

Monday, February 29th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Gray* presented a petition from the Union of B.C. Municipalities, praying that said Union be permitted to present to the members of the House at the Bar of the Legislative Assembly a petition and resolution, and for other privileges.

The petition from the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921," and for other powers, was received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pattullo* on February 26th relating to the findings of the joint survey of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway lands.

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented a Return of copies of telegrams relating to the report of the survey of the resources of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway lands.

To lie upon the table.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 29th, 1932.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Macintosh*, seconded by Mr. *M. Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas it appears that the stock of game fish in the Province has in recent years suffered severe and serious depletion, and that this depletion is becoming more marked year by year:

And whereas it is desirable that this House enter upon a consideration of the matter, with a view to a restoration of the stock of Provincial game fish:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the matter of game-fish depletion and restoration be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries, with power to the said Committee to inquire into all matters, questions, and things appertaining to the said subjects within the Province, and for such purpose to hear witnesses and to examine books, papers, and other documents relating in any way to the subject-matter of the inquiry: with power to report findings and recommendations therein to the House.

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1st, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of Mr. *Gray*, seconded by Mr. *Hanna*, the petition of the Union of B.C. Municipalities presented on February 29th was read as follows:—

"UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES.

"To the Honourable Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

"The petition of the Union of B.C. Municipalities humbly sheweth:—

"That at the Convention of the Union held at Victoria, B.C., this day the following resolution was adopted unanimously:—

"That the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia be humbly petitioned that the Union of B.C. Municipalities be permitted to present to the members of the House, at the Bar of the Legislative Assembly, petition and resolution of the Union on unemployment and municipal finance, and that two members of the Union be permitted to address the members of the House in support of the petition and resolution.'

"Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the request of the Union be graciously granted.

"And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

"Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 29th day of February, 1932.

"UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES.

"W. A. PRITCHARD, *President*.

"A. WELLS GRAY, *Secretary*."

Mr. *Gray* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hanna*, that the petition be received.

Mr. Speaker ruled the petition out of order on the following grounds:—

"It is a petition for (a) leave to present, at the Bar of the House, a petition and resolution of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities on unemployment and municipal finance, and (b) leave for two members of said Union to address the House in support of said petition and resolution.

"Prayer (a) cannot be allowed, as the only means under the Rules of the House whereby a petition can be presented is by a member of the House standing in his place (B.C. Rule 73 (1)). A resolution can be brought forward only upon notice of motion, and no one but a member of the House can place a notice upon the agenda paper. Consequently, even if the Union delegates were accorded the privilege of addressing the House, there would be no matter before it in respect of which they would be entitled to be heard.

"However, there is no procedure whereby the House can be addressed by strangers, excepting in the case of persons summoned to the Bar for an offence against the privileges of Parliament. Under the present Constitution, no one can address Parliament in connection with public affairs excepting those who have first received a mandate from the people to do so, and the whole procedure proposed would be subversive of the Constitution. It is the duty of the Speaker to maintain the Rules of the Constitution as at present established. I accordingly rule that the petition is out of order and cannot be proceeded with."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pattullo* on February 26th relating to the findings of the joint survey of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway lands.

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

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion, standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Hayward*, was withdrawn:—

That in order to facilitate the business of the House the powers of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters be extended so as to authorize such Committee to examine, inquire, and report into and upon all such matters and things relating to municipal affairs, including receiving and hearing delegations, as such Committee shall in its discretion deem advisable, notwithstanding that same may not have been referred to it by the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—

Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1931.

By the Hon. Mr. *Howe*—

Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

Annual Report *re* the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

Annual Report *re* the "Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

By Mr. Speaker—

Annual Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ended December 31st, 1931.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.29 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2nd, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Hayward*, seconded by Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That in view of the fact that a large delegation from various parts of the Province is at present conferring with the Committee on Municipal Matters on questions of vital public importance, and as it is desirous that the delegates be permitted to complete their business to-day in order that they may return to their homes to-night, permission be granted the Standing Committee on Municipal Matters to sit during this afternoon sitting of the Legislature.

On the Order being called "Questions put by Members," the following decision by Mr. Speaker was laid on the table, and *Ordered* to be printed in the Votes and Proceedings:—

Honourable Members:

The House having intimated a desire to have the practice in regard to members' questions placed before it, I have taken a little time to look into the matter, and am accordingly offering some observations as requested.

B.C. Rule 47 (1) provides that questions may be placed on the Order Paper seeking information (a) from the Ministers of the Crown relating to public affairs, (b) from other members relating to any public matter connected with the business of the House in which such members may be concerned; but in putting any such question no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any fact stated. And in answering such question the matter to which the same refers shall not be debated, and the substance of all replies made by Ministers of the Crown to questions put to them shall be in writing and handed to the Clerk of the House, and entered in the Journals of the Session.

