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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1947

Tuesday, February 11th, 1947.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Twenty-first Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable CHARLES ARTHUR BANKS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 7th day of January, 1947.

His Honour CHARLES ARTHUR BANKS, 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:

I welcome you to the Second Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of British Columbia.

Since last you met, we have enjoyed the opportunity of welcoming to the Province our newly appointed Governor-General, His Excellency Field Marshal the Right Honourable Viscount Alexander of Tunis, and Her Excellency the Viscountess Margaret. This brilliant soldier, his charming consort and family endeared themselves to all during their sojourn. Canada is indeed fortunate in having such a distinguished representative of His Majesty the King.

We were likewise favoured with a visit from another famous military leader, Field Marshal the Right Honourable the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. This great leader, under whom so many of our Canadians served during the Second World War, was accorded a reception reflecting the high esteem in which he is held and expressing the public's gratitude for the part he played during perhaps the most perilous period in our history.

I take this opportunity to welcome to this Legislature two new members, Air Vice-Marshal Leigh Stevenson and Mr. Albert R. MacDougall, who were elected during the past twelve months to replace two valued members who were taken from our midst by their untimely deaths. I am sure that my Government will benefit from their counsel in the deliberations that are to take place on matters of importance.

I am gratified to note that the negotiations between the Dominion and the Province on taxation and social welfare have been concluded satisfactorily. In consequence of these discussions, you will be asked to endorse an agreement that will remove the threat of double taxation, without impairing the Province's constitutional rights and,

at the same time, provide additional income to assist in maintaining our high living standards and meet our increasing needs. Coupled with the ratification of this agreement is the assurance by the Dominion Government that the proposals for improving old-age pensions and other social services, as well as the plan for high-level employment, will be considered as soon as contracts have been signed by a sufficient number of Provinces.

Negotiations with respect to debts owing by the Province to the Dominion likewise have been successful, the Dominion Government having agreed to cancel 50 per cent. of the direct relief debt, representing a sum of \$8,000,000. Arrangements also have been made for the retirement of the remainder on a long-term basis, part non-interest bearing and part at low interest. In consequence of this, my Government will give consideration to a proportionate reduction in the cost of direct relief within cities and municipalities.

I am pleased to observe that in addition to the basic tax formula upon which my Government and that of the Dominion have found agreement, there will be paid to the Province 50 per cent. of the corporation tax collected from certain electric and gas public utility companies.

The Dominion also has agreed to relinquish the gasoline tax, leaving this field to the Province. The additional revenue from this source will be used exclusively for hard-surfacing, rebuilding, and extension of our highway system.

The Report of Mr. H. Carl Goldenberg, who was appointed sole Commissioner to inquire into Provincial-Municipal financial relations, will be placed before you, and my Government has given assurance that immediate action will be taken in connection with the Commissioner's findings.

Since last you met, the Government has taken steps to ascertain the most economic route to the Peace River country in connection with the proposed extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and you will be informed as to the progress that has been made.

The accomplishments of the British Columbia Power Commission with respect to power-development and rural electrification will be reviewed, and legislation will be introduced to increase the capital by \$10,000,000 to improve administration of the Act and to simplify expropriation procedure.

A comprehensive programme will be outlined to encourage qualified persons to settle on the land for the further development of our agricultural resources.

Legislation will be introduced enabling the Province to embark on a well-planned land reclamation and irrigation programme in co-operation with the Dominion Government through the extension of the benefits of the "Prairie Farms Rehabilitation Act."

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into irrigation, dyking, and drainage problems has completed its work, and its report will be placed before you. Legislation in connection therewith will be submitted.

You will be asked to adopt other recommendations of the Royal Commission on Forestry in order to establish sustained yield, development of Provincial parks, the protection of our forests, and to require owners of logged-off Crown-granted lands to undertake reforestation.

Provision will be made for the carrying-out of a more comprehensive survey and mapping programme essential to land utilization, geological and mining needs, water power, irrigation, and general development of our resources.

Encouraging progress has been made by my Government in assisting farmers with land-clearing, and it is proposed to extend and widen the scope of this service.

As a result of an exhaustive study, there will be presented legislation amending the "Petroleum and Natural-gas Act" in order to encourage prospecting and development of our potential oil resources.

