

Wednesday 2nd March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Second Annual Report of the Prohibition Commissioner, 1920.

Mr. Pearson asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Have any clubs been incorporated under the "Societies Act" since May 1st, 1920?
2. If so, their names, date of incorporation, their head offices, and the law firm incorporating same?
3. Have any been refused incorporation?
4. If so, their names and date of refusal?
5. Have any of the clubs incorporated under the "Benevolent Societies Act" or the "Societies Act" been dissolved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council?
6. If so, their names and dates upon which they were dissolved?

Mr. Pearson asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Have any clubs been incorporated as private companies under the "Companies Act" since March 1st, 1919?
2. If so, how many, their names, date of incorporation, their head offices, and the law firm incorporating same?
3. Have any clubs been incorporated as public companies under the "Companies Act" since March 1st, 1919?
4. If so, how many, their names, when incorporated, their head offices, and the law firm incorporating same?
5. Have any been refused incorporation?
6. If so, their names and date of refusal?
7. Have any of the above clubs been dissolved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council?
8. If so, their names and the dates upon which they were dissolved?

A point of order was raised by the Hon. the Attorney-General that the question of Mr. Pearson asking for the names of the solicitors engaged in the formation and organization of the clubs was out of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:—

"The Rule governing, with respect to questions addressed to Ministers of the Crown, is Standing Rule No. 45. Under it questions may be put to Ministers relating to public affairs. It is in accord with the best parliamentary practice of the Imperial House and of all British Legislatures that this Rule should be interpreted liberally, for the reason that Honourable Members, not of the Ministry, are entitled, as of right, to fullest information in regard to public affairs, in order that they may properly exercise their judgment and govern their speech and votes within the Legislature.

"Unfortunately, however, there is not always that careful regard for the Rules that should exist on the part of Honourable Members and Ministers, and in this Legislature questions have frequently been asked and answered which were in breach of the Rules and which were not called to the attention of the Chair. No better instance of this could be given than some of the cases cited by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition yesterday. Had these instances been ruled upon by the then Speaker it would have been with considerable hesitation that I would rule differently now, for I am quite in accord with the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition when he says that there should be uniformity of practice in this Assembly. It should, however, be right practice.

"Questions addressed to a Minister should relate to the affairs with which he is officially connected, or to a matter of administration for which he is responsible. They may not be asked as to the character or conduct of any person except in his official or public capacity.

"The questions proposed by the Honourable Member for Richmond, as to law firms incorporating certain companies or societies, hardly appears to me to come within the class of questions permitted. Barristers and solicitors, in the practice of their profession, are responsible to the Benchers of the Law Society. The fact that the Honourable the Attorney-General is a Bencher *ex officio* is hardly sufficient to warrant the direction of the proposed question to him. (See May (12), page 221 *et seq.* See Bourinot (4), page 10 *et seq.*)

"I must rule, therefore, that the portion of the Honourable Member's questions requesting the names of the law firms incorporating certain companies or societies be deleted."

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."
On the motion of Mr. *Hinchliffe*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Companies Act,' and certain other Enactments relating to Companies" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. How many public schools are being conducted in the Doukhobor settlements of the Province, with their names and location?
2. What is the estimated number of children of school age in each school district or settlement?
3. What was the average daily attendance for the school-year ending June 30th, 1920?
4. What was the average daily attendance for year ending June 30th, 1919?
5. How many teachers are employed? State qualification (certificate), nationality, and salaries.
6. What is the annual grant made by the Department of Education to each school?
7. What action (if any) is being taken by the Department of Education to enforce attendance of delinquents?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. Seven, as follows: Brilliant, on the Columbia River; Champion Creek, near Blueberry Creek, which flows into the Columbia River; Glade, about 12 miles east of Brilliant; Krestova, near Crescent Valley, which is about 3 miles from Slocan Junction on the Canadian Pacific Railway; Outlook, near Grand Forks; Pass Creek, near Castlegar; Spencer, 6 miles west of Grand Forks.

"2. Brilliant, 156; Champion Creek, 18; Glade, 42; Krestova, 40; Outlook, 21; Pass Creek, 41; Spencer, 32.

"3. Brilliant, Division 1, 25.40; Brilliant, Division 2, 24.92; Brilliant, Division 3, 19.98; Glade, Division 1, 14.11; Glade, Division 2, 15.73; Krestova, 18.10; Outlook, 13.04; Pass Creek, 11.45.

"4. Brilliant, Division 1, 15.78; Brilliant, Division 2, 8.68; Brilliant, Division 3, 14.37; Glade, Division 1, 14.79; Glade, Division 2, 12.78; Krestova, 12.01; Outlook, 11.43; Pass Creek, 12.20.

"5. Eleven. Brilliant, Division 1: Teacher, Margaret Matz; Second-class Certificate; annual salary, \$1,260. Brilliant, Division 2: Teacher, Marie W. Mitchell; Temporary Certificate; annual salary, \$1,200. Brilliant, Division 3: Teacher, Catherine E. Mitchell; Second-class Certificate; annual salary, \$1,140. Brilliant, Division 4: Teacher, Winnifred K. Hale; Second-class Certificate; annual salary, \$1,140. Champion Creek: Teacher, Evangeline Hayes; First-class Certificate; annual salary, \$1,200. Glade, Division 1: Teacher, Marie Greenwood; Third-class Certificate (Life); annual salary, \$1,260. Glade, Division 2: Teacher, Petra C. H. Bekker; Second-class Certificate; annual salary, \$1,160. Krestova: Teacher, Myrtle E. I. Williams; Second-class Certificate; annual salary, \$1,200. Outlook: Teacher, Annie J. Spence; Temporary

Certificate; annual salary, \$1,200. Pass Creek: Teacher, Grace McCuaig; Second-class Certificate; annual salary, \$1,200. Spencer: Teacher, Mary Smith; Second-class Certificate; annual salary, \$1,200. Unable to give nationality.

"6. No annual grants are made to these schools other than for teachers' salaries.

