :---

"1. Yes; in the public interest.

"2. Vancouver."

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 5.05 p.m.