I am pleased to advise you that my Government has taken steps to secure consideration, by the Board of Transport Commissioners, of the plea by British Columbia for the removal of the mountain differential in railway freight rates and to protest any general increase as applied for by the two transcontinental railways unless financial need can be proved.

My Government has submitted to the Court of Appeal questions as to whether the Provincial Government can impose taxation for the purpose of fire-protection upon Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt lands and a severance tax upon timber cut thereon. Counsel for the Government and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company have been heard by the Court, and the decision is now awaited.

Provision will be made for a comprehensive programme of public works, including buildings and roads, to supplement the already large number of important projects undertaken in the past twelve months.

You will be asked to increase appropriations so that the Department of Trade and Industry may widen its promotional campaigns to develop tourist travel and to encourage investments in industry.

The merit of the work carried on by the British Columbia Scientific and Industrial Research Council has received wide recognition, and it is proposed to make possible, through additional funds, a widening of its activities.

I am pleased to note that my Government has appointed an industrial and trade representative to the United Kingdom so that British Columbia may develop to an even greater degree trade with Great Britain. My Government has invited representatives of the timber trade in the United Kingdom to visit the Province and acquaint themselves with our forest industry, thus bringing about a greater appreciation of British Columbia's ability to meet their requirements.

It is with pleasure that I note that my Government is co-operating with the Canadian Red Cross Society in establishing the first blood-donor service in Canada to provide free transfusions.

I am also pleased to learn that my Government plans to extend full-time health-unit service to cover the whole Province during the next two years, and that provision has been made to carry out the first half of the programme this year.

The committee of the Legislature appointed at the last Session to study the "Provincial Elections Act" will submit its report, and my Government will place before you legislation to amend the existing Statute in order to bring into effect those recommendations deemed most acceptable for the improvement of election arrangements.

The reports made by two Royal Commissions inquiring into the activities of life and health insurance and accident benefit societies will be placed before you, and legislation dealing with the recommendations will be submitted for your approval.

Legislation for the establishment of a Department of Fisheries will be introduced, thereby giving full recognition to the value of our fishery resources, which are so important to the economy of the Province.

Modification of the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act" will be recommended in amending legislation, thus bringing about a further improvement in labour-employer relations.

You will be asked to review the liquor laws of the Province.

Provision will be made to render greater assistance to rural areas in connection with audiovisual education, while efforts also will be made by my Government to stimulate physical and recreational activities in the communities.

Further expansion of the prospectors' grub-staking programme will be carried out to uncover the mineral wealth of the Province, and increased appropriations will be asked for the purpose of extending and improving mining roads and trails. The

rise in prices of several of the base metals and silver is causing renewed activity in the mining field.

I am gratified to observe that geological work will now be accepted as assessment and development under the requirements of our Mineral and Placer-mining Acts in lieu of actual physical prospecting and mining operations.

You will be advised regarding the progress that has been made by the Public Utilities Commission of its audit and investigation for rate-structure purposes of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's operations.

The strong financial position of the Province has been maintained, and the Dominion taxation agreement will stabilize our revenues for the next five years. The marketing of Provincial bonds during the past year, particularly those for the financing of power-development and rural electrification, reflects the continued strength of British Columbia's credit.

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

Minor legislation designed to improve existing Acts will be placed before you.

I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.

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

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. W. McLean*, M.A., Moderator of the Synod of British Columbia of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of two members to represent the Electoral District of Vancouver-Point Grey was read, as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

“VICTORIA, September 10th, 1946.

“Whereas vacancies occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1946, of Royal Lethington Maitland, K.C., and on the nineteenth day of February, 1946, of James Alexander Paton, members thereof for the Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral District:

“And whereas on the seventeenth day of May, 1946, a writ for the election of two members to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“Now I do hereby certify that on the twenty-third day of July, 1946, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *Reginald Albert MacDougall* and *Leigh Forbes Stevenson* to represent the Vancouver-Point Grey Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“P. WALKER,

“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, it was Resolved,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of two members to represent the Electoral District of Vancouver-Point Grey be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Leigh Forbes Stevenson* and Mr. *Albert Reginald MacDougall*, having been duly sworn, were introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier) and the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Finance), and took their seats.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Interpretation 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. *Anscomb*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Eyres*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

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

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

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

The following papers were presented:—

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

Reports of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year 1945 and Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1946.

Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal of the Province of British Columbia.

Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance, 1946.

Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board, April 1st, 1945, to March 31st, 1946.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1946.

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

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 64 of Chapter 144 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936," from February 21st, 1946, to February 10th, 1947.

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

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1946.

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

Forty-first Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

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

Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

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

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

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

Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

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

Report of the Provincial Library for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

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

Eleventh Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1946.

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

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier)—

Eighth Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

Seventh Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 64 of the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

Sixth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act."

First Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1946.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.32 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12th, 1947.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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. *MacDougall* (third member for Vancouver-Point Grey) moved, seconded by Mr. *Webster* (Rossland-Trail),—

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

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

A debate arose.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*,—

That *Thomas Alfred Love*, Esquire, member for Grand Forks-Greenwood Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Upon the question being put, it was agreed to.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Motor-vehicles for the Year 1945.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—

Report of the Royal Commission on Provincial-Municipal Relations in British Columbia.

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson*—

Report of the Minister of Public Works for the Fiscal Year 1945-46.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.28 p.m.

Thursday, February 13th, 1947.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. Biddle*.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Straith* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 11th instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 13th, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 11th instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Straith, Brown, McDonell, Mowat, Cates, B. I. Johnson, Morrow, Mrs. Rolston*, Messrs. *MacDougall, H. E. Winch, Corsbie, and Harding*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *R. H. Carson, King, McDonell, MacDougall, B. I. Johnson, Bennett, Love, Straith, H. E. Winch, Gargrave, and Turner*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *LeBourdais, King, Morrow, Stevenson, Ritchie, Green, Hope, Laird, Beard, Bennett, Corsbie, Rowland, Harding, and McInnis*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Love, LeBourdais, W. J. Johnson, Smith, Webster, Gillis, Mowat, Welch, Laird, Uphill, Guthrie, Corsbie, and Rowland*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Welch, Cates, Stevenson, Ritchie, Green, Mowat, Beard, B. I. Johnson, King, Bennett, Gargrave, Brett, and McInnis*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *B. I. Johnson, Cates, Brown, Straith, Love, Morrow, Hope, Ritchie, Bennett, Mrs. Rolston*, Messrs. *Brett, Guthrie, Turner, and Gargrave*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis, W. J. Johnson, Smith, Stevenson, MacDougall, McDonell, Webster, Mrs. Hodges*, Messrs. *Welch, Hope, Uphill, Gargrave, Turner, E. E. Winch, and Guthrie*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Mrs. *Rolston, Mrs. Hodges*, Messrs. *Mowat, Gillis, Green, Laird, Smith, E. E. Winch, Harding, and McInnis*.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* presented the following papers:—

Return pursuant to section 170 (1) (a) of the "Mineral Act."

Return pursuant to section 170 of the "Mineral Act."

Return pursuant to section 171 (1) (a) of the "Placer-mining Act."

Return pursuant to section 14 (4), "Department of Mines Act," chapter 47, Statutes of British Columbia, 1938.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

Friday, February 14th, 1947.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. H. A. McLeod.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 14th, 1947.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Bill accompanying the same, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 14th, 1947.

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 respecting the Department of Fisheries," 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. *Wismer* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 14th, 1947.

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 amend the 'Fisheries Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Report of the Public Library Commission, 1945.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—

Return submitted in accordance with section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return submitted in accordance with section 103 (4) of the "Taxation Act," R.S.B.C. 1936.

Statement of unclaimed money deposits for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1946, pursuant to the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," chapter 295, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return of all moneys paid and received by Official Administrators for the calendar year 1946, pursuant to the "Administration Act," chapter 5, R.S.B.C. 1936.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

Monday, February 17th, 1947.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Straith* presented a petition from The London and Western Trusts Company Limited and The Canada Trust Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting The London and Western Trusts Company Limited and The Canada Trust Company."

Mr. *Brown* presented a petition from Bertrand Galloway, Leslie Crane, and Norman Wallace for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the National General Insurance Company."

Mr. *Straith* presented a petition from The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to incorporate The Anglican Synod of British Columbia, 1889.'"

Mr. *Brown* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

Mr. *Uphill* presented a petition from the Morrissey, Fernie and Michel Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Morrissey, Fernie and Michel Railway Act, 1903.'"

