
Wednesday, 12th December, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the report of the Select Committee on Statute Revision, received on the 10th instant, was adopted.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apiaries Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act respecting Stockyards and Live-stock Exchanges" was read a third time and passed.

The Reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914.'"

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasolene" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trust Companies Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Fuel-oil."

Debate continued.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—30.

Messieurs

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| <i>Hanes</i> | <i>McKenzie, W. A.</i> | <i>Manson</i> | <i>Buckham</i> |
| <i>Neelands</i> | <i>Perry</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>Whiteside</i> |
| <i>Guthrie</i> | <i>Yorston</i> | <i>Campbell</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> |
| <i>Uphill</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.</i> | <i>Ramsay</i> | <i>Barrow</i> |
| <i>McRae</i> | <i>Anderson</i> | <i>Henniger</i> | <i>Sutherland</i> |
| <i>Menzies</i> | <i>Paterson</i> | <i>Kergin</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> |
| <i>Clearihue</i> | <i>Hart</i> | <i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i> | <i>MacLean</i> |
| <i>Jackson</i> | <i>Oliver</i> | | |

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

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| <i>Wallinger</i> | <i>Esling</i> | <i>Hunter</i> | <i>Jones</i> |
| <i>Catherwood</i> | <i>Schofield</i> | <i>Hinchliffe</i> | <i>Bowser</i> |
| <i>Pearson</i> | <i>Duncan</i> | <i>Lister</i> | <i>Pooley</i> |

Bill *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* 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 the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 12th, 1923.

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. 70) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," 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.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* 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 'Succession Duty Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 12th, 1923.

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. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty 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.

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

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

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

1. What are the names of the members of the Committee representing the manufacturers who sit with departmental officials to report upon applications received for permit to export logs, and what are the respective names of the concerns to which they belong?

2. What are the names of the members of the same Committee representing the loggers, and to what concerns do they respectively belong?

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

"1. The members of the Committee representing the manufacturers who sit with departmental officers to report upon applications received for permit to export logs vary from time to time, but are such as are nominated from time to time by the manufacturers.

"2. Similar procedure is followed with respect to representatives of the logging industry."

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

1. If any charges have been made by one Edward Rossiter against the administration of the Railway Department under the Premier as Minister of Railways, have such charges been referred to Price, Waterhouse & Co. to be reported upon in connection with the audit of transactions between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and the Northern Construction Company?

2. How many, if any, such charges have been so referred?

3. What are the full details of each charge and against whom are they directed?

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

"1. No charges have been made by Edward Rossiter against the administration of the Railway Department.

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

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

1. Were tenders called for the stone-work in connection with the new Science Building at Point Grey?

2. If so, in what newspapers did such notice appear, and in how many issues was notice inserted?

3. If so, how many tenders were received, and what was the amount of each tender?

4. Which firm received the contract?

5. What firm is doing the work?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Contractor obtained competitive bids on instructions of Minister for supply of stone.

"3. Two tenders received. Keast & Allan, cut stone and rubble in place, \$134,332.62; alternate bid f.o.b. scow, \$96,204.67. Granite Island Quarries, cut stone and rubble in place, \$157,369.50; alternate bid f.o.b. scow, \$117,249.18.

"4. Keast & Allan, supplying stone f.o.b. scow.

"5. E. J. Ryan Contracting Company, Ltd."

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

1. What is the total amount of money handled by: (a) Department of Industries; (b) Land Settlement Board, since the Boards were organized?

2. Who audited the accounts from time to time?

3. Was the person (or persons) a chartered accountant?

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

"1. (a) Total advanced to Industrial Development Fund, \$1,025,000; (b) total advanced to Land Settlement Board, \$5,783,873.21.

"2. Accounts audited under supervision of Comptroller-General.

"3. Yes, Comptroller-General is a chartered accountant."

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

1. What is the total amount of money received by the Liquor Control Board since its organization?
2. Who audited the accounts, and when?
3. Was the person (or persons) a chartered accountant?

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

- "1. To September 30th, 1923, \$21,370,557.95.
- "2. Accounts audited under supervision of Comptroller-General.
- "3. Yes, Comptroller-General is a chartered accountant."

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

1. On what date did the Government take over the Pacific Great Eastern, and what was the total debt at that date?
2. What is the total debt as at June 30th, 1923?
3. How much is represented by: (a) Bond guarantees; (b) construction-work; (c) equipment; (d) interest; (e) supplies?
4. Of the amount charged against interest since the Government took over the road, how much has been paid out of current revenue and how much has been paid by borrowings under Loan Acts?

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

- "1. February 22nd, 1918; \$23,154,816.47.
- "2, 3, and 4. See Return presented to the House."

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

1. How many chartered accountants are in the employ of the Provincial Government?
2. What are their names?
3. What are the dates of employment of each chartered accountant?
4. In what department is each employed, and in what capacity?

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

- "1. Two.
- "2 and 3. A. N. Mouat, August 1st, 1917; S. V. Roberts, June 4th, 1919.
- "4. In the Department of Finance. A. N. Mouat is Comptroller-General. S. V. Roberts is in charge of the staff of auditors in the office of the Surveyor of Taxes."

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

1. Did the Government build a road from the old Wasa Road to Skookumchuck leading to a bridge over the Kootenay River above Sheep Creek?
2. Did the Government also build a bridge across the Kootenay in connection with this road?
3. Were tenders called for the bridge?
4. If so, the names, prices, and successful tenderers?
5. What did said road and bridge cost?
6. What was the necessity for this road and bridge?
7. What is the difference in mileage between Cranbrook and Sheep Creek on this road as compared with the old road via Fort Steele?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes (known as Skookumchuck Bridge).
- "3. Yes.
- "4. W. Greenlees, \$19,530; McCharles & McDougall, \$19,989; Nickson Construction Co., Ltd., \$25,135; George Cody & John Perry, \$25,326; DeWolf & Ham Construction Co., Ltd., \$26,000.
- "5. Road cost \$58,425.25; bridge cost \$19,998.34.
- "6. Main highway leading to Banff-Windermere Road and points north. The splendid grade and flat open country of this route giving a low cost per mile of road, both for construction and maintenance, as compared with rebuilding the old Wasa to Sheep Creek Road; also a bridge in Skookumchuck vicinity over the Kootenay River is of benefit locally. Another prime

factor in choosing this route was the fact of its lending itself to the possibility of completion before the opening of the Banff-Windermere Road; 8 miles out of 12 of absolutely flat open country made it possible to get this road opened a few days prior to the opening of the Banff-Windermere Road. Nothing comparable to this occurred in any other possible route north, all of which were thoroughly investigated.

"7. 1.8 miles shorter."

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

1. Has J. B. Henderson been employed as clerk of the works on the Acute Mental Hospital at Essondale since March 31st, 1923?

2. If not as clerk of works, in what capacity, if any, is he employed?

3. What salary is he in receipt of?

4. What is the total amount of money paid J. B. Henderson in connection with the Mental Hospital since date of commencement up to November 30th, 1923?

The Hon. Dr. Sutherland replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. \$200 per month.

"4. \$3,546.62."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Thursday, 13th December, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Clearihue presented the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Reports from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders, as follows:—

REPORT No. 14.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 13th, 1923.