Our practice with reference to what may be asked is identical with that of the Canadian and English Commons, and out of the above very simple rule there has grown a considerable body of what might be termed case law based upon the ruling of different Speakers, and a voluminous treatise would be required to present a comprehensive survey upon what now forms a very important branch of legislative procedure. No one has yet undertaken a text-book on the subject, but, in a small way, *Campion's Procedure of the House of Commons*, 1st ed., pp. 123 to 130, covers the subject in the best digested form, although it must be said that this work is robbed of considerable value by omission to state references to many of the rules referred to.

The chief object served by questions is, according to *Redlich*, the explanation to the public of political events. Formerly, debate was permitted upon the answers, but it was found that this took up too much of the time of the House, and the general principles now surrounding this procedure are founded upon the desirability of restricting questions entirely to the matter of obtaining from Ministers and members information not otherwise obtainable.

With these preliminary remarks, I shall now endeavour to lay before the House, as concisely as possible, the salient features of the practice which has developed under the above rule, with a view to enable honourable members to frame questions in accordance with constitutional usage and parliamentary etiquette. (References are: *May*, 13th ed.; *Bourinot*, 4th ed.; *Redlich*, 1908 ed.; *Campion*, 1st ed.)

Generally.

(1.) Facts on which a question is based may be set out briefly, but extracts from newspapers, quotations from speeches, etc., are not allowed, and where the facts alleged are of sufficient moment to arrest attention the Speaker may require prima facie proof of their authenticity. As the object of a question is to obtain (not give) information, it must contain no statement of fact which is not necessary to make it intelligible. 2 B.C. Decisions, 48. (*Campion*, 128; 2 *Redlich*, 243; *May*, 242.) A question should be "simply and severely accurate in its allegations" (*Bourinot*, 313).

Deducible from this rule, the practice has been established that the publication of names of persons or statements not strictly necessary to render the question intelligible are improper (*May*, 242; *Campion*, 128). And the Speaker will expunge from questions anything reflecting on individuals and assuming facts which are not admitted (342 Hans. Deb. 3s., 855-6).

A question must not:—

(2.) be a speech, however short (*Campion*, 128); nor be of unreasonable length (1 B.C. Decisions, 129-30; *Bourinot*, 314).

(3.) contain within itself an argument (2 *Redlich*, 243; *May*, 242; *Bourinot*, 313; *Campion* (controversial), 128; 1 B.C. Decisions, 127, 128; 2 B.C. Decisions, 48). Questions more suitable to debate should not be permitted, as otherwise the Order Paper would be flooded to the disadvantage of the ordinary type of question (168 Par. Deb. 5s., 356).

(4.) be framed so as to suggest its own answer (*Campion*, 128).

(5.) inquire whether statements made in a newspaper are true (*May*, 243).

(6.) carry a particular point of view (*Campion*, 128).

(7.) contain an expression of opinion (*Campion*, 128; *May*, 242; *Bourinot*, 313; 1 B.C. Decisions, 127).

(8.) be hypothetical (*Campion*, 128; *Bourinot*, 313; *May*, 242); or based entirely upon supposition (Speaker's Decision, Quebec, Dec. 17, 1897).

(9.) contain inferences (*May*, 242; 1 B.C. Decisions, 127, 128; 2 B.C. Decisions, 48).

(10.) contain imputations (*May*, 242; *Bourinot*, 313; 1 B.C. Decisions, 128; 2 B.C. Decisions, 48).

(11.) be ironical, rhetorical, offensive, or contain epithet, innuendo, satire, or ridicule (*Campion*, 128; *May*, 242; *Bourinot*, 313).

(12.) be trivial, vague, or meaningless (*Campion*, 128; 3 *Han. Deb.* 4s., 869); and the Speaker has indicated that questions of small import to the general public should be addressed to the different departments and not to the Ministers in the House (10 *Hans. Deb.* 4s., 375).

(13.) multiply, with slight variations, a similar question on the same point (*Campion*, 128); nor can a question which one Minister has refused to answer be addressed to another Minister (*May*, 246).

(14.) repeat in substance a question already answered, or to which an answer has been refused (*Campion*, 128).

(15.) seek, for purposes of argument, information on matter of past history (*Campion*, 128).

(16.) deal with matters not officially connected with Government or Parliament, or which are of a private nature (2 *B.C. Decisions*, 59). A question relating to communications alleged to have passed between a member and a Minister is improper (40 *Parl. Deb.* 4s., 1561).

