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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1950

Tuesday, February 14th, 1950.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Twenty-second Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable CHARLES ARTHUR BANKS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 13th day of December, 1949, the members having been sworn took their seats.

His Honour CHARLES ARTHUR BANKS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, member for New Westminster Electoral District, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, first member for Vancouver East Electoral District, that Mrs. *Nancy Hodges*, second member for Victoria City Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* then said:—

MADAM SPEAKER:

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

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

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

Madam Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In opening the First Session of the Twenty-second Parliament of British Columbia, I welcome many new members whose knowledge and experience I feel sure will benefit greatly the deliberations of this House.

Since the Legislature last convened, there has been admitted to Confederation a tenth Province, namely, Newfoundland. It is with gratification that I note my Government has marked this historic occasion by announcing its intention to present a mace to the Legislature of the new Province and that you will be asked to consider an appropriate message to accompany this gift.

Outstanding success attended the recent Dominion-Provincial Conference called for the purpose of considering ways and means to amend our constitution and make it a truly Canadian document. A formula was devised enabling a Continuing Committee of the Conference to submit to a later plenary session a proposal which it is hoped will be acceptable to the Dominion Parliament and all Provincial Legislatures.

A Dominion-Provincial Conference on economic matters has been called for the fall of this year, and I am pleased to learn that my Government has indicated its willingness to attend.

It is with satisfaction that I note the completion of the Hope-Princeton Highway. I feel sure that this new link with the Interior of the Province will prove of great economic value.

There will be placed before you legislation enabling my Government to enter into agreement with the Government of Canada to share responsibility in connection with projects designed to alleviate the existing housing shortage.

Concurrently, there will be submitted legislation enabling cities and municipalities to participate with my Government in the housing plans devised by various districts to meet their particular needs.

There will be submitted a proposal designed to establish closer liaison between our native Indians and the Government in all matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Province.

As a result of the decision of the Privy Council, you will be asked to consider legislation in respect to taxation on Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Belt lands.

It is the hope of my Government that before the conclusion of the Session, you will be enabled to consider an agreement between the Dominion and Provincial Governments with respect to the construction of the Trans-Canada Highway.

Legislation will be submitted ensuring the proper maintenance of the reconstructed dyking system in the Fraser Valley and elsewhere in the Province on which public money has been spent with such beneficial results.

A Bill will be placed before you seeking amendments to the "Hospital Insurance Act" with the object of improving administrative procedures under this Act.

Provision will be asked to assist the University of British Columbia to continue with its building programme.

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

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

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

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

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

The Speaker read a letter from the Speaker of the Knesset, the Legislature of Israel, and directed that it be entered in the Journals, as follows:—

"TEL-AVIV, September 6th, 1949.

"*The Speaker,*

"*Legislature of British Columbia, Victoria.*

"SIR,—I was very happy to meet Mr. Harold Winch, M.L.A., the leader of the Opposition in your Parliament, and to receive the greetings which you, on behalf of your Legislature, were kind enough to send to Israel. Ours is a very young state and we are very keen to learn from the example of the Legislative Assemblies which have grown up during the past century in the wide areas of the British Commonwealth of Nations. I am happy to avail myself of his visit for conveying to you heartfelt greetings on behalf of our people.

"Believe me to be,

"Sir,

"Yours very truly,

"JOSEPH SPRINZAK,

"*Speaker of the Knesset.*"

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

" OFFICE OF DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
" VICTORIA, B.C., October 11th, 1949.

" General Election, June 15th, 1949.

" SIR,—His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by Proclamation dated 16th April, 1949, was pleased to dissolve the Legislative Assembly of the Province, and it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused by such dissolution.

" The elections were duly held pursuant to the provisions of the 'Provincial Elections Act.'

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

" Yours truly,

" R. A. PENNINGTON,

" Deputy Provincial Secretary.

" E. K. DeBeck, Esq., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Buildings."

(ENCLOSURE.)

" October 11th, 1949.