"7. Moral suasion and our legislation of 1920."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, 3rd March, 1921.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Neelands* presented a petition from the Corporation of Burnaby, for leave to introduce a Private Bill validating certain by-laws for the conservation of assets.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Fifth and Sixth Reports from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 3rd, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Port Mann."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 3rd, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time for receiving petitions for Private Bills be extended until March 10th.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
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,
March 2nd, 1921.

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. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. *Uphill* asked leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act.'"

A point of order was raised, and Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session be taken into consideration on Friday, March 4th.

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

1. Was a survey made by the Public Works Department of a road between Okanagan Mission and Naramata, South Okanagan Riding, during 1920?

2. What was the cost of same?

3. What was the estimated cost of the said road?

4. Has the Government undertaken any work on the said road? If not, when is it the intention of the Department to proceed?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$7,887.83.

"3. \$372,823.

"4. No; under consideration."

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

1. Who was Returning Officer for the North Vancouver Electoral District during the plebiscite held on October 20th, 1920?

2. Did he receive pay from the Government for the Deputy Returning Officer and Clerk at Sechelt, and also for the Deputy Returning Officer and Clerk at Roberts Creek?

3. If so, when, and how much?

4. Whose duty is it to see that these Deputy Returning Officers and Clerks are paid?

5. If these Deputy Returning Officers and Clerks referred to have not yet received their pay on account of default of the Returning Officer, will they receive their pay from the Government?

6. If the Government has paid the money due said Deputy Returning Officers and Clerks to the Returning Officer, what course does it propose to pursue to see that said employees are paid?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. T. S. Brown.

"2. Yes.

"3. On December 10th a cheque to cover all expenses in connection with the plebiscite in the North Vancouver Electoral District was mailed to the Returning Officer. The amount sent included sums of \$20.75 and \$20, being fees and other charges of Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerks at Sechelt and at Roberts Creek respectively.

"4. The Returning Officer.

"5. Answered by No. 2.

"6. Answered by No. 2."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. What is the area of the property taken over by the Government in the vicinity of Williams Lake as part of the assets of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. What is the estimated value of this property?
3. Has the Government decided to establish a reservoir farm on the Borland Ranch at Williams Lake?
4. Does this property produce any revenue to the Government?
5. Were the settlers in the vicinity of Williams Lake permitted to have the free use of this land last year?

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

- "1. The Department of Agriculture is not administering the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.
"2, 3, 4, and 5. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. How much money was spent by the Department of Public Works and the Department of Mines during 1920 on the Rocky Mountain Portage Road?
2. Has the Government subsidized any transportation company conducting transportation business from Hudson Hope across the Rocky Mountain Portage?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. \$1,000.
"2. No."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Has the Department of Lands prepared a report of the operations of the new Government office at Pouce Coupe?
2. Who is the Government Agent at Pouce Coupe?
3. What work was conducted by the Government Agent at Pouce Coupe from the time of his appointment to the end of 1920?
4. How many pre-emptions were taken up in the Peace River section of British Columbia in 1920?
5. How much land did the Government sell to settlers in that district in 1920?

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

- "1. No.
"2. John Dickson Moore.
"3. Magistrate under 'Small Debts Court Act'; Deputy Mining Recorder; Deputy Assessor and Collector; District Registrar; Registrar of County Court; Stipendiary Magistrate; Official Administrator; Government Agent; District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages; Commissioner of Lands.
"4. 26.
"5. 230 acres."

Mr. *Jones* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What amount of money was received from motor licences during the period of January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1920?

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

"\$405,490.16. By months as follows: Agents—January, \$41,610; February, \$14,667; March, \$130,073; April, \$22,720; May, \$27,359; June, \$19,336.44; July, \$10,837.10; August, \$13,678.99; September, \$7,152.03; October, \$6,602.11; November, \$4,263.08; December, \$36,463.34. Collectors—January, \$23,870; February, \$5,543.50; March, \$4,314; April, \$2,826.50; May, \$3,645; June, \$2,294; July, \$1,986.75; August, \$1,189.70; September, \$960.30; October, \$812; November, \$617.15; December, \$22,669.17."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What was the result of the railway-survey operations carried on in connection with the proposed extension of the Pacific Great Eastern north of the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway during the summer of 1920?
2. What was the cost of making these surveys?
3. How far north did the surveys extend?
4. Were reconnaissance lines run to connect the Pacific Great Eastern at Prince George with Finlay Forks?
5. What were the names of the engineers and surveyors conducting this work?

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

"1, 3, 4, and 5. Questions 1, 3, 4, 5 answered in the Annual Report of the Department of Railways which has been presented to the House.

"2. \$8,600."

Mr. W. A. McKenzie asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Did the Government pass an Order in Council during the month of November, 1920, providing for the borrowing of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of constructing University buildings?
2. Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the new University buildings at Point Grey this year?
3. How much land does the Government own in Point Grey Municipality?
4. How much land is included in the Government's proposed model-town area at Point Grey?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Under consideration.

"3. 3,000 acres.

"4. Area not determined."

Mr. *Lister* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Is the Government still renting office quarters in the town of Smithers; and, if so, what is the amount of rental per month and how long does the lease run?
2. Who is the owner of the property which the Government leases, and when was the lease entered into?

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

"1. Yes; \$35; August 1st, 1921.

"2. R. E. Williams; August 1st, 1918."

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

1. Have any clubs been incorporated under the "Societies Act" since May 1st, 1920?
2. If so, their names, date of incorporation, and their head offices?
3. Have any been refused incorporation?
4. If so, their names and date of refusal?
5. Have any of the clubs incorporated under the "Benevolent Societies Act" or the "Societies Act" been dissolved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council?
6. If so, their names and dates upon which they were dissolved?

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

"1. Twenty-seven clubs.

"2. Names, dates of incorporation, and address of head offices as follows:—

Allies Club; 14th July, 1920; 64 Hastings Street E., Vancouver.

Canadian Ex-Service Mechanics' Association; 26th November, 1920; 511-14 Rogers Building, Vancouver.

Canadian Italian Literary & Athletic Association; 11th January, 1921; 140 Victoria Avenue, Fernie.