(17.) seek information set forth in documents equally accessible to questioner, as Statutes, published reports, etc. (*Campion*, 128; 2 *B.C. Decisions*, 49, 53; 67 *H.C.D.* 1819).

(18.) ask solution of a legal proposition, such as interpretation of a Statute, a Minister's own powers, etc. (*Campion*, 129; *May*, 242; *Bourinot*, 314; 1 *B.C. Decisions*, 126; 2 *B.C. Decisions*, 52).

(19.) be asked which might prejudice a pending trial in a Court of law (*May*, 243).

(20.) contain or imply charges of a personal character (*May*, 243).

(21.) reflect on or relate to character or conduct of persons other than in a public capacity, but excluding those whose conduct can only be dealt with on a substantive motion—namely, the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, members, Judges (*May*, 243, 271; *Campion*, 130; *Bourinot*, 315; 2 *B.C. Decisions*, 51).

(22.) refer discourteously to a friendly foreign country (*Campion*, 130).

(23.) anticipate an Order of the Day or other matters (*May*, 242).

(24.) suggest amendments to Bills (*Campion*, 130).

(25.) refer to debate or answers to questions of the *current* Session (*Campion*, 130; *May*, 242); but a second question arising out of or bearing on an answer is permitted, but not a debate (*Bourinot*, 314).

(26.) embody a series of questions which should be moved for by an Address or Order (*Campion*, 130; *Bourinot*, 315; 2 *B.C. Decisions*, 51 (voluminous details)).

(27.) impugn the accuracy of information conveyed to the House by a Minister (*Bourinot*, 314).

(28.) deal with matters within the jurisdiction of the Speaker; such questions should be addressed to the Speaker by private notice (*Campion*, 129).

Ministerial Responsibility.

(29.) Question may be asked regarding the intentions of Government, but not its opinion on matters of policy (*May*, 240; *Bourinot*, 314), and may not ask what advice a Minister proposes to give Crown (but may ask what advice he has given) (*Campion*, 128; 1 *B.C. Decisions*, 128; 2 *B.C. Decisions*, 51, 53). Questions relating to a Budget should be confined to the year in which the Budget is framed (168 *Parl. Deb.* 5s., 357).

(30.) Should be directed to the Minister officially responsible for the subject-matter with which it deals (*Campion*, 128), and may not ask one Minister to influence action of another (*Campion*, 129).

Question must not:—

(31.) raise a matter of policy too large to be dealt with in the limits of an answer to a question (*Campion*, 128).

(32.) seek information about the internal affairs of foreign countries or the Dominions (*Campion*, 129). (Within this rule in B.C. there would be covered other Provinces and the Dominion of Canada.)

(33.) raise matters under control of local authorities not responsible to Government or Legislature (*Campion*, 129).

(34.) ask matters referred to a Royal Commission (*Campion*, 129).

(35.) refer to speeches made outside the House; but in the case of Cabinet Ministers, it is permissible to ask Prime Minister whether such speech represents policy of Government (*Campion*, 129).

(36.) deal with action of Minister for which he is not responsible to Parliament (*Campion*, 139 and note), or with matters not within his official knowledge (2 B.C. Decisions, 49, 50).

Constitutional Propriety.

Question must not:—

(37.) introduce name of, or contain reflections on, the Sovereign or Royal Family, or refer to influences of the Crown (*Campion*, 129).

(38.) refer to action of a Court official (*Campion*, 130).

(39.) criticize decisions of House (*Campion*, 130).

(40.) seek information about matters which are in their nature secret, such as decisions or proceedings of Cabinet, advice given to Crown by Law Officers, etc. (*Campion*, 130), or concerning the Secret Service (2 B.C. Decisions, 55).

(41.) seek information about proceedings in a Committee which has not yet made its report to the House (2 *Redlich*, 243).

(42.) be handed to press in advance of approval of Speaker (2 B.C. Decisions, 55).

(43.) be addressed to the Leader of the Opposition inquiring the course he intends to adopt regarding a motion by the Government (*May*, 241).

(44.) Question to unofficial members must relate to a Bill, motion, or other matter connected with the business of the House in which such members are concerned (*May*, 241). And this principle permits a question regarding a circumstance alleged to have happened outside Parliament, if thereby the veracity of a member in respect to a statement made by him in the House has been impugned (*May*, 241; 2 B.C. Decisions, 53-4).

(45.) Question to an ex-Minister with regard to transactions during his term of office is not in order (*May*, 241).

(46.) And finally the Speaker, in common with his duties of supervision over the proceedings of the House, may rule out any question which violates the privileges of Parliament in the same way as he deals with irregularities in motions and amendments (*May*, 239; 2 *Redlich*, 243).