Mrs. *Hodges* presented a petition from William West, Alfred Gordon Butcher, James Burnley Gaunt, Charles Leslie Buchanan, John Robert Hunter, Jorgen Paul Lundie, Daniel Brown, Gustave William Ramsell, John Fortnum, and James Henry Urch for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the C. U. & C. Insurance Company."

Mr. *McDonell* presented a petition from the British Columbia Sugar Refining Company, Limited; Hamish D. MacKenzie; Burns & Company, Limited; and Ross & Howard Iron Works Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting certain Water-lots in the Port of Vancouver."

Mr. *MacDougall* presented a petition from Edward Quentin Jennings, Bishop of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate The Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops and his successors in office a corporation sole.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

1. During the past year were plans prepared and estimates invited for the erection of cottage homes for delinquent boys?
2. If yes, what was (a) the Government's estimate of cost and (b) the amount of the lowest tender received?
3. What is the present situation in regard to the implementation of the original plans?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Plumbing, \$60,000; electrical, \$65,000; heating, \$172,000; general, \$353,000. (b) Plumbing, \$60,058 and \$61,948; heating, \$171,399.68 and \$174,648; electrical, \$59,830, \$63,000, and \$98,897; general, \$946,939.

"3. New plans prepared along different lines."

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

1. During 1946, how many Essondale patients were before the appeal board?
2. How many of same were approved for probation by the board?
3. How many were accompanied by a lay advocate?

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

"1. In 1946 twenty cases were before the appeal board.

"2. One.

"3. Two."

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

How many (a) patients were in residence and (b) doctors on the staff at Essondale in 1933, 1939, 1943, and at the present time?

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

"Fiscal year ended March 31st, 1933: Patients, 2,151; doctors, 8. Fiscal year ended March 31st, 1939: Patients, 2,746; doctors, 13 (one on leave). Fiscal year ended March 31st, 1943: Patients, 3,045; doctors, 12 (four on active service). Present time: Patients, 3,202; doctors, 21 (three on leave)."

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

1. What was the total log-scale for the Fort George forestry district for the year 1946?
2. What was the number of railway-ties produced in that year in this district?
3. What quantity of pit-props was produced?
4. What was the total revenue accruing to the Government from this district for this year (a) from royalties, (b) from stumpage, and (c) the total revenue from all forest products produced in this district for that year?

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

"1. 146,651,125 F.B.M.

"2. Hewn ties, 149,254; sawn ties, 39,735; total, 188,989.

"3. 18,233,589 lineal feet, plus 1,425 cords.

"4. (a) \$178,324.12; (b) \$279,787.21; and (c) \$473,310.88."

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

1. How many land-clearing units were put into operation during 1946?
2. (a) What machines are used in each unit and (b) where are they located?
3. How much land was cleared by each in 1946?

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

“1. Eight.

“2. (a) and (b): One TD18 International crawler tractor with land-clearing blade, Vancouver Island; two TD18 International crawler tractors with land-clearing blades, Kootenay District; one HD7 Allis-Chalmers crawler tractor with V-shaped brush cutter, piling blade, and angledozer, Kamloops District; one HD10 Allis-Chalmers crawler tractor with V-shaped brush cutter, piling blade, and angledozer, and one HD7 Allis-Chalmers crawler tractor with piling blade and angledozer, Cariboo District; one D8 Caterpillar tractor with V-shaped brush cutter and piling blade, and one HD7 Allis-Chalmers crawler tractor with V-shaped brush cutter, piling blade, and angledozer, Prince George-Vanderhoof District.

“3. As charges are based on hourly rates, the land cleared is not measured; consequently, no accurate estimate can be furnished. In addition, two units are often used to carry out separate operations on the same job; e.g., brush cutting and piling.”

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

1. How many patients are confined in the Provincial Mental Hospital at Saanich?
2. How many of same are there by Order in Council?
3. What was the latest date on which the patients generally were allowed into the airing court?

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

“1. This institution has accommodation for 290 patients, and at present there are 289 patients domiciled there.

“2. Forty-four patients were committed under Order in Council.

“3. All patients that were able to go were taken into the airing court on October 18th, 1946, and two of the three wards were allowed out for the last time on November 12th, 1946. Since that time the weather has been unfavourable.”

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

1. Are any land surveys contemplated for the Peace River Land Recording District for the coming summer?
2. If so, in what areas will these surveys be made?