- Capilano Club; 6th May, 1920; Vancouver.
 Cedar Cottage Veterans' Club; 25th February, 1921; Cedar Cottage, South Vancouver.
 Commercial Film Exchange Club; 15th November, 1920; 1022 Granville St., Vancouver.
 Cormorant Club; 24th January, 1921; 558 Cormorant Street, Victoria.
 Fernie Literary and Athletic Association; 4th February, 1920; Fernie.
 Horseshoe Bay Boating and Yachting Club; 26th June, 1920; Horseshoe Bay, Whytecliffe.
 Island Club; 5th June, 1920; 707 B.C. Permanent Loan Building, Victoria.
 Japanese Traders' Club of Canada; 23rd November, 1920; 439 Alexander St., Vancouver.
 Japanese Workers' Union of Canada; 11th August, 1920; 143 Dunlevy Ave., Vancouver.
 Kamloops Elks' Club; 16th September, 1920; Elks' Club, Kamloops.
 Kelowna Golf Club; 8th September, 1920; Barnard Avenue, Kelowna.
 New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club; 7th February, 1921; 213 St. Patrick Street, New Westminster.
 North Vancouver Elks' Club; 10th August, 1920; Esplanade and Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver.
 Old Reliables; 25th January, 1921; 50½ Hastings Street E., Vancouver.
 Powell Club; 17th February, 1921; 1774 Powell Street, Vancouver.
 Rowling Social Club; 17th January, 1921; cor. Albert St. and Vernon Drive, Vancouver.
 Scotia Athletic Club; 3rd January, 1921; 343 Hastings Street E., Vancouver.
 29th (Vancouver) Battalion Club; 13th November, 1920; 904 Standard Bank Building, Vancouver.
 United Services Golf Club; 1st February, 1921; 1009 Lyall Street, Esquimalt.
 Vancouver Athletic Club; 31st July, 1920; 1008 Credit Foncier Building, Vancouver.
 Vancouver Flying Club; 16th February, 1921; 422 Richards Street; Vancouver.
 Veterans of France; 7th October, 1920; 805 B.C. Permanent Loan Building, Victoria.
 Victoria Automobile Club; 9th December, 1920; 869 Winch Building, Victoria.
 Victoria Conservative Club; 15th February, 1921; Campbell Building, Victoria.
- "3. Thirteen.
- "4. Names and dates of refusal as follows:—
 Artillery Veterans' Society; 24th June, 1920.
 Portland Club; 9th July, 1920.
 Queensboro Social & Athletic Club; 20th August, 1920.
 Kingsway Social Club; 13th September, 1920.
 White Rock Sports Club; 23rd September, 1920.
 Abbott Bowling Club; 27th September, 1920.
 Returned Mechanics Club; 12th October, 1920.
 Queens Club; 26th October, 1920.
 Regina Club; 2nd December, 1920.
 Portland Club; 14th December, 1920.
 Foreign Settlers Club; 7th January, 1921.
 Scandia Club; 31st January, 1921.
 Thirty Thirty Club; 18th February, 1921.

"5. None.

"6. None."

Mr. Pearson asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Have any clubs been incorporated as private companies under the "Companies Act" since March 1st, 1919?
2. If so, how many, their names, date of incorporation, and their head offices?
3. Have any clubs been incorporated as public companies under the "Companies Act" since March 1st, 1919?
4. If so, how many, their names, when incorporated, and their head offices?
5. Have any been refused incorporation?
6. If so, their names and date of refusal?
7. Have any of the above clubs been dissolved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council?
8. If so, their names and the dates upon which they were dissolved?

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

“1. Forty-four.

“2. Names, dates of incorporation, and registered offices as follows:—

- The Abbotsford Club, Limited; 23rd February, 1921; Abbotsford.
 Artic Club, Limited; 5th February, 1921; 163 Hastings Street W., Vancouver.
 Ark Club, Limited; 29th December, 1920; Holden Building, Vancouver.
 Blighty Club, Limited; 12th February, 1921; 827 Vancouver Block, Vancouver.
 British Columbia Japanese Club, Limited; 4th January, 1921; 391 Powell St., Vancouver.
 B.C. Italian Commercial Club, Limited; 23rd February, 1921; 734 Main St., Vancouver.
 Bungalow Club, Limited; 24th December, 1920; 2781 Kingsway, South Vancouver.
 Canadian European Club, Limited; 27th April, 1920; 10 Powell Street, Vancouver.
 Cavalry Club, Limited; 24th January, 1921; 1942 Turner Street, Vancouver.
 Central Club, Limited; 23rd May, 1919; First Avenue and Seventh Street, Prince Rupert.
 Chinese Railway Club, Limited; 7th September, 1920; Block 21, Prince George.
 Couver Club, Limited; 20th October, 1919; 112-4 Hastings Street W., Vancouver.
 Edmonton Club, Limited; 25th February, 1921; 101 Merchants Bank Building, Vancouver.
 The Fifty Fourth Club Company, Limited; 14th June, 1920; 311 Hastings Street W., Vancouver.
 Hellenic Canadian Club, Limited; 26th January, 1921; 1305 Government St., Victoria.
 Hing Mee Company, Limited; 27th October, 1920; 19-413 Granville Street, Vancouver.
 Kalen Island Club, Limited; 19th October, 1920; Lots 5 and 6, Bk. 23, Prince Rupert.
 Ketchikan Club, Limited; 12th November, 1920; Third Avenue, Prince Rupert.
 Kingsway Club, Limited; 24th December, 1920; 1815 Kingsway, South Vancouver.
 Lucerne Railway Club, Limited; 18th September, 1920; Main Street, Lucerne.
 Loggers' Club, Limited; 5th September, 1919; 60 Cordova Street W., Vancouver.
 The Metropolitan Club, Limited; 8th June, 1920; 68 Hastings Street W., Vancouver.
 Mikado Club, Limited; 11th May, 1920; 226 Powell Street, Vancouver.
 Miners' Club, Limited; 27th November, 1920; Lot 4, Bk. 1, Angela and Bridge Streets, Princeton.
 Mt. Cheam Club, Limited; 20th August, 1920; Rosedale Hotel, Rosedale.
 New Brunswick Club, Limited; 22nd February, 1921; 70 Cordova Street W., Vancouver.
 Northern United Club, Limited; 27th March, 1919; 101 Merchants Bank Chambers, Vancouver.
 Olympia Club, Limited; 19th November, 1919; S.E. corner Second Avenue and Sixth Avenue, Prince Rupert.
 Past Time Club, Limited; 25th August, 1920; McKenzie Street and Columbia Avenue, New Westminster.
 Port Clements Club, Limited; 2nd July, 1920; G.W.V.A. Building, Port Clements.
 Prince George Chinese Protective Association, Limited; 31st March, 1920; Second Avenue, Prince George.
 Queensboro Club, Limited; 18th November, 1920; Queensboro Hotel, Lulu Island.
 Second Canadian Division Club, Limited; 15th January, 1921; 827 Vancouver Block, Vancouver.
 The Sourdoughs' Club, Limited; 1st September, 1920; Mahood Block, Stewart.
 Station Club, Limited; 18th September, 1920; Block 23, Prince George.
 Stewart Miners' Social Club, Limited; 4th June, 1919; King Edward Hotel, Stewart.
 Sun Club, Limited; 22nd July, 1920; 109 Hastings Street E., Vancouver.
 Travellers' Club, Limited; 21st July, 1919; 721 Third Avenue, Prince Rupert.
 United Empire Club, Limited; 4th January, 1921; 247 Abbott Street, Vancouver.
 The Veterans' Recreation Club, Limited; 5th October, 1920; 436 Broadway E., Vancouver.
 Victory Club, Limited; 30th November, 1920; 22 Canada Life Building, Vancouver.
 White Rock Athletic Club, Limited; 8th October, 1920; 1 Washington Avenue, White Rock.
 Willow River Club, Limited; 27th August, 1919; cor. Second Avenue and George Street, Prince George.
 Zero Club, Limited; 13th February, 1919; c/o Williams & Manson, Prince Rupert.