" The twenty-first Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia was dissolved on April 16th, 1949, and Writs calling for a General Election were issued on that day and made returnable July 30th. The day for the nomination of candidates was set for May 25th, with Polling Day being June 15th, 1949.

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

ALBERNI	James Mowat.
ATLIN	Frank Arthur Calder.
BURNABY	Ernest Edward Winch.
CARIBOO	Angus MacLean.
CHILLIWACK	Leslie Harvey Eyres.
COLUMBIA	Thomas King.
COMOX	Herbert John Welch.
COWICHAN-NEWCASTLE	Andrew Mowatt Whisker.
CRANBROOK	Leo Thomas Nimsick.
DELTA	Alexander Campbell Hope.
DEWDNEY	Roderick Charles MacDonald.
ESQUIMALT	Charles Taschereau Beard.
FERNIE	Thomas Uphill.
FORT GEORGE	Henry Robson Bowman.
GRAND FORKS-GREENWOOD	Rupert Williams Haggan.
KAMLOOPS	Sydney John Smith.
KASLO-SLOCAN	Randolph Harding.
LILLOOET	Ernest Crawford Carson.
MACKENZIE	Battleman Milton MacIntyre.
NANAIMO AND THE ISLANDS	George Sharratt Pearson.
NELSON-CRESTON	Walter Hendricks.
NEW WESTMINSTER	Byron Ingemar Johnson.
NORTH OKANAGAN	Charles William Morrow.
NORTH VANCOUVER	John Henry Cates.
OAK BAY	Herbert Anson.
OMINECA	Robert Cecil Steele.
PEACE RIVER	Glen Everton Braden.
PRINCE RUPERT	John Duncan McRae.
REVELSTOKE	Arvid Waldemar Lundell.

ROSSLAND-TRAIL.....	Alexander Douglas Turnbull.
SAANICH.....	Arthur James Richard Ash.
SALMON ARM.....	Arthur Brown Ritchie.
SIMILKAMEEN.....	Maurice Patrick Finnerty.
SKEENA.....	Edward Tourtellotte Kenney.
SOUTH OKANAGAN.....	William Andrew Cecil Bennett.
VANCOUVER-BURRARD.....	{ Donald Cameron Brown.
	{ John Groves Gould.
VANCOUVER CENTRE.....	{ Gordon Sylvester Wismer.
	{ Allan James McDonell.
VANCOUVER EAST.....	{ Harold Edward Winch.
	{ Arthur James Turner.
	{ Albert Reginald MacDougall.
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY.....	{ Tilly Jean Rolston.
	{ Leigh Forbes Stevenson.
	{ Nancy Hodges.
VICTORIA CITY.....	{ Daniel John Proudfoot.
	{ William Thomas Straith.
YALE.....	John Joseph Gillis.

" F. HURLEY,
" Chief Electoral Officer."

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

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

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

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the petitions of William Scow and Frank Assu.

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

That the Rules be suspended and the petitions now read and received.

To the Honourable George S. Pearson,
Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

This 3rd day of February, A.D. 1950, the petition of William Scow, President of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, of Alert Bay, B.C., humbly sheweth that your petitioner petitions for leave to appear before the Bar of the Provincial House of Parliament on an appropriate occasion to convey on behalf of the Indians of British Columbia an expression of their gratitude to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia for granting the franchise to the Indians of British Columbia.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

CHIEF WM. SCOW.

To the Honourable George S. Pearson,
 Provincial Secretary,
 Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

This 3rd day of February, A.D. 1950, the petition of Frank Assu, President of the North American Brotherhood, of Steveston, B.C., humbly sheweth that your petitioner petitions for leave to appear before the Bar of the Provincial House of Parliament on an appropriate occasion to convey on behalf of the Indians of British Columbia an expression of their gratitude to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia for granting the franchise to the Indians of British Columbia.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

FRANK ASSU.

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

That the petitions be granted and that the petitioners be now summoned to the Bar of the House.