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

“1. No; soil surveys are progressing, which will determine the areas of land suitable for settlement; when completed, the necessary subdivision surveys will be carried out.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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 5.12 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18th, 1947.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *F. Howlett*.

The following petitions were received:—

From The London and Western Trusts Company Limited and The Canada Trust Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting The London and Western Trusts Company Limited and The Canada Trust Company."

From Bertrand Galloway, Leslie Crane, and Norman Wallace for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the National General Insurance Company."

From The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to incorporate The Anglican Synod of British Columbia, 1889.'"

From the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

From the Morrissey, Fernie and Michel Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Morrissey, Fernie and Michel Railway Act, 1903.'"

From William West, Alfred Gordon Butcher, James Burnley Gaunt, Charles Leslie Buchanan, John Robert Hunter, Jorgen Paul Lundie, Daniel Brown, Gustave William Ramsell, John Fortnum, and James Henry Urch for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the C. U. & C. Insurance Company."

From the British Columbia Sugar Refining Company, Limited; Hamish D. MacKenzie; Burns & Company, Limited; and Ross & Howard Iron Works Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting certain Water-lots in the Port of Vancouver."

From Edward Quentin Jennings, Bishop of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate The Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Kamloops as a body corporate.

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

The debate continued.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Putnam*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Eyres*, it was Resolved,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes; to discuss with members of the British Columbia Agricultural Production Committee the agricultural programme as outlined in December at the Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference and to call such other Department of Agriculture officials as may be representatives on other agricultural bodies, with a view to securing information on matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the Province; and to report its findings to this House.

The Hon. Mr. *Carson* presented a Return pursuant to the "Public Works Act" for the year ended December 31st, 1946.

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 4.42 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19th, 1947.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Blanchfield*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mrs. *Rolston*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *R. H. Carson* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed under the "Elections Committee Enabling Act, 1946," as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 14th, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed under the "Elections Committee Enabling Act, 1946," being chapter 25, begs leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee has held several meetings both in Vancouver and Victoria.

Before entering upon its work of revising the present electoral system, a questionnaire in the form which is appended hereto was sent to about 3,000 persons and organizations throughout the Province. The answers and comments which have been given in response to this questionnaire have greatly assisted your Committee.

Your Committee held a special sitting in Vancouver from October 31st to November 2nd, 1946, when representations were made and briefs were presented by many organizations and individuals.

Having received this whole-hearted assistance from the public of the Province and after its several meetings your Committee begs to recommend:—

1. That the present Elections Act be repealed and that new legislation be enacted which will incorporate the recommendations herein made.

2. (a.) That the provisions of the present Act relating to the qualification and disqualification of voters be retained except where amended by the recommendations herein contained.

(b.) That the residence qualification for a voter be amended to require that he has resided in Canada for twelve months, in the Province for six months, and in the electoral district for thirty days immediately preceding the date on which the voters lists close prior to an election.

3. That Chinese and Hindus who are at present disqualified only by reason of their racial origin and who are otherwise eligible shall be entitled to vote. Messrs. *Winch*, *Straith*, and *Gargrave* wish to be recorded as opposed to retaining any racial discrimination under the Elections Act.

4. That Doukhobors who are, or have been, members of the armed forces, or who have been rejected by the armed forces, together with their wives and descendants, who are otherwise eligible, shall be entitled to vote.

5. That native Indians who are, or have been, members of the armed forces, or who are not resident on a reserve be entitled to vote; and that the word "Indian" be more explicitly defined; and that all Indians who have been enfranchised by the "Indian Act" of Canada be entitled to vote in the Province. Your Committee begs to recommend that further study be given by the House to the matter of the further extension of the franchise to Indians and the right of Indians to have representation in the Legislature.

6. That the franchise be extended only to those persons who have an adequate knowledge of the English or French language.

7. That a Chief Electoral Officer who shall supervise elections and administer the Elections Act shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and that he hold office during the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

8. That the Registrar-General of Voters and District Registrars be appointed as at present; and that the Registrar-General be in charge of a Central Registry of Voters where a complete register of all voters in the Province is maintained.