"3. Fourteen.

"4. Particulars as follows:—

The Abbott Bowling Club, Limited; 4th October, 1920; 31 Imperial Block, Vancouver.
 Alice Arm Social Club, Limited; 30th April, 1920; Alice Arm.
 Anglo American Club, Limited; 15th January, 1921; 702 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver.
 The Campaigners' Club, Limited; 16th June, 1920; 834 Eighteenth Ave. E., Vancouver.
 Citizens' Club, Limited; 16th July, 1919; Royal Hotel Block, Prince Rupert.
 Fraser Club, Limited; 16th May, 1919; Lot 4, Bk. 43, Prince George.
 Italian Canadian Club, Limited; 23rd September, 1920; 205 Pender Street E., Vancouver.
 The National Club, Limited; 26th February, 1921; 911 Rogers Building, Vancouver.
 Regina Club, Limited; 3rd January, 1920; 134 Hastings Street W., Vancouver.
 Royal Oak Club, Limited; 22nd November, 1920; Kingsway, Royal Oak, Burnaby.
 Ruby Club, Limited; 20th October, 1919; Alice Arm Hotel, Alice Arm.
 Spot-Light Club Company, Limited; 3rd May, 1919; 535 Homer Street, Vancouver.
 Union Jack Club, Limited; 8th October, 1920; 1114 Standard Bank Building, Vancouver.
 Victoria Ball Club, Limited; 22nd May, 1919; 211 Central Building, Victoria.

"5. No. The 'Companies Act' confers no power to refuse incorporation where the purpose for which a company is formed is lawful.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. No.

"8. Answered by No. 7."

On the motion of Mr. I. A. Mackenzie that Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry" be read a second time a debate arose, and a point of order was raised by Mr. Bowser.

The Chair reserved its decision.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented a Return of copies of letters patent issued, referred to under section 21 of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914.'"

The Resolution moved in Committee on March 1st, as follows: "That this Committee rise and report, recommending that the Government give its earnest and immediate consideration to the acute problem of unemployment in the Province, with a view to relieving the same," was again committed.

The Committee rose and reported the following motion:—

That all the words of the Resolution after the word "report" be struck out, and the following words substituted: "that this Committee approves of the relief measures adopted by the Government in dealing with unemployment, and pledges its support to the Government in respect to such further measures as may be necessary for the Government to take in dealing with the present unemployment situation."

The report was adopted on the following division:—

YEAS—23.

Messieurs

<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Perry,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>
<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>	

NAYS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>
<i>Neclands,</i>	<i>Pearson,</i>	<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Guthrie,</i>	<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>
<i>Uphill,</i>	<i>Esting,</i>	<i>Hinchliffe,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Lister,</i>	

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors."

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

The Rules were suspended, and on the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, the name of Mr. *Perry* was substituted for that of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* upon the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the claims of Major J. L. Retallack.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

Friday, 4th March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Anderson* presented a petition from Wm. *Cumming et al.*, asking that the franchise be extended to Chinese born in the Province.

The following reports were presented:—

By the Hon. the Minister of Public Works—The Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the Fiscal Year 1919–20.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—The Second Annual Report of the Chairman of the Public Library Commission, 1920.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—The Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for 1920.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Seventh Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 4th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been substantially complied with in respect of the under-mentioned petition, and that your petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

Petition No. 4—The Corporation of the City of Victoria.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. WHITESIDE, *Deputy Chairman.*

The report was received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Clearihue*, Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Are the coal licences on Gething Creek, near the Mountain Canyon, still standing in the name of Neil Gething?

2. What is the area of the stakings for coal on Gething Creek?
3. Has the Government been approached for a subsidy in connection with the mining of this coal?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. In immediate vicinity, approximately 30,900 acres.
- "3. No."

Mr. *Jones* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Did the Forestry Department purchase a boat called the "Tachic"?
2. If so, for what purpose, from whom, and the price paid?
3. What amount has been spent on the repairs of said boat?
4. Was said boat taken from Prince George to Stuart Lake?
5. If so, what did it cost to take her to Stuart Lake?
6. Where is said boat at present?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. For fire-patrol purposes; from Mr. H. McKenzie; for \$650.
- "3. \$110.75.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. \$185.
- "6. Stuart Lake."