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 the Bill ordered to be reported as amended.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 15.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 13th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee recommends that Rule 72 be suspended, and the promoters of the undermentioned Bill be relieved of the penalty fee of \$300 incurred thereby.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act respecting the Corporation of the District of South Vancouver."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The reports were received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

With the leave of the House, the notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Hon. Mr. *Manson* for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Accident and Sickness Insurance Policy Act'" was withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. *Clearihuc*, Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Menzies*, Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Counties Definition Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Duncan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hanes*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the petition from R. Binnie *et al.*, addressed to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia in Council, praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the charges referred to in said petition, and which was forwarded to the Honourable the Provincial Secretary under date of December 7th, 1923, by J. F. Tener, be laid before the Members of this House for their information.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* presented a copy of the petition of R. Binnie *et al.*, above referred to. To be laid upon the table.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* 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 'Placer-mining Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 10th, 1923.

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. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining 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. *Hinchliffe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lister*,—

Whereas many returned soldiers in British Columbia are receiving treatment, either at their own expense or at the expense of the Province, or of municipalities in the Province, for illness or physical disability which is claimed to be directly or indirectly a result of war service:

And whereas many returned soldiers in British Columbia are physically unable, because of illness or physical disability which is claimed to be directly or indirectly a result of war service, to earn a livelihood for themselves and their dependents, and some of these returned soldiers are

on the verge of destitution and likely to become a charge on the funds of municipalities or of the Province:

And whereas it is publicly reported that the Government of Canada intends to cancel at an early date the pension bonus which is now being paid in addition to pensions, thus materially reducing the income of many returned soldiers, and forcing some of them to appeal to public and charitable funds for aid:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature respectfully prays the Government of Canada to review and, if found necessary, to readjust its schemes for granting pensions and treatment to returned soldiers with a view to:—

- (a.) Providing that every returned soldier suffering from disease, illness, or physical disability, resulting either directly or indirectly from war service, shall be entitled to receive at the expense of the Government of Canada such medical, surgical, or hospital treatment as his sickness, illness, or disability may require:
- (b.) Awarding to every returned soldier whose capacity to earn a livelihood for himself and his dependents is impaired, either directly or indirectly through war service, such a pension as will be sufficient to recompense him in full for such impairment of capacity to earn such livelihood, as long as such impairment lasts.

Mr. I. A. Mackenzie moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Clearihue,—

To delete all the words of the Resolution after the word "Whereas" in the first line thereof, and substitute therefor the following:—

"Many ex-service men in the Province of British Columbia are receiving treatment, either at their own expense or at the expense of the Province or municipalities, for illness or disabilities which it is claimed is a result of war service:

"And whereas many ex-service men in British Columbia are physically unable, because of illness or disability, which it is claimed to be a result of war service, to earn a livelihood for themselves and their dependents:

"Whereas, further, it has been suggested that the present pension bonus is to be eliminated, thereby reducing the amounts payable to ex-service men and dependents very considerably:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature respectfully prays the Government of Canada:—

"(a.) To make permanent the present pension bonus on the pension of ex-service men and their dependents during the existence of such pensions:

"(b.) To give explicit and detailed instructions to departmental heads of the Board of Pension Commissioners and the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment in Ottawa to assist in every way possible the operations of the newly organized Federal Appeal Board and the Soldiers' Advisers, so that all inequalities and injustices affecting treatment or pensions of ex-service men may be eliminated with the least possible delay.

"And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution and Preamble hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa."

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

Mr. Esling moved, seconded by Mr. Schofield,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Premier, as Minister of Railways, and the Chief Engineer; between the Premier and accountant; and between the Premier and any other official or clerk in the office of the Department of Railways, during the period from October 1st, 1919, to March 31st, 1920.

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

Mr. W. A. McKenzie moved, seconded by Mr. Jones,—

That an Order of this House be granted for a Return of all engineering reports, surveys, and findings covering the proposed routes of the Trans-Provincial Highway—i.e., the Hope-Princeton route and the Fraser Canyon route—made to date, giving estimated costs, mileage, etc.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Dr. Sutherland, adjourned to the next sitting.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1925.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, General Office, to 31st March, 1925.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,690 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Inspector of Trust Companies, Probate and Succession Duties, to 31st March, 1925.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$54,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$116,422 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes, to 31st March, 1925.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Operation of the "Amusements Tax Act," to 31st March, 1925.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Bureau of Information, to 31st March, 1925.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1925.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,820 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Alberni Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,020 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Anyox Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Ashcroft Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Atlin Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Barkerville Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Clinton Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,040 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cranbrook Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cumberland Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,630 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Duncan Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,430 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fernie Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,450 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fort Fraser Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Prince George Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Golden Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,940 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grand Forks Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Greenwood Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Kamloops Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Kaslo Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,660 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Lillooet Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,160 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Merritt Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nanaimo Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nelson Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,140 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, New Westminster Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,440 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, New Denver Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Penticton Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Pouce Coupe Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,940 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Prince Rupert Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Princeton Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,860 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Quesnel Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Queen Charlotte Islands Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Revelstoke Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,820 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Rossland Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Smithers Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Stewart Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Telegraph Creek Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$106,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Vancouver Agency and Court-house, to 31st March, 1925.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,210 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Vernon Agency, to 31st March, 1925.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Victoria Assessor, to 31st March, 1925.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,440 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Williams Lake Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Wilmer Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1925.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Sundry Sub-agencies, to 31st March, 1925.

154A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Temporary assistance and reorganization, to 31st March, 1925.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Printing Public Accounts, Estimates, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on suitors' funds, deposits, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Delinquent extra-municipal school taxes, to 31st March, 1925.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Premium on fire insurance, Fairview Works, to 31st March, 1925.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and contingencies, to 31st March, 1925.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,840 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1925.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minimum Wage Board, to 31st March, 1925.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,790 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Employment Service, to 31st March, 1925.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,008 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1925.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1925.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$38,732 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General Office—General Administration, to 31st March, 1925.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,346 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lands Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$70,152 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Survey Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$79,720 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Rights Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$219,828 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Temporary assistance, to 31st March, 1925.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$210,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Expenses (including General Office and Branches), to 31st March, 1925.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1925.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lumber trade extension, to 31st March, 1925.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Reconnaissance and cruising, to 31st March, 1925.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$35,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Insect damage: investigation and control, to 31st March, 1925.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest research, to 31st March, 1925.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land classification, to 31st March, 1925.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Grazing: range improvement, to 31st March, 1925.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water surveys, to 31st March, 1925.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, British Columbia Hydrometric Survey, to 31st March, 1925.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Irrigation Convention, to 31st March, 1925.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, "Soldiers' Land Act," chap. 80, 1918, to 31st March, 1925.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Land surveys, to 31st March, 1925.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Photo-topographical surveys, to 31st March, 1925.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Lithograph maps, to 31st March, 1925.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Land Act," to 31st March, 1925.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Refunds under "Revenue Act Amendment Act, 1920," to 31st March, 1925.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Publicity, to 31st March, 1925.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, General investigations, to 31st March, 1925.

192A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Immigration, to 31st March, 1925.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Contingencies, to 31st March, 1925.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* 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 'Public Inquiries Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 13th, 1923.

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. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries 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. *Hinchliffe* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. On what date were the original estimates prepared for the section of highway known as the "Malahat"? (Referred to in Votes and Proceedings, November 29th, 1923.)
2. What width of road did the original estimates provide for?
3. What width of road was actually built?
4. Did the original estimates provide for surfacing?
5. How many bridges and culverts have been constructed on the 17 miles of Malahat Highway?

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

- "1. February 17th, 1908.
- "2. 14 feet on tangents; 16 feet on curves.
- "3. 16 feet, although not definite; reconstruction-work carried out annually.
- "4. No.
- "5. Bridges, 18; culverts, 123."