Upon the direction of the Speaker the petitioners were conducted to the Bar of the House and addressed the Legislature.

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

That the addresses of Chief William Scow and Chief Frank Assu be printed in the Journals of the House.

The Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, she had obtained copies of the addresses.

MADAM SPEAKER:

This is the first time in the history of Canada that a Province has given a vote to an Indian people. When our request was placed before the Legislature just before the last Provincial election, the members without hesitation accepted us as equals to vote with the rest of the people of British Columbia.

As soon as this happened, we called conventions of all the Indian people in the different parts of the Province. Delegates from all reserves and places went there gladly.

Very little opposition was made to this wonderful first opportunity that was given to us for the first time in Canada.

We organized Indian Deputy Registrars to get the Indian vote ready over the whole Province.

The white man had done this work for many years, but this was the first time the Indian had done it, and we were assisted in every way.

You can believe me when I tell you what a big job it was, when you remember how Indian villages are scattered in the bays, inlets, islands, rivers, and mountains. Our Indians appointed as Deputy Registrars by the Government went to every village and place, and every person that wanted freely to vote was put on the List. Those that felt that they did not want to go on were not forced in any way. The few that did not want to go on, some of them told us afterwards that they would go on the next time. I feel and know that the granting of this first franchise to our people is the beginning of giving them many privileges which they have not had in the past.

As president, and on behalf of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, I wish here to thank the Legislature for giving the Indian people the right to vote for the first time.

CHIEF WM. SCOW.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The white people have been in Canada for over 300 years. In Eastern Canada there have been many wars fought between the white man and the Indian, and many people were killed on both sides from time to time.

This condition did not exist between the white man and the Indian in the Province of British Columbia. The Indian greeted the white man, the stranger, as a friend, and treated and dealt with him throughout as a friend and guest.

No real trouble between the Indian and the white man has existed in British Columbia. We settle our differences by agreement. We still have some difficulties which we hope to settle by agreement and peaceably in the future.

I wish to agree with my friend, Mr. William Scow, the president of the other large Indian organization in British Columbia, called the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, when we asked for the vote in British Columbia, Mr. Scow, acting for his people, and I, acting for my people, worked harmoniously together first in asking this Legislature for the vote and then organizing all different conventions to get all our people on the voters list.

I agree with Mr. Scow that when we first started to get organizations together, it seemed a great task. Our own Indians were appointed Deputy Registrars.

Through delegating our authority, we performed a task that seemed like impossible in the short time we had at our disposal.

Every Indian in every village and settlement was asked to get on the list of his own free will. A few did not wish to do so. There was no coercion of any kind. Those few who did not want to get on, some have told me since that they now want to get on the next time.

On behalf of the North American Brotherhood, of whom I am president, I wish to thank this Legislature for giving the Indian people of British Columbia the vote.

FRANK ASSU.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Johnson* (Premier)—

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

The Fourth Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1949.

The Tenth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to the "Public Utilities Act," for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act," Licence-year 1948-49.

The Annual Report of the Milk Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

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

The Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1949.

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

The Thirty-eighth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

The Annual Report of the Director of New Haven for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1949.

The Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1949.

Return of Lands exchanged under authority of Section 63, Chapter 175, R.S.B.C. 1948.

Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Land Settlement Board (including the Agricultural Credit Commission) for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

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

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1949.

The Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission of the Department of Finance for the Period January 1st, 1949, to December 31st, 1949.

Statements of Unclaimed Money Deposits, pursuant to the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1949.

Return submitted in accordance with Section 88 (4) of the "Taxation Act," R.S.B.C. 1948, for the Calendar Year 1949.

Return submitted in accordance with Section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, and Section 44 (2) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1948, for the Calendar Year 1949.

Returns by Official Administrators, pursuant to the "Administration Act," Chapter 6, R.S.B.C. 1948, of all Moneys paid and received by them in respect of all the Estates of Deceased Persons administered by them for the Calendar Year 1949.

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

The Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1949.

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

The Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

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

The Annual Report of the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1948.