Mr. *Lister* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Does one C. L. Dimock hold a pre-emption record on the Bulkley River?
2. Does the said Dimock reside on said pre-emption or at Smithers?
3. Is said Dimock a clerk or an employee in the Public Works Office at Smithers?
4. If so, what salary is he receiving, and when was he appointed?
5. At what date did he take up his pre-emption?
6. Is it the policy of the Government to allow officials to take up pre-emptions when in the Government employ?
7. Must all pre-emptors live on their lands while doing pre-emption duties?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Occupation not required under section 28A; no information as to place of residence.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. \$5.50 per day; appointed June 1st, 1917.
- "5. Pre-emption record dated August 2nd, 1919.
- "6. No objection if no reason exists to contrary.
- "7. See Statutes."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Has any loan or financial assistance been given to the Coast Range Steel, Limited, or to H. J. Landahl or his associates?
2. If so, how much, when given, for what purpose, and is same to be repaid; and, if so, when?
3. If any money has been advanced, on what authority was it done?

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

- "1. No.
- "2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *Esling* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:—

Does the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company intend to have the accounts of the Northern Construction Company, Limited, examined which are mentioned in the auditors' report of Messrs. Butter & Chiene under date of December 27th, 1920?

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

"The accounts of the Northern Construction Company, Limited, are checked and examined every month by the construction accountant of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, and the paid vouchers and pay-rolls are in possession of the Department of Railways."

Mr. *Pooley* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What is the total amount paid out at each assize in the Province during the years 1919 and 1920 on account of fees paid to grand jurors?

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

"Year 1919: Clinton, \$224; Fernie, \$172; Kamloops, \$188; Nanaimo, \$104; New Westminster, \$104; Prince George, \$156; Prince Rupert, \$148; Vancouver, \$2,104; Vernon, \$284; Victoria, \$300. Year 1920: Fernie, \$92; Kamloops, \$128; Nanaimo, \$104; Nelson, \$52; New Westminster, \$232; Prince George, \$312; Prince Rupert, \$120; Revelstoke, \$52; Vancouver, \$1,128; Victoria, \$144."

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

1. Has one H. P. Horan, of Clinton, been appointed as Official Administrator of the Lillooet Electoral Division?
2. If so, when was he appointed, and on whose recommendation?
3. Has said Horan given a bond for the performance of his duties?
4. If so, in what amount, and who are the bondsmen?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. January 18th, 1921; J. B. Bryson.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. \$2,000; Dominion of Canada Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company."

The adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" was resumed.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the 'Companies Act,' and certain other Enactments relating to Companies" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act relating to certain Obligations of The Corporation of the Township of Richmond in respect of the Maintenance of the Eburne Bridges crossing the North Arm of the Fraser River," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 4th, 1921.

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. 19) intituled "An Act relating to certain Obligations of The Corporation of the Township of Richmond in respect of the Maintenance of the Eburne Bridges crossing the North Arm of the Fraser River," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry" being called, Mr. Speaker gave his reserved decision on a point of order raised on March 3rd, as follows:—

"On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 17), being intituled 'An Act to regulate the Practice of Optometry,' a point of order was raised by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition as to the proper practice with reference to committal of a Bill of this nature to a Select Committee. Reference was made to the decision of a former Speaker on a similar point with respect to the 'Dentistry Bill' (House Journals, B.C., 1917, page 148).

"With respect, I find that I am compelled to differ with the decision referred to. I think it is quite competent for this House to refer a Bill to a Select Committee either before or after a second reading, and I do not think that the committal referred to in Standing Rule 64 is a committal to a Select Committee, but is rather a committal to a Committee of the Whole House, through which every Bill must pass before being read a third time, as will be readily gathered from Standing Rule No. 39.

"That the practice suggested by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition is not incorrect is borne out by the instances cited in *May* (12), page 358, n-4.

"It is therefore competent for the Honourable the Premier to move the amendment of which notice appears upon the notice paper."

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, seconded by the Hon. Dr. King, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members—namely, Messrs. *M. A. Macdonald, Buckham, Paterson, Rose, Lister, and Menzies*, with instructions to hear and consider representations in favour of the Bill or objections thereto, and to report their findings and recommendations to the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

Monday, 7th March, 1921.

Two o'clock P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. the Attorney-General presented the Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ending December 31st, 1920.

Mr. Speaker *Manson* gave his reserved decision on point of order raised upon Mr. *Uphill* asking leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act,'" as follows:—

"On the motion of the Honourable Member for Fernie for leave to introduce a Bill intituled 'An Act to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation Act,"' a point of order was raised by the Honourable the Minister of Mines that the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of this Session contained the statement, 'Amendments to the "Coal-mines Regulation Act" making further provision for the safety of coal-miners will be laid before you,' and that it was not competent for a Private Member to introduce legislation encroaching upon or interfering with the policy of the Crown as indicated in His Honour's Speech.

"It is right that the assurance of the Ministry thus given be accepted as being given in good faith, and Honourable Members are entitled to reply upon that assurance. On the other hand, I accept the language used in Walpole's Todd on Parliamentary Government, 1892, Vol. 2, page 62: 'It should be freely conceded to Private Members that they have an abstract right to submit to the consideration of Parliament measures upon every question which may suitably engage its attention, subject only to the limitations imposed by the prerogative of the Crown or by the practice of Parliament.' The measure indicated in His Honour's Speech will open up the whole 'Coal-mines Regulation Act' for amendment to the Bill submitted within the scope of the title of the amending Bill. The right, therefore, of the Honourable Member for Fernie to submit his proposed amendments for the House's consideration will not be prejudiced (and it certainly should not be prejudiced) by delay until the Government Bill is introduced. It is not good practice to have two amending Bills of the same scope before the Legislature at the same time, nor yet that the Crown should be compelled to submit its proposed legislation to the House by way of amendment to a Bill at the instance of a Private Member.

"I rule, therefore, under the circumstances before me, that the Honourable Member's motion is not in order now. In this ruling I am supported by the ruling of my immediate predecessor (House Journals, B.C., 1918, page 48), which ruling was sustained on appeal to the House. And I think by the principle enunciated in the rulings of Mr. Speaker Pooley (House Journals, B.C., 1902, page 130) and Mr. Speaker Eberts (House Journals, B.C., 1904, page 60) that a motion anticipating discussion of a Bill on the Order Paper is not in order. Similarly, a motion anticipating discussion of a Bill which the Crown has assured the House will be laid before it should not be permitted."