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

What is the total amount of legal expenses or law costs incurred by the Department and by Inspectors under the "Apiaries Act" during 1923?

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

"\$477.10."

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

Which of the ferries that were originally free have since been made a pay ferry?

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

"Ladner-Woodward, Mission-Matsqui, and Agassiz-Rosedale; all across the Fraser River."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 9 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 13th December, 1923.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Duncan* on 13th instant, as follows:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the petition from R. Binnie *et al.*, addressed to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia in Council, praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the charges referred to in said petition, and which was forwarded to the Honourable the Provincial Secretary under date of December 7th, 1923, by J. F. Tener, be laid before the Members of this House for their information.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Whiteside*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,930 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Office, to 31st March, 1925.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1925.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Bureau of Mines, to 31st March, 1925.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mine-rescue and Training Stations, to 31st March, 1925.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grant to Western Branch, Canadian Mining Institute, to 31st March, 1925.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grant to B.C. Chamber of Mines (conditional), to 31st March, 1925.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants to Mining Conventions, to 31st March, 1925.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mines Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1925.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Subsidy *re* explosives to assist *bona-fide* mineral prospectors, to 31st March, 1925.
205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Advertising, incidentals, and contingencies, to 31st March, 1925.
208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,610 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1925.
209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,320 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Office, to 31st March, 1925.
210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,240 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1925.
211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,460 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Library and Archives, to 31st March, 1925.
212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,990 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Libraries Act," to 31st March, 1925.
213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1925.
214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,034 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospitals, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1925.
215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$299,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, Essondale, to 31st March, 1925.
216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,862 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Hospital, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1925.
217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,360 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Colony Farm and Nursery, Essondale, to 31st March, 1925.
218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,472 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Mental Home (Saanich), Colquitz, to 31st March, 1925.
219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,640 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home, Kamloops, to 31st March, 1925.
220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$166,675 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Tranquille Sanatorium, to 31st March, 1925.
221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Tranquille Sanatorium Farm, to 31st March, 1925.
222. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$89,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial and Subnormal Boys' School, to 31st March, 1925.
223. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,550 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Infants Act," to 31st March, 1925.
224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,680 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home for Incurables, to 31st March, 1925.
225. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$385,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1925.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Special grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1925.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants to Refuge Homes, Aid Societies, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In aid of destitute poor and sick, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In aid of Resident Physicians, to 31st March, 1925.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Burial of indigent persons, to 31st March, 1925.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Fisheries to 31st March, 1925.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia."

And on the amendment moved by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver* on 10th instant, as follows:—

That the word "now" be struck out, and the words "this day six months" be substituted therefor."

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* stated to the House that the Bill had been redrawn.

With the leave of the House, the motion in amendment was withdrawn.

Bill 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 11.50 p.m.

Friday, 14th December, 1923.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* 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 'Game Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 5th, 1923.

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. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game 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.

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 provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 13th, 1923.

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. 71) intituled "An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company," 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.

Dr. K. C. *MacDonald* presented the report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
 December 13th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture begs leave to report as follows:—

This Committee held several meetings with members of the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and representatives of the United Farmers of British Columbia, members of the Bee-keepers' Association of British Columbia and the Honey Producers' Association, representatives of the Wholesale Produce Merchants, Poultry Producers' Co-operative Exchange, and President and members of the Associated Growers of British Columbia, as well as a number of other persons interested in agriculture.

During these meetings the Committee dealt with a number of resolutions which had for their object the bringing of matters pertaining to agriculture throughout the Province to the attention of the Legislature. These resolutions were very fully discussed, with the result that your Committee feels justified in recommending the following:—

Resolutions from the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and United Farmers of British Columbia.

(1.) We recommend, for the consideration of the Government, that the interest on unpaid taxes do not exceed 8 per cent. per annum, and that arrangements be made to receive taxes on the instalment plan.

(2.) We recommend that full information be secured and made public with regard to the rural-credit system as it applies to the needs of British Columbia.

(3.) We endorse the attitude of the Government in its endeavours to secure cheaper freight rates to the Coast from Prairie points on grain, and recommend that strong endeavours be put forth to secure a substantial reduction in rates to the Coast from the Interior points of the Province.

(4.) We recommend that a tax be placed on gasoline, with certain exemptions as are named in the proposed Bill.

(5.) This Committee is of the opinion that the most rigid economy should be exercised in the expenditure of public moneys generally, and in providing public works and services only where absolutely necessary, and to this end that there should be a cessation of demands from organized bodies for expenditure of money upon measures in which such bodies may be interested for the time being.

(6.) We recommend that intending settlers be given the fullest possible information regarding the conditions existing in the Province, and that new settlers be established only in districts where transportation facilities already exist.

(7.) We recommend that the provisions of the "Sheep Protection Act" be strictly enforced, with a view to affording protection to flockmasters and obviating losses in flocks through the depredations of stray dogs.

(8.) Your Committee has from time to time received gratifying evidences of a desire on the part of rural and urban residents of the Province to purchase British Columbia products, and respectfully urges that every effort be made to further this co-operative spirit between distributors and producers.

(9.) Your Committee recommends that, in view of the apparent inequitable taxation for school purposes throughout the Province, any survey on educational subjects which may take place will include the subject of taxation for school purposes.

(10.) Your Committee notes with pleasure the gratifying success resulting from the efforts of the Department of Agriculture in establishing certification of seed-potatoes, and congratulates the potato-growers on the success of their recent show.

(11.) Your Committee further considered resolutions received from the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes, which resolutions had already been discussed with the various departments concerned, and strongly recommends that every effort be made to find a solution of the problems concerned. These were regarding the following: Sheep industry; amendment to "Sheep Protection Act"; "Water Act" amendment; potato extension work; local fair radius; printing of information *re* rural-credit situation; Asiatic census.

K. C. MACDONALD, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

231. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,920 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1925.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation, to 31st March, 1925.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Special contribution *re* minimum allowances, to 31st March, 1925.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Gratuities under section 45, "Civil Service Act," to 31st March, 1925.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, King's Printer, to 31st March, 1925.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Registration of voters, to 31st March, 1925.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to City of Greenwood, to 31st March, 1925.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant to City of Rossland, to 31st March, 1925.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant towards Dominion exhibit, British Empire Exhibition, London, to 31st March, 1925.

239b. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant for patriotic purposes, Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industries for blind adults, to 31st March, 1925.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1925.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Salaries of members, Workmen's Compensation Board, to 31st March, 1925.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies and incidentals, to 31st March, 1925.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1925.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,380 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1925.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$122,155 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1925.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,560 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Government House and Grounds, to 31st March, 1925.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$59,740 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, District Engineers, to 31st March, 1925.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,455 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1925.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,090 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, "Electrical Energy Inspection Act," to 31st March, 1925.

250a. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$420 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Retiring allowance, H. H. Hobbs, late Clerk in office of Inspector of Dykes, to 31st March, 1925.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,281,641 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Streets, Bridges, and Wharves, to 31st March, 1925.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$196,238 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steamboats, Ferries, and Bridge-tenders, to 31st March, 1925.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, General Office, to 31st March, 1925.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$115,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1925.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, Freight Rates Traffic Bureau, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1925.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,677,598.36 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Sinking Funds, to 31st March, 1925.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$640,571 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company—Interest on Guaranteed Bonds due 15th July, 1924, and 15th January, 1925, to 31st March, 1925.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures—Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company—*Re* deficit on Operation and Maintenance Account, and for purchase of equipment, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, British Columbia House, London, England—Instalment on mortgage, to 31st March, 1925.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Songhees Reserve, to 31st March, 1925.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Lock-ups (Clinton, Rivers Inlet, and other points), to 31st March, 1925.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,780 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industries to 31st March, 1925.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,065 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1925.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mineral Survey and Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1925.

262. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,850 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Industrial and Subnormal Boys' School—Roads, lawn-sprinkling apparatus, and electric lighting, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,940 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriff's Office, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1925.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,490 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of "Motor-vehicle Act," to 31st March, 1925.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Revision of the Statutes—Legislative Counsel, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1924.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$330 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1924.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$245 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Joint-stock Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1924.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1924.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1924.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1924.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$280 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Legal Offices Branch, to 31st March, 1924.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1924.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, Victoria, to 31st March, 1924.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sundry Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1924.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,625 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Girls' Industrial School, to 31st March, 1924.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Expenses of inquests and inquiries, to 31st March, 1924.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$39,369.77 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, In aid of removal of Railway Freight Rates discriminating against British Columbia, to 31st March, 1924.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,650 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Insurance Branch, to 31st March, 1924.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,963 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, to 31st March, 1924.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,625 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grant to University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1924.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Surveyor of Taxes, to 31st March, 1924.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,557.84 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London Eng., to 31st March, 1924.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,330 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Cumberland Agency, to 31st March, 1924.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Fort George Agency, to 31st March, 1924.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Greenwood Sub-agency, to 31st March, 1924.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nanaimo Agency, to 31st March, 1924.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$800 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Nelson Agency, to 31st March, 1924.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,064 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, New Westminster Agency, to 31st March, 1924.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Pouce Coupe Agency, to 31st March, 1924.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Vancouver Agency, to 31st March, 1924.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Williams Lake Agency, to 31st March, 1924.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Tranquille Sanatorium Farm, to 31st March, 1924.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Registration of voters, to 31st March, 1924.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, British Empire Exhibition, London, England, to 31st March, 1924.

239A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, British Empire Exhibition, London—Departmental exhibits, to 31st March, 1925.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$338,100 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund (Government's proportion of special levy to meet deficit in Forest Protection Fund, as provided in subsection (4) of section 125 of the "Forest Act"), to 31st March, 1924.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, "Electrical Energy Inspection Act," to 31st March, 1924.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditures, Lock-ups (Abbotsford and Campbell River—Completion), to 31st March, 1924.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,070 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Commissioner, to 31st March, 1925.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Automobiles and accessories, etc., to 31st March, 1925.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Horticultural Branch, to 31st March, 1924.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Branch, to 31st March, 1924.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Tubercular cattle, to 31st March, 1924.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Compensation *re* foul-brood in bees, to 31st March, 1924.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Incidentals and contingencies, to 31st March, 1924.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* presented the Accounts of the Liquor Control Board for the Six Months ended September 30th, 1923.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* 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 Amendments to Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Fiscal Year ending March 31st, 1924, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 13th, 1923.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Amendments to Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Fiscal Year ending 31st March, 1924.

Page I 39. Department of Agriculture. After Vote 38 add:—

“38A, Land Settlement Board—Deficit, 1917, to December 31st, 1922\$476,209.46

“Made up as follows:—

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(See Public Accounts, March 31st, 1923, page A xi., also Land Settlement Board Report to December 31st, 1922, pages Z 16 to Z 21.)

And to amend all statements of totals and sums carried or brought forward in said Supplementary Estimates so far as such amendment is necessary in consequence of the above-mentioned amendment.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for the Fiscal Year ending 31st March, 1924, be amended as follows:—

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And to amend all statements of totals and sums carried or brought forward in said Supplementary Estimates so far as such amendment is necessary in consequence of the above-mentioned amendment.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What quantity of whisky has been purchased by the Liquor Board up to December 1st, 1923, from the British Columbia Distillery at New Westminster, giving amount each year?
2. What quantity of said whisky is now in storage: (a) At Vancouver; (b) at Victoria; (c) at outside points?
3. What price was paid therefor from time to time?

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

“ 1 and 3. Whisky purchased from B.C. Distillery:—

June 15th, 1921, to March 31st, 1922.

- B.C. Special Rye, bulk, 640½ gallons; price \$3.75 per gallon.
- B.C. Special Rye, 1,888.7 gallons; price \$4.25 per gallon.
- B.C. Special Rye, reputed quarts, 4,419 cases; price \$12.50 per case.
- B.C. Special Rye, imperial quarts, 100 cases; price \$16.50 per case.
- D.D. Liqueur, reputed quarts, 100 cases; price \$15 per case.
- Glengrant Scotch Whisky, 156.1 gallons; price \$2.80 per gallon.

April 1st, 1922, to March 31st, 1923.

- B.C. Special Rye, bulk, 5,390.2 gallons; price \$4.25 per gallon.
- B.C. Special Rye, reputed quarts, 700 cases; price \$12.50 per case.
- B.C. Special Rye, imperial quarts, 800 cases; price \$16.50 per case.
- B.C. Special Rye, pints, 1,000 cases; price \$9 per case.
- Three Star, reputed quarts, 350 cases; price \$8.50 per case.
- D.D. Liqueur, imperial quarts, 350 cases; price \$19 per case.
- D.D. Liqueur, reputed quarts, 450 cases; price \$15 per case.

April 1st, 1923, to December 1st, 1923.

- B.C. Special, bulk, 4,241.4 gallons; price \$4.25 per gallon.
- B.C. Special, reputed quarts, 800 cases; price \$12.50 per case.
- B.C. Special, imperial quarts, 950 cases; price \$16.50 per case.
- B.C. Special, pints, 800 cases; price \$9 per case.
- Caledonia, bulk, 987.3 gallons; price \$14.50 per gallon.

Caledonia, reputed quarts, 1,735 cases; price \$30 per case.
 Three Star, reputed quarts, 400 cases; price \$8.50 per case.
 D.D. Liqueur, imperial quarts, 100 cases; price \$19 per case.
 D.D. Liqueur, reputed quarts, 350 cases; price \$15 per case.

"2. B.C. Distillery whiskies in stock as at December 1st, 1923:—

Vancouver Warehouse.

B.C. "D.D.," imperial quarts, 88 cases.
 B.C. "D.D.," reputed quarts, 75 cases.
 B.C. Special, imperial quarts, 389 cases.
 B.C. Special, reputed quarts, 497 cases.
 B.C. Special, 16-oz., 230 cases.
 B.C. Three Star, reputed quarts, 52 cases.
 B.C. Rye, bulk, 624 gallons.
 Caledonia, reputed quarts, 120 cases.

Victoria Warehouse.

B.C. "D.D.," imperial quarts, 127 cases.
 B.C. "D.D.," reputed quarts, 220 cases.
 B.C. Special, imperial quarts, 200 cases.
 B.C. Special, reputed quarts, 570 cases.
 B.C. Special, 16-oz., 60 cases.
 B.C. Three Star, reputed quarts, 152 cases.
 B.C. Rye, bulk, 2,099 gallons.
 Caledonia, reputed quarts, 43 cases.
 Caledonia, bulk, 141 gallons.

Stores.