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

The Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1949.

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

The Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

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

The Annual Report of the Labour Relations Board for the Year 1949.

The Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year 1948.

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

The Seventy-eighth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province, 1948-49.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.47 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15th, 1950.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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. *Turnbull* (Rossland-Trail) moved, seconded by Mr. *Hope* (Delta),—

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. *Johnson* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*,—

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

Upon the question being put, it was agreed to.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.22 p.m.

Thursday, February 16th, 1950.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *James Barton*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.31 p.m.

Friday, February 17th, 1950.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Alfred Cummings*.

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

The debate continued.

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

Mr. *Morrow* (on behalf of Mr. *Gillis*) presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 14th instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 17th, 1950.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 14th 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. *Morrow, Gillis, King, Mrs. Rolston, Messrs. Brown, McDonell, Stevenson, MacDougall, Gould, Smith, MacLean, H. E. Winch, Turner, and Calder.*

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

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

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

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

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Welch, Stevenson, Beard, Whisker, MacIntyre, Hendricks, Steele, McRae, E. E. Winch, Calder, and Nimsick.*

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis, McDonell, Welch, MacDougall, Brown, Whisker, MacLean, MacIntyre, Uphill, E. E. Winch, Turner, and Nimsick.*

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Mrs. *Rolston, Messrs. Ash, MacIntyre, Proudfoot, Gould, Turnbull, McRae, Mowat, E. E. Winch, Harding, and Calder.*

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. GILLIS, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Cates* presented the Thirty-third Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.44 p.m.

Monday, February 20th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. J. McDonald.*

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.

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

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 4.10 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21st, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. R. Johns*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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 4.54 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22nd, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Angus Cameron*.

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

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.'"

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

Mr. *Bennett* presented a petition from the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend 'The Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay Incorporation Act, 1903.'"

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

Mr. *McDonell* presented a petition from the Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia Act.'"

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

Mr. *Proudfoot* presented a petition from The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Victoria City Act, 1922.'"

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

Mr. *Finnerty* presented a petition from George Albert Lundy, Capt. Edward Arthur Titchmarsh, James Anderson English, Eric Magnus Tait, Charles Edmund Bentley, William R. Fulton, Clifford Montgomery Nettleton, and Nigel Robert Cathcart Pooley for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the B.C.F.G. Mutual Hail Insurance Company."

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

Mr. *Gould* presented a petition from Reginald Atherton, George Gorstice Bruce, Harold Merrifield Clarke, John Fife Coulter, Charles Lionel Davenport, Thomas Paul Dunlop, John Floyd Fox, James Alfred Marsh, Edward William Maudsley, William Curry McCaLpin, John Hall Weeden, Francis William Dollman, Henry Fielding Green, Harold Bliss Everett, and Arthur Henry Parkinson for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate The Certified Public Accountants' Association of British Columbia."

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

Mr. *Gould* presented a petition from the Royal Plate Glass and General Insurance Company of Canada for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906.'"

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

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented the Reports of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year 1948 and Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1949.

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

1. What action, if any, has been taken to bring the district known as Port Edward under the requirements of sections 61, 62, 63, and 64 of the "Town Planning Act"?
2. If no action has been taken, is any proposed and, if so, what?

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

"1. None.

"2. No information."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. What Government-owned lands, if any, have been sold during the past year in the area which would be flooded for power purposes in the event of the aluminium company proceeding with development?
2. If any lands sold, (a) to whom and (b) amount paid?

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

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. What Government-owned lands, if any, have been sold during the past year in the area between Squamish and Hollyburn?
2. If any lands sold, (a) to whom and (b) amount paid?

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

"1. None.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. In what areas are technical schools located?
2. What provision obtains for the technical training of pupils in districts which have no technical-school facilities?

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

“1. Technical schools proper are located in Vancouver and Victoria. In addition, vocational units are established in North Vancouver, Creston, and Chilliwack. All central high schools are equipped with shops for practical work and several units for the teaching of vocational agriculture are being established in suitable districts.