The following petitions were received:—

From the Corporation of Burnaby, for leave to introduce a Private Bill validating certain by-laws for the conservation of assets. (No. 8.)

From Wm. Cumming *et al.*, asking that the franchise be extended to Chinese born in the Province.

The Hon. the Premier moved, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General,—

Whereas a plebiscite was taken in the Province of British Columbia in October, 1920, on the following question:—

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

(1.) The present "Prohibition Act"?

or

(2.) An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors?

And whereas the vote was strongly in favour of Government Control and Sale:

And whereas after the said plebiscite a Provincial general election was held, and prior to such election the Premier in his manifesto to the electors stated with reference to Government Control and Sale as follows:—

"There are, however, essential features in connection with the control of the liquor traffic upon which the position of the Administration may very properly be stated in advance of the pending election. In the opinion of the Administration, to secure effective control of the liquor traffic, it will be necessary to apply to the Dominion Parliament for legislation under which the Provincial Government would have effective authority to control the sources of supply to the extent necessary to prevent such sources of supply being made a base from which liquor could be obtained in contravention of the Provincial Statute":

And whereas the Government was returned at the said election:

And whereas a Bill to give effect to the vote of the electors at the said plebiscite, by providing for Government Control and Sale of Liquor, has received its second reading by the unanimous vote of this Legislature:

And whereas, in the opinion of this House, it is in the public interest and necessary to give full effect to the policy of Government Control that the importation of liquor into this Province for use therein should be prohibited except by the Government of the Province:

And whereas it is believed this can only be effectively done by Federal legislation :

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Federal Parliament be requested at its present sittings to enact legislation providing for the prohibition of the importation of intoxicating liquor into British Columbia for use therein except by the Provincial Government; such legislation to be for the purpose of supplementing and giving effect to the Provincial Act for Government Control and Sale, to be contingent upon and to exist only during its continuance.

Further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State at Ottawa.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Duncan* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Has counsel been engaged by the Government to appear before the Board of Railway Commissioners to oppose recent increases in freight and express rates?

2. If so, has such counsel been instructed to especially oppose the increase in express rates imposed on farm produce?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. No special instructions; counsel was to co-operate with and assist the Associated Boards of Trade of British Columbia."

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. What is the name of firm or company that installed the irrigation system at Kaleden?

2. Who are the present owners?

3. Has the Government rendered Provincial assistance in connection with the said irrigation system?

4. If so, what is the nature of said assistance?

5. If so, to whom was such assistance given, and what was amount of same during each of years 1913 to 1920?

6. If so, upon what terms was said assistance given?

7. Who bears the expense of repairs to said irrigation system?

8. Has any portion of the public at Kaleden been refused water by the owner of said system?

9. Has the said owner carried out his contracts to supply water to the fruit-growers?

10. Has the Government been obliged to take over, rebuild, and operate any water systems where it has been shown that private companies have failed to carry out their agreements with water-users?

11. Did the Minister of Lands at any time promise that if the owners of the water system at Kaleden failed to carry out their agreements the Government would take over and operate the system?

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

"1. James Ritchie and Kaleden Irrigation and Power Company, Limited.

"2. Presumably Kaleden Irrigation and Power Company, Limited.

"3. Yes.

"4. Cash advances to the amount of \$1,667.50.

"5. \$967.50 payment to sundry persons as Water Bailiffs during year 1916; \$700 by way of loan to Kaleden Irrigation and Power Company, Limited, on November 9th, 1917.

"6. Loan to be repaid on November 7th, 1918, to be a charge on the revenues, undertaking, property, and all other assets of the company.

"7. No information.

"8. No information.

"9. No information.

"10. The Government in several cases ordered companies operating irrigation systems to make necessary repairs, and on default, pending organization of water improvement districts, directed that the system be placed under the control of a committee of water-users, and advanced money for reconstruction and operation.

"11. No."

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Tuesday, 8th March, 1921.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Esling* presented a petition from G. M. Annable *et al.*, of Rossland and Columbia Gardens, praying that the "Industrial Operations Damage Compensation Act" may be repealed at the present Session.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on 7th instant, as follows:—

Whereas a plebiscite was taken in the Province of British Columbia in October, 1920, on the following question:—

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

(1.) The present "Prohibition Act"?

or

(2.) An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors?

And whereas the vote was strongly in favour of Government Control and Sale:

And whereas after the said plebiscite a Provincial general election was held, and prior to such election the Premier in his manifesto to the electors stated with reference to Government Control and Sale as follows:—

"There are, however, essential features in connection with the control of the liquor traffic upon which the position of the Administration may very properly be stated in advance of the pending election. In the opinion of the Administration, to secure effective control of the liquor traffic, it will be necessary to apply to the Dominion Parliament for legislation under which the Provincial Government would have effective authority to control the sources of supply to the extent necessary to prevent such sources of supply being made a base from which liquor could be obtained in contravention of the Provincial Statute":

And whereas the Government was returned at the said election:

And whereas a Bill to give effect to the vote of the electors at the said plebiscite, by providing for Government Control and Sale of Liquor, has received its second reading by the unanimous vote of this Legislature:

And whereas, in the opinion of this House, it is in the public interest and necessary to give full effect to the policy of Government Control that the importation of liquor into this Province for use therein should be prohibited except by the Government of the Province:

And whereas it is believed this can only be effectively done by Federal legislation:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Federal Parliament be requested at its present sittings to enact legislation providing for the prohibition of the importation of intoxicating liquor into British Columbia for use therein except by the Provincial Government; such legislation to be for the purpose of supplementing and giving effect to the Provincial Act for Government Control and Sale, to be contingent upon and to exist only during its continuance.

Further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State at Ottawa.