B.C. "D.D.," imperial quarts, 28 cases.
 B.C. "D.D.," reputed quarts, 82 cases.
 B.C. Special, imperial quarts, 59 cases.
 B.C. Special, reputed quarts, 266 cases.
 B.C. Special, 16-oz., 54 cases.
 B.C. Three Star, reputed quarts, 50 cases.
 Caledonia, reputed quarts, 91 cases."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, 14th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*, Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Duncan* on 13th instant, as follows:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the petition from R. Binnie *et al.*, addressed to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia in Council, praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the charges referred to in said petition, and which was forwarded to the Honourable the Provin-

cial Secretary under date of December 7th, 1923, by J. F. Tener, be laid before the Members of this House for their information.

Resolution agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on 5th instant, as follows:—

Whereas it is reported in the public press that the Government of Canada has under consideration the passing of an Order in Council whereby further claims for war service gratuity, working pay, separation allowances, and other related matters, arising from service with the C.E.F. during the Great War will be outlawed:

And whereas the passing of such an Order in Council would not only be a serious breach of contract on the part of the Government of Canada, but would also lead to a confiscation of money earned by members of the C.E.F., to which money the nation has no legal or moral right, but which is the hard-earned property of ex-members of the C.E.F.:

And whereas through mislaying of documents, illness of claimants, difficulty in locating dependents of members of the C.E.F., and other reasons, hundreds of claims have not yet been settled:

And whereas there can be no justification for a refusal by the Government of Canada to pay such claims to those who may at any time in the future prove that they are justly entitled to receive payment:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature of British Columbia respectfully requests the Government of Canada to leave open the way for the presentation, reception, and payment of such claims until the last claim has been adjusted.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada.

Mr. *J. A. Mackenzie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Clearihue*,—

To delete all the words of the Resolution after the word "Whereas" in the first line thereof, and substitute therefor the following:—

"By Order in Council dated November 3rd, 1923, the Government of Canada limited further payments of war service gratuity to cases where applications are filed before March 31st, 1924:

"And whereas this gratuity was given to ex-service men on discharge to assist their re-establishment into civil life:

"Whereas, further, the whole question of re-establishment of ex-service men was recently reviewed by the Ralston Commission, which visited and took evidence in all the Provinces of the Dominion, and made it manifest that re-establishment of ex-service men was yet far from completed:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature of British Columbia respectfully requests the Government of Canada to leave open the way for the presentation, reception, and payment of claims for war service gratuity, working pay, separation allowances, and other matters related to overseas service until the last claim has been adjusted.

"And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution and Preamble hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa."

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act.'"

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

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act, 1914.'"

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act.'"

Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act.'"

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Manson*, the Order for the Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'" was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act.'" was adopted. Third reading at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company."

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Poolcy*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Fuel-oil" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional litigation and general law costs, to 31st March, 1924.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$472,465 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1925.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.30 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

Saturday, 15th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on 5th instant, as follows:—

Whereas it is reported in the public press that the Government of Canada has under consideration the passing of an Order in Council whereby further claims for war service gratuity, working pay, separation allowances, and other related matters arising from service with the C.E.F. during the Great War will be outlawed:

And whereas the passing of such an Order in Council would not only be a serious breach of contract on the part of the Government of Canada, but would also lead to a confiscation of money earned by members of the C.E.F., to which money the nation has no legal or moral right, but which is the hard-earned property of ex-members of the C.E.F.:

And whereas through mislaying of documents, illness of claimants, difficulty in locating dependents of members of the C.E.F., and other reasons, hundreds of claims have not yet been settled:

And whereas there can be no justification for a refusal by the Government of Canada to pay such claims to those who may at any time in the future prove that they are justly entitled to receive payment:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature of British Columbia respectfully requests the Government of Canada to leave open the way for the presentation, reception, and payment of such claims until the last claim has been adjusted.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada.

And on the amendment moved by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* on 14th instant, as follows:—

To delete all the words of the Resolution after the word "Whereas" in the first line thereof, and substitute therefor the following:—

"By Order in Council dated November 3rd, 1923, the Government of Canada limited further payments of war service gratuity to cases where applications are filed before March 31st, 1924:

"And whereas this gratuity was given to ex-service men on discharge to assist their re-establishment into civil life:

"Whereas, further, the whole question of re-establishment of ex-service men was recently reviewed by the Ralston Commission, which visited and took evidence in all the Provinces of the Dominion, and made it manifest that re-establishment of ex-service men was yet far from completed:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature of British Columbia respectfully requests the Government of Canada to leave open the way for the presentation, reception, and payment of claims for war service gratuity, working pay, separation allowances, and other matters related to overseas service until the last claim has been adjusted.

"And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution and Preamble hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa."

Amendment agreed to.

Resolution as amended was carried unanimously.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Hinchliffe* on 13th instant, as follows:—

Whereas many returned soldiers in British Columbia are receiving treatment, either at their own expense or at the expense of the Province, or of municipalities in the Province, for illness or physical disability which is claimed to be directly or indirectly a result of war service:

And whereas many returned soldiers in British Columbia are physically unable, because of illness or physical disability which is claimed to be directly or indirectly a result of war service,

to earn a livelihood for themselves and their dependents, and some of these returned soldiers are on the verge of destitution and likely to become a charge on the funds of municipalities or of the Province:

And whereas it is publicly reported that the Government of Canada intends to cancel at an early date the pension bonus which is now being paid in addition to pensions, thus materially reducing the income of many returned soldiers, and forcing some of them to appeal to public and charitable funds for aid:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature respectfully prays the Government of Canada to review and, if found necessary, to readjust its schemes for granting pensions and treatment to returned soldiers, with a view to:—

(a.) Providing that every returned soldier suffering from disease, illness, or physical disability, resulting either directly or indirectly from war service, shall be entitled to receive at the expense of the Government of Canada such medical, surgical, or hospital treatment as his sickness, illness, or disability may require:

(b.) Awarding to every returned soldier whose capacity to earn a livelihood for himself and his dependents is impaired, either directly or indirectly through war service, such a pension as will be sufficient to recompense him in full for such impairment of capacity to earn such livelihood, as long as such impairment lasts.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. I. A. Mackenzie on 13th instant, as follows:—

To delete all the words of the Resolution after the word "Whereas" in the first line thereof, and substitute therefor the following:—

"Many ex-service men in the Province of British Columbia are receiving treatment, either at their own expense or at the expense of the Province or municipalities, for illness or disabilities which it is claimed is a result of war service:

"And whereas many ex-service men in British Columbia are physically unable, because of illness or disability, which it is claimed to be a result of war service, to earn a livelihood for themselves and their dependents:

"Whereas, further, it has been suggested that the present pension bonus is to be eliminated, thereby reducing the amounts payable to ex-service men and dependents very considerably:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature respectfully prays the Government of Canada:—

"(a.) To make permanent the present pension bonus on the pension of ex-service men and their dependents during the existence of such pensions:

"(b.) To give explicit and detailed instructions to departmental heads of the Board of Pension Commissioners and the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment in Ottawa to assist in every way possible the operations of the newly organized Federal Appeal Board and the Soldiers' Advisers, so that all inequalities and injustices affecting treatment or pensions of ex-service men may be eliminated with the least possible delay.

"And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution and Preamble hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Honourable Secretary of State or other proper official at Ottawa."

Resolution as amended was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$460,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Grant to University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1925.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,804.68 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, "Mines Development Act," Supplementary, to 31st March, 1924.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$99,586.75 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the Public Service for the period ended 31st March, 1923, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.
 Report to be considered at the next sitting.
 Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

By the Hon. Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act.'"

By Mr. *Buckham*—Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* 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 'Landlord and Tenant Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 15th, 1923.

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. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant 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.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* 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 'Government Liquor Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 15th, 1923.

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. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor 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.