“2. Pupils are taken to central high schools where shops are equipped for this work. It is expected that all large school districts will soon be able to offer this work.”

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

1. In what school districts has provision been made for (a) special classes and (or) (b) specially trained teachers for retarded children?
2. Are teachers of retarded-pupil classes required to adhere to basic curriculum or is latitude given them in the selection of subjects more suitable to the pupil's intellectual rating?

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

“1. Special classes, with specially trained teachers, are provided in Vancouver, Victoria, Kamloops, Cowichan, and the Provincial School for the Deaf and the Blind; in many other districts the slow-learning pupils are grouped under specially trained teachers.

“2. The teachers are free to modify the curriculum to suit the handicap or rate of learning of the pupils in their charge.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Thursday, February 23rd, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Chaplain *G. L. Gillard*.

By leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Straith* answered the following questions:—

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

1. How many schools, if any, have been guarded during the year 1948-49 in (a) Kaslo-Slocan riding, (b) Nelson-Creston riding, (c) Rossland-Trail riding, and (d) Grand Forks-Greenwood riding?
2. Are any of these now being so protected?
3. Does the Department assume the full cost of this service?
4. If so, what has been the total cost to date?
5. How many schools, if any, have been burned in the above ridings since 1906?
6. How many have been destroyed since 1948?

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

“1. (a) Kaslo-Slocan riding, 8; (b) Nelson-Creston riding, 7; (c) Rossland-Trail riding, 5; and (d) Grand Forks-Greenwood riding, 3.

“2. Yes; all.

“3. Yes.

“4. To December 31st, 1949, \$47,701.32.

“5. Forty.

“6. One.”

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*, Bill (No. 2) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pre-emptors’ Free Grants 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. *Bowman*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Kenney*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

The Report on Vital Statistics in the Province of British Columbia for the Year 1947.

The Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Reports of the Medical Inspection of Schools for the Years ended June 30th, 1947 and 1948.

The Annual Report of the General Superintendent of the Mental Hospitals for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1949.

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

1. Was the highway connecting Cranbrook and Kimberley hard-surfaced in 1949–50?

2. If so, at what cost?

3. Is it the intention of the Department to continue this hard-surfacing through the City of Kimberley?

4. If so, when?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Paving, \$268,058.35.

“3. Yes; on the arterial highway.

“4. Considerable preparatory work will be necessary before the base will be suitable for paving; when this has been done, paving will follow.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.34 p.m.

Friday, February 24th, 1950.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Arthur Calvert*.

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.

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

That on Monday, February 27th, and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

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

The Annual Report of the Social Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Year ended March 31st, 1949.

The Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" during the Period January 1st, 1948, to December 31st, 1948.

Return in accordance with Section 201 of the "Provincial Elections Act," being Chapter 106, "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Bowman*, Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands 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. *Bowman*, Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

1. How many Order in Council cases have been committed to the Provincial Mental Hospitals during each of the past five years?

2. How many have been discharged in each respective year?

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

"1. 1945, 10; 1946, 10; 1947, 10; 1948, 17; 1949, 19.

"2. 1945, 3; 1946, 5; 1947, 1; 1948, 3; 1949, 7."

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

1. How many Juvenile Court Judges are there in the Province?
2. How many are (a) men and (b) women?

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

- “ 1. Sixty-three Juvenile Court Judges.
- “ 2. All men.”

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

1. Have any members of the present Oakalla staff passed the compulsory retiring age?
2. If yes, for what reason are they being retained?

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

- “ 1. Yes; one.
- “ 2. Due to overcrowding at Oakalla Prison Farm, it was necessary to create an additional rank for better supervision. Mr. A. McLeod was appointed Assistant Deputy Warden and, as it was a new position, it was considered advisable to extend his services until the routine of the new position had become properly established.”

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

1. Has the Government decided to dispose of the public hospital building at Atlin?
2. If so, by what method?

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

- “ 1 and 2. No; but inquiry has been received as to whether building is for sale.”