Mr. *Bowser* moved, in amendment, to strike out all the words after the word "Sale" in the eighth line of the Preamble to the Resolution, and substitute the following:—

"And whereas it is the opinion of this Legislature that all liquors imported into this Province should be imported through the agency of the Provincial Government:

"And whereas by section 1 of chapter 19 of the Dominion Statutes, 1916, it is declared to be illegal for any person to send, ship, take, bring, or carry into any Province from or out of any Province, or import into any Province from any place outside of Canada, any intoxicating liquor knowing or intending that such intoxicating liquor will or shall be thereafter dealt with in violation of the law of the Province into which such intoxicating liquor is sent, shipped, taken, brought, carried, or imported:

"And whereas by section 4 of said chapter 19 it is provided that on any prosecution for the violation of section 1 thereof the accused person shall be deemed to have known or intended that such intoxicating liquor would be thereafter dealt with in violation of the law of the Province into which such intoxicating liquor was sent, shipped, taken, brought, carried, or imported, unless he proves that he had good reason for believing that the intoxicating liquor would only be dealt with in a lawful manner:

"And whereas by section 5 of said chapter 19 it is provided that the Court shall take judicial notice of the Statutes and laws of the Province into which intoxicating liquor has been or is alleged to have been shipped, taken, brought, carried, or imported contrary to the provisions of said chapter 19:

"And whereas this Legislature has been informed by the Hon. the Attorney-General that the Minister of Justice at Ottawa has advised his Department that this Legislature has the undoubted right under said chapter 19 to control the importation of all liquor into this Province so soon as this House shall enact legislation prohibiting or controlling the same:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that it is unnecessary to request the Federal Parliament to enact further legislation providing for the prohibition of the importing of liquor into this Province, and that all necessary clauses be added to Bill No. 12 now before this Legislature, being a Bill intituled the 'Government Liquor Act,' in order to provide that it shall be illegal to bring, carry, or import into this Province any intoxicating liquor except through the agency of the Provincial Government, and thereby take advantage of the provisions of said chapter 19."

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *M. A. Macdonald*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Jones* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What moneys were set aside in the Highway Account from motor licences during the period from January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1920?
2. How have the said moneys been invested?
3. How much of the said moneys still remain to the credit of the Highway Account?

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

- "1. 'Motor-vehicle Act' only came into force July 1st, 1920.
- "2. No amounts have been invested.
- "3. Necessary amounts for interest and sinking fund will be transferred at end of fiscal year."

Mr. *McRae* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Was William Adams appointed Assessor of the Ashcroft Assessment District?
2. If so, on whose recommendation?
3. Were applications for the position called for through any papers?
4. If so, through what papers?
5. Is the position a permanent one?

6. What salary is attached to the position?
7. Is William Adams a returned soldier?
8. If not, why was position not given to a returned soldier?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Appointed under provisions of section 15 of the 'Civil Service Act' after the required examination by the Civil Service Commissioner, who certified that he possessed the requisite knowledge and ability.
- "3. No.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. \$150 per month.
- "7. No information in the Department.
- "8. Applicant was selected owing to his extensive knowledge of the district and of values."

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

1. What is the number of settlers put upon the land by the Land Settlement Board to date in each of the Electoral Ridings of Cariboo, Fort George, and Omineca?
2. What is the total acreage the Land Settlement Board has immediately available for settlement in each of the said electoral ridings at the present time?
3. What is the total acreage in land settlement areas in each of the said electoral ridings at the present time?
4. What is the total amount of loans made by the Land Settlement Board and still outstanding in the Electoral Ridings of Cariboo, Fort George, and Omineca?
5. Is the interest on any of the said loans in arrears?
6. If so, what is the gross amount of interest in arrears?

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

- "1. Cariboo, none; Fort George, 81; Omineca, 42.
- "2. Cariboo, 7,905 acres; Fort George, 15,948 acres; Omineca, 3,980 acres.
- "3. Cariboo, 14,707 acres; Fort George, 75,380 acres; Omineca, 38,145 acres.
- "4. \$83,905.84 outstanding as at February 28th.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. \$983.69 outstanding as at February 28th."

On the motion of Mr. *Menzies*, Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act respecting Drugless Physicians" was introduced, read a first time, and referred to the Select Committee in charge of the Optometry Bill.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Wednesday, 9th March, 1921.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Supply be granted to His Majesty, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Friday next, March 11th, to consider the Resolution.

The petition from G. M. Annable *et al.*, of Rossland and Columbia Gardens, praying that the "Industrial Operations Damage Compensation Act" may be repealed at the present Session, was received.

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

W. C. NICHOL,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting certain Loans to Municipalities in connection with Relief of Unemployment," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 8th, 1921.

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. 22) intituled "An Act respecting certain Loans to Municipalities in connection with Relief of Unemployment," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, seconded by Mr. *Schofield*, it was *Resolved*,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return showing the names of the persons who staked the various oil claims, 194 in number, in British Columbia during the last twelve months; with districts in which the various staking occurred.

Mr. *Jackson* presented the Eighth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—
REPORT No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 9th, 1921.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee recommends that the fees paid in respect of Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Anglican Theological College of British Columbia Act, 1915'" be refunded to the promoters of the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.
The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on 7th instant, as follows:—

Whereas a plebiscite was taken in the Province of British Columbia in October, 1920, on the following question:—

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

(1.) The present "Prohibition Act"?

or

(2.) An Act to provide for Government Control and Sale in Sealed Packages of Spirituous and Malt Liquors?

And whereas the vote was strongly in favour of Government Control and Sale:

And whereas after the said plebiscite a Provincial general election was held, and prior to such election the Premier in his manifesto to the electors stated with reference to Government Control and Sale as follows:—

"There are, however, essential features in connection with the control of the liquor traffic upon which the position of the Administration may very properly be stated in advance of the pending election. In the opinion of the Administration, to secure effective control of the liquor traffic, it will be necessary to apply to the Dominion Parliament for legislation under which the Provincial Government would have effective authority to control the sources of supply to the extent necessary to prevent such sources of supply being made a base from which liquor could be obtained in contravention of the Provincial Statute":

And whereas the Government was returned at the said election:

And whereas a Bill to give effect to the vote of the electors at the said plebiscite, by providing for Government Control and Sale of Liquor, has received its second reading by the unanimous vote of this Legislature:

And whereas, in the opinion of this House, it is in the public interest and necessary to give full effect to the policy of Government Control that the importation of liquor into this Province for use therein should be prohibited except by the Government of the Province:

And whereas it is believed this can only be effectively done by Federal legislation:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Federal Parliament be requested at its present sittings to enact legislation providing for the prohibition of the importation of intoxicating liquor into British Columbia for use therein except by the Provincial Government; such legislation to be for the purpose of supplementing and giving effect to the Provincial Act for Government Control and Sale, to be contingent upon and to exist only during its continuance.