9. That a system of perpetual registration be instituted and that all residents of the Province who are twenty-one years of age or over be required to register within thirty days of the Proclamation of the new Act. Persons failing to so register should be subject to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars unless they have valid reasons for default. Persons coming to the Province should be required to register within six months and persons coming of age should be required to register within thirty days of their twenty-first birthday.

10. That all existing voters lists be cancelled; and that all eligible persons be required to apply on an application form which they shall personally sign; and whose signatures shall be witnessed only, without the necessity of an oath being taken before a Commissioner. Adequate facilities should be provided for this original registration in all electoral districts.

11. That copies of all application forms be kept at the Central Registry of Voters; and that voters be required to give notice of change of address.

12. That the Department of Vital Statistics be required to provide the Registrar-General of Voters with information as to deaths, marriages, and changes of name and any other necessary information.

13. That a registration card be issued to each registered person, which shall show the person's name, address, and occupation and the electoral district. This card shall bear a registration number which shall be the permanent number of such person. The card need not be carried at all times, but may be required to be produced at the time of voting. The card will be endorsed by the voter for identification purposes. Persons who are not eligible to vote may secure non-voters' cards of a distinctive colour. That provisions be made that a registered voter who is unable to produce his card at his polling-station may take an oath that he is a registered voter and thus obtain a ballot.

14. That a system of compulsory voting be instituted with appropriate penalties for default failing a reasonable excuse.

15. That there be a period of not less than fourteen days between the announcement of an election and the closing of the voters lists. That a period of twenty-one days be provided between the closing of the voters lists and nomination-day. That the

present twenty-one-day period between nomination-day and polling-day, and between polling-day and the final count remain unchanged.

16. That there be a special Court of Revision for removal of names only, which shall be held at least twelve clear days before nomination-day.

17. That there be no other Courts of Revision but that the Registrar-General of Voters and District Registrars be empowered to deal with objections or other matters of revision at any time.

18. That a notice be sent to each voter who fails to vote at an election requiring him to give reasons for his failure to vote within six months of the date of election. If default continues the voter's registration shall be cancelled and if he is still resident within the Province he is then subject to the usual penalty for failure to register.

19. That suitable automatic office equipment and machinery be provided for the Central Registry of Voters and for District Registries to permit of greater efficiency in the making and maintaining of voters lists.

20. That circumstances do not require the re-enactment of provisions similar to section 6 relating to deserters, section 8 relating to unemployment relief camps, and section 18A relating to active service voters.

21. That each Returning Officer shall hold office permanently during good conduct; and that he be provided with adequate remuneration for these duties; and that he be required to report each year to the Chief Electoral Officer regarding any necessary revisions in his district; and that he be paid such special remuneration on the occasion of elections as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

22. That in electoral districts having less than 10,000 registered voters, the nomination-papers of candidates be signed by not less than twenty-five registered voters; and in other electoral districts nomination-papers of candidates be signed by not less than fifty registered voters; and that signatories of nomination-papers be required to sign with their usual signatures, giving their addresses, occupations, and registration numbers; that no proposer or seconder be required on nomination-papers.

23. That persons giving clerical or other assistance to candidates be permitted to be paid without disfranchisement or other penalty.

24. That three days be provided for an advanced poll to be held on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the week prior to an election. Advance polls should be provided for the convenience of trainmen, mariners, fishermen, and other persons who by reason of the nature of their employment are unable to vote on election-day. The number and location of such polls should be in the discretion of the Chief Electoral Officer.

25. That absentee voting be provided for.

26. That ballots cast at advance polls and absentee ballots be not counted on election-day, but be sent to the respective Returning Officers to be counted at the final count; and that Returning Officers be advised after the close of balloting on election-day of the number of absentee ballots cast.

27. That in each hospital where it is deemed necessary by the Returning Officer a polling-station be provided to permit of voting by the hospital staff and by patients who are able to attend at the polling-station.

28. That provision be made for the sending of a notice to each voter, just prior to an election, of the time and place of voting.

29. That transfer certificates may be issued by Returning Officers to Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks who, on election-day, may be assigned to work away from their own polling-places; and that transfer certificates may be issued similarly to scrutineers when requested by a candidate or his agent; and that such Deputy Returning Officers, Poll Clerks, and scrutineers be permitted to vote by ordinary ballot upon surrendering such transfer certificate. That, failing such transfer certificates, such persons be entitled to vote by absentee ballot.