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

1. How many persons applied for old-age pensions in British Columbia during 1949?
2. Were any such applications rejected?
3. If yes, (a) how many and (b) what reason or reasons was or were given for rejection?

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

- “ 1. 6,187.
- “ 2. Yes.
- “ 3. (a) 462; (b) 91 were not old enough, 56 were unable to prove age, 12 had insufficient residence in Canada, 150 had income in excess, 32 transferred property, 3 refused information, 8 were in a mental institution, 3 were receiving war veterans' allowances, and 107 withdrew application.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.16 p.m.

Monday, February 27th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *William Allan*.

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.

Motion agreed to.

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

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

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

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act.'"

The following papers were presented:—

By the Speaker—

The Report of the Provincial Librarian and Archivist for the Year ended December 31st, 1949.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

The Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" during the Fiscal Year 1948-49.

The Report of the Civil Service Commission, Province of British Columbia, from January 1st to December 31st, 1949.

The Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" during the Fiscal Year 1948-49.

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

1. What control, if any, is exercised by (a) any Governmental authority or (b) any recognized responsible body over the scale of fees charged by members of the medical profession?

2. If the latter, is the scale submitted to the Minister for his approval or information?

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

"1. (a) None; (b) no official information, though it is understood that the Council of the College of Physicians issues to the members of the College a scale of fees as a guide for members of the College.

"2. No."

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

1. Was provision made for a new ferry at Arrow Park during 1949?

2. If so, (a) what was the cost of same, (b) when was it completed, and (c) when was it delivered?

3. Has the ferry been placed into operation, and if not, why?

4. If not yet in operation, when is it proposed to implement same?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$26,500, (b) August 31st, 1949, and (c) September 12th, 1949.

"3. Delay necessitated through construction of landings.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. How many persons were employed in Fernie District by the Department of Public Works in the month of January, 1950?

2. What were their names?

3. How much did each receive?

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

"1. Forty-two.

"2 and 3. E. Allen, \$218.84; M. Commons, \$459.34; R. Costanzo, \$243.57; H. Eastwood, \$87.75; H. Knight, \$373.55; T. U. LaSalle, \$296.05; A. J. Salva, \$188.50; A. Taverna, \$342.33; W. H. Cotton, \$358; E. T. Chambers, \$149.50; D. R. Godfrey, \$175.50; E. M. Poirier, \$130; F. Augustenek, \$129.71; S. Baron, \$155.04; L. Beech, \$274.28; H. Buck, \$40.80; L. Carolie, \$130.56; S. Chairanto, \$85.68; J. Clarke, Jr., \$157.59; G. Cooke, \$222.72; G. DeLuca, \$44.88; Charles Desjardin, \$139.74; C. L. Desjardin, \$181.05; A. Dunning, \$155.04; F. Dvorak, \$273.58; J. Eckersley, \$440.16; F. Gigliotti, \$162.69; H. Haig, Sr., \$107.80; C. Juraszek, \$193.61; L. Lento, \$175.44; T. A. Lindberg, \$223.88; F. Miscisco, \$154.53; J. Montemurro, \$57.12; A. Peterson, \$284.30; A. Puppini, \$263.31; J. Qualterie, \$69.36; J. Redman, \$390.42; E. Sangala, \$346.75; H. J. Sheridan, \$372.61; J. A. Sheridan, \$227.21; E. Sorkie, \$337.83; and R. Thurman, \$290.58."

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 4.32 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28th, 1950.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon A. E. deL. Nunns.

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

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1948–49 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1948.

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

C. A. BANKS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1951;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1950;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1949, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 27th, 1950.

Ordered, That the said Message, and the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Johnson*, "That Madam Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented to the 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 'Jury Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 27th, 1950.

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 to amend the 'Jury 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. *Johnson*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Introduction of Bills."

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Horse-racing Regulation Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Children of Unmarried Parents Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'New Haven Act.'"