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* 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 provide for Plebiscites on Questions relating to the Control or Suppression of Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 15th, 1923.

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. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for Plebiscites on Questions relating to the Control or Suppression of Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors," 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.

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

W. C. NICHOL,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act,'" and transmits an amendment to said Bill, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 15th, 1923.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend as follows:—

To insert the following as section 3 of the Bill and renumber the following section:—

"3. Said chapter 34 is amended by inserting therein the following as section 3A:—

"3A. Where the title to any real or personal property has been heretofore acquired or is hereafter acquired by the Crown owing to the breach of any covenant or condition contained in any mortgage, chattel mortgage, bill of sale, conditional sale, or other instrument given as security for a loan under this Act, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, upon such terms and conditions as he thinks fit, convey, lease, or dispose of the property."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendment to 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 the amendment to Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act,'" enclosed herewith.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

With the leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Barrow*, the following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting:—

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District."

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Infants Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Two million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified" was read a third time and passed.

The Report on Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Inquiries Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to provide for the Making of a certain Agreement between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

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

How many of the present Civil Service entered the Service prior to 1890, and how many entered during each five-year period since 1890?

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

"Entered prior to 1890, 4. Entered in period 1890-94, 14; entered in period 1895-99, 14; entered in period 1900-04, 24; entered in period 1905-09, 79; entered in period 1910-14, 329; entered in period 1915-19, 328; entered in period 1920-23, 517."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 1 p.m.

Monday, 17th December, 1923.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

Mr. *Paterson* presented the report of the Select Committee on Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 17th, 1923.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed to consider Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" and to hear representations made in respect thereto, and to report their observations and recommendations on such Bill to the House, beg leave to report as follows:—

That we have given careful consideration to Bill No. 32, and that we have examined maps and considered a large quantity of available data in respect to said Bill, and that we have heard all persons who desired to be heard in regard to the provisions of said Bill, and we recommend:—

That paragraph No. 8 of the Schedule be struck out, and that paragraph No. 8 in the Appendix attached to this Report be substituted in lieu thereof.

That paragraph No. 10 of the Schedule be struck out, and that paragraph 10 of the Appendix hereto be substituted therefor.

That paragraph 13 of the Schedule be struck out, and that paragraph 13 of the Appendix be inserted in lieu thereof.

That paragraph 15 of the Schedule be struck out, and that paragraph 15 of the Appendix hereto be substituted therefor.

That paragraph 16 of the Schedule be struck out, and that paragraph 16 of the Appendix hereto be substituted therefor.

That paragraph 18 of the Schedule be struck out, and paragraph 18 of the Appendix hereto be substituted therefor.

That paragraph 19 of the Schedule be struck out, and that paragraph 19 of the Appendix hereto be substituted therefor.

That paragraph 20 of the Schedule be struck out, and that paragraph 20 of the Appendix hereto be substituted therefor.

That paragraph 22 of the Schedule be amended by striking out the word "Newcastle" in the fifth and seventh lines, and by substituting in each case the word "Cowichan" therefor; and that the word "hereinafter" in line 6 be struck out, and the word "hereinbefore" substituted therefor.

That paragraph 24 of the Schedule be struck out, and that paragraph 25 be renumbered as paragraph 24.

That paragraph 26 be renumbered as paragraph 25, and that in lines 4, 22, and 23 the word "Kamloops" be struck out, and the words "Salmon Arm" be substituted therefor.

That paragraph 27 be renumbered as 26.

That paragraph 27 of the Appendix be inserted in the Schedule as paragraph 27.

That paragraph 31 of the Schedule be struck out, and paragraph 31 of the Appendix substituted therefor.

That paragraph 33 of the Appendix be inserted after paragraph 32 of the Schedule as paragraph 33.

That paragraph 33 of the Schedule be renumbered as paragraph 34.

That paragraph 34 of the Schedule be struck out, and paragraph 35 of the Appendix be substituted therefor.

That paragraph 35 of the Schedule be renumbered as paragraph 36, and that paragraph 36 of the Schedule be renumbered as 37, and that paragraph 37 of the Schedule be renumbered as paragraph 38.

That paragraph 38 of the Schedule be renumbered as 39, and that the word "three" in the last line of the paragraph be struck out, and the word "four" inserted in lieu thereof.

That paragraph 39 of the Schedule be struck out, and paragraph 40 of the Appendix be substituted in lieu thereof.

A. D. PATERSON, *Chairman.*

H. F. KERGIN, *Secretary.*

Memo. re Report of Select Committee on Redistribution.

The combined effect of the new paragraphs 8 and 13 is to take from Cowichan District the Cobble Hill, Shawnigan Lake, and Clo-oose polling-places and put them into Esquimalt District, and to add to the remainder of the Cowichan District the Electoral District of Newcastle.

The effect of the new paragraphs 10 and 19 combined is to take away Queen's Bay polling-place from the Kaslo-Slocan District and place it in the Creston Electoral District.

The effect of paragraph 15 is to restore a few small polling-places to Fort George which under the Bill were included in Omineca.

The effect of new paragraph 16 is to re-establish the old boundary-line between Grand Forks and Slocan Districts, making the watershed, instead of Arrow Lakes, the dividing line between the two districts.

The combined effect of new paragraphs 18 and 33 is to divide the Kamloops District into the Kamloops and Salmon Arm Districts respectively.

The effect of new section 20 is to take a small area from Lillooet District and add the same to Kamloops District, as a better community of interest is thus obtained.

The effect of new paragraph 27 combined with new paragraph 35 is to divide Skeena and Omineca District into two separate districts.

The effect of the new section 31 is to include a small area on the east bank of the Columbia River adjacent to the City of Trail with the Rossland-Trail District.

The effect of new paragraph 40 is to restore to Yale District the town of Ashcroft, where it was formerly.

The report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, it was *Ordered* that the report be printed immediately for distribution among the members of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*, it was *Ordered* that Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" be placed on the Orders of the Day (Committee stage) for the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Esling* on 13th instant, as follows:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return of all correspondence between the Premier, as Minister of Railways, and the Chief Engineer; between the Premier and accountant; and between the Premier and any other official or clerk in the office of the Department of Railways, during the period from October 1st, 1919, to March 31st, 1920.

• The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. *Hinchliffe* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pooley*,—

Whereas certain serious charges have been made from time to time on the floor of the House and in public in regard to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, as well as against certain Members of this House in relation thereto:

And whereas the Premier has stated from his place on the floor of the House that charges of a very serious nature have been made publicly against himself in his former capacity of Minister of Railways in this regard:

And whereas for the protection of the Province it is necessary to ascertain the truth or otherwise of these as well as of all other charges in connection with the said railway and the construction thereof:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Royal Commission consisting of such person or persons, not exceeding three in number, as may be appointed under the "Public Inquiries Act" be appointed to investigate the said charges, and that the said Commission be invested with all the powers and authority which under the said Act may be granted, including (but so as not to limit the generality of the powers aforementioned) power and authority to investigate all the facts, figures, costs, contracts, transactions, details, and all other matters directly or indirectly relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway; and also into the relations and transactions between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and the contractors or any other person, firm, or corporation directly or indirectly concerning the same; and further to make the fullest investigations into the personal dealings of any and all Members of this Legislature in connection with the matter under investigation; and generally to make the most searching inquiry into all matters that the said Commission may deem necessary to investigate in order to enable it to report to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as to the truth or otherwise of all charges or matters in any way pertaining to the said railway, its construction, or the doings or dealings of any and all persons in connection therewith.