30. That an absentee ballot be in the form previously used by overseas active service voters, so that a voter will write upon the ballot the name of the candidate (or candidates, in case of an electoral district where more than one candidate is to be elected) whom he wishes to elect. Before receiving his ballot an absentee voter shall be required to take an oath to be provided on the ballot envelope in which his ballot shall be sealed.

That the procedure for absentee voting be generally similar to that now set forth in sections 113 and 114 of the present Act.

31. At the final count, and before opening ballot envelopes of absentee voters or advance-poll voters, the Returning Officer shall first satisfy himself that each such voter is eligible to vote and has not otherwise voted. These ballots should be counted in large groups so as to preserve the secrecy of the individual ballot.

32. That each candidate shall be required to make a return showing the total of his election expenses, the same to be accompanied by the candidate's or his agent's declaration.

33. That every registered voter who does not have four consecutive hours free from his employment between the hours of the opening and the closing of the polls on election-day shall be given sufficient time off from his employment, with pay, so that he shall have four consecutive hours during voting hours in which to vote. The employer shall have the discretion as to what hours shall be taken for this purpose; and suitable penalties shall be provided in the event of contravention by an employer. This provision will make it unnecessary for election-day to be a public holiday.

34. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be given authority to issue such regulations as may be necessary under the Act.

35. That certain provisions of the Elections Act have become archaic and it is necessary to modify them in accordance with modern requirements; namely, sections 150, 160, 161, 163, 165, 166, and 180.

36. That the Act come into force by Proclamation in order that sufficient time may be provided to arrange for the necessary registration of voters within thirty days of the Proclamation.

37. Your Committee gave careful consideration to a proposal to introduce a form of postal ballot which might permit of voting by sick and infirm persons and persons who might be out of the Province on election-day. However, your Committee considers that the postal ballot is open to serious difficulties and no recommendation is being made at this time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. CARSON, *Chairman.*
W. T. STRAITH.
H. E. WINCH.
THOMAS KING.
H. GARGRAVE.
D. C. BROWN.
T. A. LOVE.

The report was read and received.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 19th, 1947.

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. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest 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. *MacDonald*, Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to validate the Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Langley for the Year 1947" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. What maintenance-work has been done on the Indian road in the Cowichan-Newcastle riding since March 31st, 1946?
2. Between what points on such road was such work done?
3. Of what did such work consist?
4. What sums of money were expended on this work?

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

- "1. General maintenance, including grading, gravelling, ditching, etc.
- "2. Throughout its length.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. \$174.05."

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

1. Has a survey been made relative to a new arterial highway between Vancouver and New Westminster?
2. Have plans been prepared relative to a new arterial highway between Vancouver and New Westminster?

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

- "1. Preliminary survey only.
- "2. Area plan only."

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

1. Are plans in hand for the widening and reconstruction of Kingsway through Burnaby?
2. If yes, between what points is such work being planned?
3. Is provision being made for: (a) Installation of a trunk sewer from Sperling Avenue to connect with the Glenbrook sewer; (b) placing light and power lines underground; and (c) a modern highway lighting system?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Between Boundary Road and Edmonds Street.
- "3. (a) No, (b) being considered, and (c) yes."

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

1. Is a new bridge being constructed over Deep Creek on the Edgewood-Vernon Road in the Kaslo-Slocan District?

2. If yes, what is the estimated cost of the bridge?

3. How much of the same has been expended to December 31st, 1946?

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

“ 1. Yes; but work has been closed down for the winter.

“ 2. \$45,000.

“ 3. \$14,274.38.”

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

1. What bridges, if any, have been constructed in the Lardeau district of the Kaslo-Slocan riding during 1946?

2. Where are same located and what is their respective cost of construction?

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

“ 1. None.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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 5.06 p.m.

Thursday, February 20th, 1947.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. Easter*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Social Assistance Branch of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the Year ended March 31st, 1946.

Seventh Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Municipal Superannuation Act” for the Year ended March 31st, 1946.

Fifth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Teachers' Pensions Act” for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

Regulations governing the Sanitation of Eating and Drinking Places.