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 February 28th, 1950.

MADAM 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, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 February 28th, 1950.

MADAM 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 Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend 'The Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay Incorporation Act, 1903,'" have been complied with, except in respect to proof of advertising and the deposit of an additional fee, and your Committee recommends that the Rules in this respect be suspended, and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28th, 1950.

MADAM 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 Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Society of Industrial Accountants of British Columbia Act'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28th, 1950.

MADAM 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 George Albert Lundy, Capt. Edward Arthur Titchmarsh, James Anderson English, Eric Magnus Tait, Charles Edmund Bentley, William R. Fulton, Clifford Montgomery Nettleton, and Nigel Robert Cathcart Pooley for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the B.C.F.G. Mutual Hail Insurance Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28th, 1950.

MADAM 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 Reginald Atherton, George Gorstice Bruce, Harold Merrifield Clarke, John Fife Coulter, Charles Lionel Davenport, Thomas Paul Dunlop, John Floyd Fox, James Alfred Marsh, Edward William Maudsley, William Curry McCaipin, John Hall Weeden, Francis William Dollman, Henry Fielding Green, Harold Bliss Everett, and Arthur Henry Parkinson for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate The Certified Public Accountants' Association of British Columbia" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 28th, 1950.

MADAM 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 Royal Plate Glass and General Insurance Company of Canada for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Royal Plate Glass Insurance Company of Canada Act, 1906,'" have been complied with, except with respect to deposit with the Clerk of the House within the time required, the petition, copies of the Bill, and requisite fees, and your Committee recommends that the Rules in this respect be suspended, and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. W. MORROW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

During each of the past five years, what sums were spent in Burnaby and Dewdney ridings respectively for (a) construction and (b) maintenance of roads in which the Government has sole or partial responsibility?

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

"Burnaby Electoral District, 26.88 miles: 1944-45, (a) \$2,913.17, (b) \$13,355.85; 1945-46, (a) \$9,324.29, (b) \$16,860.18; 1946-47, (a) \$32,720.28, (b) \$23,000.92; 1947-48, (a) \$181,163.42, (b) \$59,364.27; 1948-49, (a) \$439,586.13, (b) \$54,270.39. Dewdney Electoral District, 248.01 miles: 1944-45, (a) \$31,958.91, (b) \$72,116.93; 1945-46, (a) \$87,841.81, (b) \$94,476.74; 1946-47, (a) \$49,573.40, (b) \$107,682.57; 1947-48, (a) \$467,583.89, (b) \$203,195.40; 1948-49, (a) \$341,121.51, (b) \$499,620.75 (this last amount includes costs of storm damage, \$273,597.88)."

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. How many land-clearing tractors are available under provisions of the "Farmers' Land-clearing Assistance Act"?
2. In what areas are they located?
3. What acreage has been cleared in each year respectively since the introduction of the scheme?
4. What is (a) the basis of cost to the farmer and (b) the terms of payment?

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

"1. Eighteen crawler-type tractors operated during the 1949 season in six outfits of three units each.

"2. (a) Skeena-Omineca, (b) Prince George-McBride, (c) Cariboo, (d) Salmon Arm-Revelstoke, (e) Cranbrook, Nelson, Arrow Lakes, and (f) Nanaimo-Parksville. NOTE.—In the late fall several machines were moved to Westbank to clear land for a V.L.A. settlement project.

"3. It is estimated that the following acreages have been cleared in each year: 1946, 1,900 acres; 1947, 6,650 acres; 1948, 5,303 acres; 1949, 6,119 acres; total, 19,972 acres.

"4. (a) Hourly rates based on horse-power of tractors used; (b) (i) cash, (ii) half cash, or (iii) one-third cash. NOTE.—Where initial payment is one-half or one-third, balance is payable in two equal annual instalments."

Mr. *H. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Does the Premier's office prepare and circulate a bulletin to departmental officials dealing with Government business and (or) activities and speeches of the Premier and (or) activities of or speeches of Cabinet Ministers?