Further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the Preamble and Resolution hereinbefore set out to be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State at Ottawa.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Bowser* on 8th instant, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "Sale" in the eighth line of the Preamble to the Resolution, and substitute the following:—

"And whereas it is the opinion of this Legislature that all liquors imported into this Province should be imported through the agency of the Provincial Government:

"And whereas by section 1 of chapter 19 of the Dominion Statutes, 1916, it is declared to be illegal for any person to send, ship, take, bring, or carry into any Province from or out of any Province, or import into any Province from any place outside of Canada, any intoxicating liquor knowing or intending that such intoxicating liquor will or shall be thereafter dealt with in violation of the law of the Province into which such intoxicating liquor is sent, shipped, taken, brought, carried, or imported:

"And whereas by section 4 of said chapter 19 it is provided that on any prosecution for the violation of section 1 thereof the accused person shall be deemed to have known or intended that such intoxicating liquor would be thereafter dealt with in violation of the law of the Province into which such intoxicating liquor was sent, shipped, taken, brought, carried, or imported, unless he proves that he had good reason for believing that the intoxicating liquor would only be dealt with in a lawful manner:

"And whereas by section 5 of said chapter 19 it is provided that the Court shall take judicial notice of the Statutes and laws of the Province into which intoxicating liquor has been

or is alleged to have been shipped, taken, brought, carried, or imported contrary to the provisions of said chapter 19:

"And whereas this Legislature has been informed by the Hon. the Attorney-General that the Minister of Justice at Ottawa has advised his Department that this Legislature has the undoubted right under said chapter 19 to control the importation of all liquor into this Province so soon as this House shall enact legislation prohibiting or controlling the same:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that it is unnecessary to request the Federal Parliament to enact further legislation providing for the prohibition of the importing of liquor into this Province, and that all necessary clauses be added to Bill No. 12 now before this Legislature, being a Bill intituled the 'Government Liquor Act,' in order to provide that it shall be illegal to bring, carry, or import into this Province any intoxicating liquor except through the agency of the Provincial Government, and thereby take advantage of the provisions of said chapter 19."

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

<i>McRae,</i>	<i>Esling,</i>	<i>Hinchliffe,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Catherwood,</i>	<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Lister,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>
<i>Pearson,</i>	<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.,</i>	<i>Rose.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>		

NAYS—32.

Messieurs

<i>Hanes,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, I. A.,</i>
<i>Neelands,</i>	<i>Paterson,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Guthrie,</i>	<i>Perry,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Uphill,</i>	<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Menzies,</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Ramsay,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>Henniger,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>
<i>Clearihue,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Kergin,</i>	<i>MacLean.</i>

The motion was carried on the same division.

On the motion of Mr. *Clearihue*, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Chiropractic" was introduced and read a first time.

On the motion of Mr. *Clearihue*, seconded by Mr. *Duncan*, it was Resolved,—

That the Bill intituled "An Act respecting Chiropractic" be referred to the Select Committee having charge of the Optometry Bill, with instructions to consider and hear representations in favour of the Bill and objections thereto, and to report their findings and representations to the House.

Mr. W. A. *McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following questions:—

1. What is the area of the property taken over by the Government in the vicinity of Williams Lake as part of the assets of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
2. What is the estimated value of this property?
3. Has the Government decided to establish a reservoir farm on the Borland Ranch at Williams Lake?
4. Does this property produce any revenue to the Government?
5. Were the settlers in the vicinity of Williams Lake permitted to have the free use of this land last year?

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

- "1. 3,009 acres, which is still the property of the railway company, less town lots sold.
- "2. \$84,378.64.
- "3. No.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. No."

Mr. *Yorston* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. How many pre-emption records were issued in each of the years 1918, 1919, 1920 by the land offices at Smithers, Fort Fraser, Prince George, and Quesnel respectively?

2. How many pre-emption records were cancelled in each of the said years by each of the said offices?

3. What is the estimated unoccupied acreage of land fit for agricultural settlement in the Electoral Ridings of Omineca, Fort George (exclusive of the Peace River areas), and Cariboo?

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

"1. Smithers: 1918, 29; 1919, 144; 1920, 124. Fort Fraser: 1918, 166; 1919, 391; 1920, 381. Fort George: 1918, 215; 1919, 371; 1920, 388. Quesnel: 1918, 67; 1919, 279; 1920, 240.

"2. Smithers: 1918, 19; 1919, 47; 1920, 82. Fort Fraser: 1918, 85; 1919, 180; 1920, 269. Fort George: 1918, 148; 1919, 221; 1920, 352. Quesnel: 1918, 63; 1919, 102; 1920, 147.

"3. The area of surveyed unalienated lands is as follows: Omineca Electoral District, 719,991 acres; Cariboo Electoral District, 755,620 acres; Fort George Electoral District (exclusive of Peace River District), 964,389 acres; total, 2,440,000 acres."

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

1. Who were the workmen engaged on bridge-work on bridge at Round Prairie-Elk Valley during the month of November, 1920?

2. What amount was paid each for work during said month of November? .

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. Foreman: J. Walsh, \$180. Carpenters: J. Connors, \$150; J. Firstal, \$115; W. McQuarrie, \$105; J. Huada, \$30; E. Firstal, \$45. Labourer: J. Howercroft, \$9. Man and team; J. Krievenski, \$85.50; E. Firstal, \$199.50; G. Fisher, \$47.50. The men worked on Sundays to complete before snow got too deep."

On the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Four million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Bowser*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act relating to certain Obligations of The Corporation of the Township of Richmond in respect of the Maintenance of the Eburne Bridge crossing the North Arm of the Fraser River" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.