By the Hon. Mr. *Eyres*—

Report of the Provincial Fisheries Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

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

1. Did a fire occur within the past year at the Colony Farm, Essondale?
2. If yes, what information, if any, has the Government as to the origin of the fire?
3. What was destroyed and what is the estimated cost of replacement?
4. What was the type of construction?
5. Were any patients domiciled in the building?
6. Are patients now domiciled in any structure of a non-fireproof type?
7. If yes, (a) how many, (b) their general age-group, and (c) the distance of such buildings from the site of the fire?

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

“1. Yes; December 10th, 1946, between the hours of 12 midnight and 1 a.m.

“2. No information.

“3. Building known as Colony Farm Arena; estimated cost of replacement, \$90,000.

“4. Frame construction with concrete foundation and concrete ground floor; shingle roof.

“5. No.

“6. Yes.

“7. Colony Farm Annex, building of frame construction: (a) 125, (b) mostly older type, between 60 and 70 years of age, and (c) 150 feet. Colony Farm Cottage, building of frame construction, with brick veneer: (a) 89, (b) mostly between 40 and 55 years of age, and (c) 550 feet.”

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 5.16 p.m.

Friday, February 21st, 1947.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *W. Ross*.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *B. I. Johnson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Annual Holidays 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. *Wismer*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bills of Sale Act.’”

Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fire Marshal Act.’”

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act.'"

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Cemeteries Act.'"

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act.'"

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to validate the Assessment Roll for the Municipality of Langley for the Year 1947" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 21st, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The London and Western Trusts Company Limited and The Canada Trust Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting The London and Western Trusts Company Limited and The Canada Trust Company" have been complied with, except in respect to advertising, and your Committee recommends that this Rule be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 21st, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Bertrand Galloway, Leslie Crane, and Norman Wallace for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the National General Insurance Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 21st, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend 'An Act to incorporate The Anglican Synod of British Columbia, 1889'" have been complied with, except in respect to advertising, and your Committee recommends that this Rule be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 21st, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" have been complied with, except in respect to advertising, and your Committee recommends that this Rule be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 21st, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the Morrissey, Fernie and Michel Railway Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Morrissey, Fernie and Michel Railway Act, 1903'" have been complied

with, except in respect to advertising, and your Committee recommends that this Rule be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 21st, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of William West, Alfred Gordon Butcher, James Burnley Gaunt, Charles Leslie Buchanan, John Robert Hunter, Jorgen Paul Lundie, Daniel Brown, Gustave William Ramsell, John Fortnum, and James Henry Urch for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the C. U. & C. Insurance Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 21st, 1947.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Edward Quentin Jennings, Bishop of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops, for leave to introduce a Private Bill to incorporate The Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops and his successors in office a corporation sole have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. T. STRAITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Regulations for the Sanitary Control of Industrial Camps.

Seventy-third Report on the Vital Statistics of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1944.

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1946.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Seventy-fifth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province of British Columbia for the Year 1945-46.

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

1. How many first offenders under the age of 20, 25, and 30 years respectively were committed to Oakalla during 1946?

2. How many of the same joined the "Star" group?

3. How many are in this group at the present time?

4. What provisions exist for supervised evening occupations?

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

"1. Under 20 years, 168; between 20 to 24 years, 229; between 25 to 30 years, 143.

"2. Fifty-four.

"3. Forty.

"4. None."

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

1. What number of adults and their dependents are in receipt of some form of Provincial social assistance?

2. How many are there in each social assistance classification?

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

"1. 25,430 adults and 6,265 dependents.

"2. Old-age pensions, 17,682 adults and no record of dependents; blind pensions, 366 adults and 160 dependents; mothers' allowances, 863 adults and 2,026 dependents (includes 201 disabled husbands); social allowances (includes 4,799 singles), 6,519 adults and 3,422 dependents (includes wives); Child Welfare Division (wards and non-wards), 657 dependents; totals, 25,430 adults and 6,265 dependents. The figure under Child Welfare Division includes 332 wards, for whom the Province assumes full financial responsibility, and 325 non-wards, for whom the Province assumes full financial responsibility for 277 and partial financial responsibility for 48."

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

1. Has the Provincial Government requested the Dominion Government to build a telegraph or telephone line along the Pine Pass Highway as part of the Dominion Government telegraph system?

2. If yes, has the Dominion Government communicated any plans to the Provincial Government for such service?

3. If yes, what are such plans?

4. If no, have any other plans been made by the Provincial Government to provide a communications system along this highway?

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

"1. No.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. No."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.33 p.m.