And that His Honour be pleased to order that the report of the said Commission be printed immediately after its presentation to him, and that copies of the report be forwarded to the Members of this Legislature.

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

Upon the motion to commit Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasolene," Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order which was reported to him on 12th instant by Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie*, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on the said Bill, as follows:—

"Upon the consideration of Bill No. 35 in Committee, being 'An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasolene,' an amendment was proposed by Mr. *Jones* to section 3 to strike out the word 'three' and substitute 'two.'

"I understand the Chairman ruled the amendment out of order and an appeal was then taken from his ruling to the Speaker.

"Rule 99 says: 'Questions of order arising in Committee of the Whole House shall be decided by the Chairman, subject to an appeal to the House without the Committee rising.'

"*May* (12th ed.), page 409, says: 'Order in debate in a Committee is enforced by the Chairman, who is responsible for the conduct of business therein; and from his decision no appeal should be made to the Speaker.'

"*Bourinot*, page 396, says: 'In case of an appeal to the House, the Chairman leaves the Chair immediately and reports the point in dispute to the Speaker, so that the House may decide.'

"Rule 99 is not very clear, but it is apparent that our practice is in accordance with that of the Canadian House of Commons as well as that of the Imperial House.

"See ruling of Mr. Speaker Manson, H.J., 1921, page 91. The point raised that the amendment is out of order, I leave to the judgment of the House.

"The following authorities which bear on the point at issue may be of some service in enabling the House to come to a decision:—

"*May* (12th ed.), page 462, says: 'The House can make amendments which diminish the amount of a reduction of taxation.'

"*Bourinot* (4th ed.), page 439, says, speaking of Tax Bills: 'Resolutions against the principle of such Bills may be proposed at the different stages. It is also regular to move amendments in the Committee on the Bill for the repeal or reduction or modification of any charge or duty upon the people.'

"Generally, I find nothing to prevent a member from presenting an amendment in Committee for the consideration of the House the intent of which is to reduce the amount of taxation proposed in the Bill.

"The motion is 'That the Chair be sustained.'"

Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* stated to the House that he accepted Mr. Speaker's ruling.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to provide for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasolene" was thereupon again committed, and the Chairman resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for Plebiscites on Questions relating to the Control or Suppression of Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pooley*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Sloan* presented the Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year 1923.

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

1. Have the Indian tribes of the Province been parties to the negotiations *re* adjustment of Indian reserves mentioned in the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor?
2. Have the Indian tribes of the Province agreed to the adjustment of the Indian reserves question mentioned in His Honour's Speech?
3. Have any negotiations been carried on between the Government of the Province and the Indian tribes in pursuance of the provisions of section 3 of Statutes of British Columbia, 1919, chapter 32? If so, what has resulted from such negotiations?
4. Did the Premier of the Province in the year 1919 request that the allied tribes of British Columbia place in his hands statement of their case for the information of the Government of the Province, including conditions of equitable settlement proposed by the allied tribes?
5. Did the allied tribes in December, 1919, present such statement to the Premier?
6. Have the contents of such statement, and in particular the proposed conditions of equitable settlement, been discussed between the allied tribes and the Government of the Province?
7. With reference to the preamble of the Statute above mentioned, has final adjustment of all matters relating to Indian affairs in British Columbia been brought about?
8. If so, in what way has such adjustment been brought about?
9. In particular what steps, if any, have been taken for adjusting: (a) The foreshore rights of the Indian tribes; (b) the fishing rights of the Indian tribes; (c) the hunting rights of the Indian tribes; (d) the water rights of the Indian tribes?
10. If any such steps have been taken, what in each case has been the result?

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

"1. Negotiations *re* adjustment of Indian reserves question took place with the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

"2. No information.

"3. Representations have been made from time to time by persons purporting to represent the Indian tribes, but negotiations towards final adjustment were made with the Dominion Department of Indian Affairs.

"4. Premier advised persons purporting to represent Indian tribes that he would be glad to receive any representations which they cared to make.

"5. Various representations have been made from time to time by persons purporting to represent the allied Indian tribes.

"6. Negotiations looking to adjustment of the Indian reserves question were carried on with the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

"7. Final settlement of all matters relating to Indian affairs in British Columbia are in process of adjustment.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. These various matters are either in process of adjustment or are already settled under the Statute law.

"10. Answered by No. 9."

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

1. Is one Maxwell at present Government Agent at Revelstoke?
2. If so, when was he appointed, and at what salary?
3. Was he in the Provincial Service prior to his appointment?
4. If so, how long?
5. If not in the Service, what was the justification for his appointment, and why was some other official not promoted?
6. Did the Civil Service Commissioner approve of his appointment?

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

"1. Winfield Maxwell is Government Agent at Revelstoke.

"2. April 10th, 1923; \$150 per month.

"3. No; but he acted as special assessor in connection with the reassessment of lands.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. His knowledge of the district, general qualifications, and excellent war record.

"6. Approval not required, being a technical officer."

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

1. What was the date of the last meeting of the members of the Committee representing the manufacturers and loggers respectively, and the departmental officials, to report upon applications for permit to export logs?

2. What are the names of the members of the Committee who represented the manufacturers at that meeting, and what are the respective names of the concerns to which they belong?

3. What are the names of the members of the Committee who represented the loggers at that meeting, and what are the respective names of the concerns to which they belong?

4. How many times has this Committee met since 1920, and what are the dates of such meetings?

5. Is the Committee re-formed to consider new applications for permit to export logs?

6. If not, why is the personnel changed from time to time?

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

"1. November 20th, 1923.

"2. R. B. Sharpe, Pacific Box Co., Ltd., Vancouver; C. J. Coulter, Westminster Mills Co., Ltd., New Westminster, B.C.; Hammond Cedar Co., Ltd., New Westminster, B.C.; Consolidated Shingle Manufacturers' Association, Ltd., Vancouver; A. R. Macfarlane, John Hanbury & Co., Ltd., Vancouver.

"3. Geo. Challenger, Challenger Timber Co., Vancouver; Grassy Bay Timber Co.; B.C. Loggers' Association, Vancouver; A. E. Munn, Northern Pacific Logging Co., Vancouver; Munn & Kerr Logging Co., Ltd., Vancouver; B.C. Loggers' Association, Vancouver.

"4. Forty-seven times. Dates for 1921: January 25th, February 15th, March 15th, April 15th, May 17th and 30th, June 15th, July 11th and 19th, August 16th, September 13th, October 18th, November 22nd, December 5th and 20th. For 1922: January 24th, February 21st, March 28th, April 18th, May 16th, June 13th, July 18th, August 1st, 15th, and 29th, September 19th, October 3rd and 24th, November 7th and 21st, December 5th and 19th. For 1923: January 23rd, February 20th, March 20th, April 24th, May 22nd, June 5th and 19th, July 3rd, 17th, and 24th, August 28th, September 25th, October 9th, November 6th and 20th.

"5. The members representing the manufacturers and loggers are renominated by these bodies from time to time.

"6. In case any member of the regular Committee is absent from any meeting, the industry nominates substitutes to attend that particular meeting."

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

1. Was E. J. Rossiter Private Secretary under the Premier as Minister of Agriculture, and was he accountant for the Pacific Great Eastern under the Premier as Minister of Railways?

2. When said Rossiter left the Government service, did the Premier, as Minister of Railways, recommend him to anybody where efficiency and integrity were the prime considerations?

3. Has the Government knowledge of publicity, through a pamphlet or otherwise, to certain charges against the Premier's administration of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and in connection with the method of certifying to vouchers of the Northern Construction Company?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. A recommendation was given at Rossiter's request.