2. If so, what is the purpose of same?

3. Did the Premier's office issue a bulletin under date of February 17th entitled "Highlights of Premier's Policy Speech" to any departmental officials?

4. If so, (a) is this policy also followed in issuing bulletins on Cabinet Ministers' speeches, (b) private members' speeches, and (c) Leader of the Opposition's speeches?

5. Does the Premier's office issue any release to weekly newspapers on Government affairs or activities of Cabinet members?

6. If so, is any reference made to the view-point of "His Majesty's Most Loyal Opposition" and, if so, is the official Opposition consulted?

7. If such release is made to newspapers, is it handled directly through the Premier's office or through an advertising agency and, if through the latter, under what estimate?

8. If not distributed through the Premier's office or through an advertising agency employed by the Government, is it released through an agency employed by a political party?

9. If so, what party and what advertising company?

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

"1. A news-letter is prepared by the Premier's office primarily for the weekly press and anyone who desires a copy. The news-letter is prepared much in the same manner as the official press statements that are prepared for the metropolitan dailies from time to time. The news-letter covers Government action and Government policy. Coverage of speeches is confined to Ministers of the Crown and only then when the subject of the speech deals with Government policy.

"2. Purpose of the news-letter is to keep the public informed of Government action and Government policy.

" 3. Yes; upon request as follows: Bureau of Economics and Statistics, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Deputy Minister of Lands, and the Travel Bureau.

" 4. (a) No, except when policy is outlined; (b) no; and (c) no.

" 5. See answer to No. 1.

" 6. See answer to No. 1.

" 7. Directly through the Premier's office.

" 8. See answer to No. 7.

" 9. See answer to No. 7.

" NOTE.—The copies of the weekly news-letter are on file in the Premier's office for the past several years and are open to inspection by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition if he so desires."

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

1. What was the total number of (a) gallons of gasoline, (b) gallons of diesel oil, (c) gallons of lubricating-oil, and (d) pounds of grease purchased by the Department of Public Works in the Grand Forks-Greenwood riding from April 1st, 1949, to December 31st, 1949?

2. What was the total value of each of the above purchased by the Department from (a) the Imperial Oil Company, (b) the Shell Oil Company, (c) the British American Oil Company, and (d) the Standard Oil Company in the Grand Forks-Greenwood riding from April 1st, 1949, to December 31st, 1949?

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

" 1. (a) 29,567 gallons, (b) 9,123 gallons, (c) 1,245 gallons, and (d) 1,000 pounds.

" 2. (a) Imperial Oil Company: Gasoline, \$4,405.96; diesel oil, \$1,634.82; lubricating-oil, \$1,336.32; and grease, \$106.35. (b) Shell Oil Company: Gasoline, \$1,358.64; diesel oil, *nil*; lubricating-oil, \$92.80; grease, \$13.14. (c) British American Oil Company: Gasoline, \$1,154.40; diesel oil, lubricating-oil, and grease, *nil*. (d) Standard Oil Company: Gasoline, \$1,832.83; diesel oil, \$372.24; lubricating-oil, \$15.80; and grease, *nil*."

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

1. What was the total amount, if any, expended by the Department of Public Works in Deer Park of the Rossland-Trail riding for the year 1948-49?

2. What were (a) the names of the persons employed and (b) the amounts received by each for 1948-49?

3. What was the cost, if any, of building the trail to the Natural Arch from the Arrow Lakes?

4. What is the mileage of the above trail?

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

" 1. \$4,639.53.

" 2. (a) and (b): G. A. Walker, \$1,141.91; F. Briggeman, \$619.47; G. Hamblin, \$102.02; R. Hamblin, \$147.23; A. Kent, \$275.58; A. Law, \$407.10; R. Mottershead, \$377.49; A. A. Phelps, \$166.33; C. Williamson, \$220.61; A. Worley, \$117.03.

" 3. \$306.43.

" 4. Approximately one-half mile."

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 5.04 p.m.