"3. Yes."

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

1. How many returned soldier loans are in good standing in each of the soldier settlement areas?

2. How many have been fully paid up?

3. What has been the total amount advanced on progress loans to returned soldiers in soldier settlement areas?

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

"1. The Board, strictly speaking, has no returned soldier loans in any of its development areas; all such transactions as between Board and settler are covered by agreements for sale, and therefore are registered as sales of land. Terms of payment provide for interest to com-

mence at Merville on October 1st and at Creston on November 1st, 1922. First payment of interest to be due and payable one year later; i.e., October and November, 1923. No principal is due until 1925 and same is spread over a long term of years. As none of the payments are now overdue for more than two months at the most, all of these sales to returned soldier settlers, to the number of 148, are considered to be in good standing, so far as payments are concerned.

"2. Sixteen settlers have paid up instalments in full to date; nine others have paid cash amounts on account.

"3. \$177,261.61 has been advanced in improvement credits to soldier settlers in the two development areas referred to."

Mr. *Duncan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

What amount of unmanufactured timber was exported from British Columbia during November last from (a) Exportable lands; (b) non-exportable lands?

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

"(a) 2,210,201 F.B.M.; (b) 3,343,418 F.B.M."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What was the amount of taxes collected by the Government in the Peace River Block for the year 1923?

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

"As the boundaries of the Peace River Block do not conform to those of the Peace River Subdivision of the Barkerville Assessment District it is impossible to give the information."

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

1. Who is the Government Agent at Cranbrook?
2. When was he appointed?
3. Had he been in the Service prior to his appointment?
4. If so, how long and in what capacity?
5. Was he retired from this office?
6. If so, for what reason?
7. Did the Civil Service Commissioner approve of the appointment of said Government Agent?

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

"1. F. A. Small.

"2. February 12th, 1923.

"3. Yes.

"4. During 1920, 1921, and 1922 he was employed at various times in a temporary capacity as Clerk and Mining Recorder during vacancies.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Answered by No. 4.

"7. Yes."

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

1. How many teachers are employed by School Boards?
2. Are any of these teachers contributors to the "Superannuation Act," pursuant to the regulations required therein for them?
3. If yes, how many, and where?
4. If no, does the Government intend taking any action to remedy this condition?
5. How many teachers are in receipt of a retiring allowance as provided in the "Public Schools Act," section 50 (3)?

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

"1. 3,109.

"2. No.

"3. Answered by No. 2.

"4. The matter is under consideration.

"5. One."

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

1. Has the Government prepared plans for the alteration of the Provincial Home for Incurables at Eburne, B.C.?
2. If so, have tenders been called for said alterations?
3. If so, who were the tenderers, and what was the amount of each tender?
4. Has a contract been let for said alterations?
5. If so, to whom, and for what amount?
6. Did the Government Architect report on this building before it was purchased?
7. If so, did he give any estimate of what said alterations would cost?

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

“These questions should be addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Public Works.”

Mr. *McRae* asked the Hon. the Minister of Industries the following question:—

Did the Webber Lumber Company of Port Haney at any time borrow from the Department of Industries the sum of \$12,000, or any sum or sums, and how much?

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

“No.”

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

1. What is the position as regards the order of the Railway Commission ordering the removal of the village of Lucerne to Jasper?
2. Is the Government making any effort to meet the wishes of the people of Lucerne in not having them transferred to Jasper?

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

“1. The Board of Railway Commissioners ordered consolidation of divisional points at Jasper.

“2. Previous to the order above referred to, strong representations were made both to the Board of Railway Commissioners and the Canadian Northern Railway Company in favour of consolidation at Lucerne, B.C.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.17 p.m.

Monday, 17th December, 1923.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Menzies*, Bill (No. 83) intituled “An Act respecting Liens of Towboat Owners and Operators” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 69) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Succession Duty Act’” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 80) intituled “An Act respecting the West Nicomen Dyking District” was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 81) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act’” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Yorston*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The amendment to Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Industries Act'" was read a second time and committed forthwith.

Bill reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Order, the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding \$476,209.46 be granted to His Majesty to make good the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1924, as amended as follows:—

Page 199. Department of Agriculture. After Vote 38 add:—

"38A. Land Settlement Board—Deficit, 1917, to December 31st, 1922\$476,209.46

"Made up as follows:—

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| 1917 | \$ 1,534 53 |
| 1918 | 15,197 14 |
| 1919 | 51,856 52 |
| 1920 | 96,736 85 |
| 1921 | 186,088 93 |
| 1922 | 124,795 49 |
| | \$476,209 46" |
| | \$476,209 46" |

(See Public Accounts, March 31st, 1923, page A xi., also Land Settlement Board Report to December 31st, 1922, pages Z 16 to Z 21.)

And to amend all statements of totals and sums carried or brought forward in said Supplementary Estimates so far as such amendment is necessary in consequence of the above-mentioned amendment.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the consideration of the Report on Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Fire Insurance Act,'" Mr. *I. A. Mackenzie* moved the following amendment:—

To strike out section 3 and renumber the following sections.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

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| <i>Wallinger</i> | <i>Esling</i> | <i>McKenzie, W. A.</i> | <i>MacDonald, K. C.</i> |
| <i>McRae</i> | <i>Hunter</i> | <i>Jones</i> | <i>Anderson</i> |
| <i>Catherwood</i> | <i>Hinchliffe</i> | <i>Bowser</i> | <i>Kergin</i> |
| <i>Pearson</i> | <i>Lister</i> | <i>Poolcy</i> | <i>Mackenzie, I. A.</i> |
| <i>McDonald, A.</i> | | | |

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| <i>Hanes</i> | <i>Burde</i> | <i>Hart</i> | <i>Buckham</i> |
| <i>Neelands</i> | <i>Clearihue</i> | <i>Oliver</i> | <i>Whiteside</i> |
| <i>Guthrie</i> | <i>Jackson</i> | <i>Manson</i> | <i>Smith, Mrs.</i> |
| <i>Uphill</i> | <i>Perry</i> | <i>Sloan</i> | <i>Barrow</i> |
| <i>Schofield</i> | <i>Yorston</i> | <i>Campbell</i> | <i>Sutherland</i> |
| <i>Duncan</i> | <i>Paterson</i> | <i>Ramsay</i> | <i>Pattullo</i> |
| <i>Menzies</i> | <i>Farris</i> | <i>Henniger</i> | <i>MacLean</i> |

The Hon. Mr. *Manson* moved in amendment,—

To strike out the word "Act" in section 3, line 7, and substitute the word "section."

The amendment was carried.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to provide for Plebiscites on Questions relating to the Control or Suppression of Traffic in Alcoholic Liquors."

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

1. Of the total of 1,988,000,000 feet of lumber sold in 1922, what proportion was subject to royalty at the rate of \$1.22 per M., and what proportion was subject to royalty at the rate of 87 cents?

2. What was the total amount of lumber scaled from January 1st, 1923, up to November 1st, 1923?

3. Of the total scaled from January 1st, 1923, to June 30th, 1923, what proportion of the same was subject to the royalties mentioned in question 1?

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

"1. Approximately 50 per cent. of total cut is subject to 'Timber Royalty Act'; the balance is cut from timber leases and Crown-granted land. Of the 50 per cent. to which the 'Royalty Act' applies, approximately 67 per cent. takes the \$1.22 rate and 33 per cent. the rate of 87 cents.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.30 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.