Ancillary to the submitting of a notice of a question, the following practice governs:—

Under Rule 47 (2) a question may stand as a notice of motion upon request of the Government, if the Speaker is of opinion it requires a lengthy reply. It is then transferred to its proper place after being amended by the Clerk.

The Government may also, under Rule 47 (3), offer reply by way of return, with the consent of the House, and in such case the Minister's statement becomes an Order of the House accordingly.

The Speaker deals with irregularities after the questions are first corrected at the table or reserved for consideration (*May*, 239). He may make an alteration in the question (*May*, 240) or refer it back to the member for correction (*Bourinot*, 313). A member may call the attention of the House to the matter and may challenge the action of the Speaker (*Bourinot*, 313).

A Minister may decline to answer a question without stating the reason for his refusal, and insistence on an answer is out of order, no debate being allowed, although refusal to answer or the giving of an unsatisfactory answer may lead to an "urgency motion," and often gives occasion for a debate in Committee of Supply (2 *Redlich*, 243-4). A refusal to answer cannot be raised as a question of privilege, nor is it regular to comment upon such refusal (*Bourinot*, 314). A member can put a question, but has no right to insist upon an answer (269 *Hans. Deb. 3s.*, 460).

Questions must be answered briefly and distinctly, and be limited to the necessary explanations, though a certain latitude is permitted to Ministers of the Crown whenever they find it necessary to extend their remarks with the view of clearly explaining the matter in question (*May*, 245; *Bourinot*, 314).

Although there may be no debate on an answer, further questions, within due limits, may be addressed to the Minister as may be necessary for the elucidation of the answers that have been given (*May*, 245). The extent to which supplementary questions may be asked is in the discretion of the Speaker (*May*, 245), but he cannot be called upon to judge of the merits of answers to questions (Speaker's Decision, Quebec, February 7, 1900).

A question can be withdrawn only by written notice to the Clerk or by informing the Speaker in the House of desire to withdraw same (*Beauchesne*, 2nd ed., p. 114).

A certain number of oral questions are permitted in practice by members, without notice, before the Orders of the Day are called; but these are merely allowed by courtesy in connection

with the business of the House or with very urgent and important matters of public concern. They are always brief, no debate being permitted, and the replies are as concise as possible. The Minister interrogated may reply at once or may direct that the usual notice be given (*Bourinot*, 315). Such questions are governed by the same rules of order as questions of which notice has been given (*May*, 245, n. 4).

Turning now to the questions on Order Paper (No. 8) for February 29th of this Session:—

No. 2 is vague. No particular delegation is referred to. The delegation must be tied up to the Government's activities in some way. The second part of the question is irregular as it assumes a fact. Instead of reading, "What was the total cost to the public," it should inquire, "Was there any cost to the Province?" The question will, therefore, be struck from the Paper, and the honourable member may renew it in proper form.

No. 3 is irregular for two reasons. There is no indication as to who dispatched the telegram, which leaves the question meaningless and vague. Furthermore, nothing appears which would indicate that the telegram is a public matter, even if it were shown to have been sent by a Minister (*see* Rule 16 above). The entire question will accordingly be struck out.

No. 4 asks for information which should be obtained from the Report of the Minister of Public Works, and, in any event, should be addressed to him, as it comes within the official knowledge of his Department and not that of the Prime Minister. Struck out.

No. 5 is irregular as to paragraph "3," which assumes the fact that there has been a cost to the Province. The question should be, "Has there been any cost to the Province in respect thereof?" If the reply is in the affirmative, the Minister will specify the amount. Paragraph "3" must be struck out.

No. 6 is vague, in that paragraph "1" contains nothing to connect the inquiry with the Government, and the matters asked for in paragraph "2" can be ascertained from the Public Accounts. Struck out.

No. 7 will be struck out, as the information asked for is contained in the Public Accounts.

No. 10 will be struck out for the same reason.

No. 11 is allowed, as there may be some question touching the powers of the Legislature.

No. 12. Struck out, as the information is contained in the Public Accounts.

No. 17. Struck out, as based entirely upon supposition and inferential facts.

No. 18. This question contains an improper inference—namely, that credit accounts should be covered by cash. This is, of course, an impossibility in any business. There must always be accounts receivable outstanding. The proper form of question would be, "Of what did Provincial Treasury credit accounts consist as at January 31st, 1932?" Question struck out.

No. 19 is irregular as to paragraph "2," which should read, "Is there any amount now owing to the Dominion of Canada?" However, it may stand in this instance.

No. 20 is struck out. The proper form would be, "Were there any unexpended balances at February 1st, 1932, in respect of Loan Acts?" If the answer is "Yes," the Minister will mention the amounts.

No. 21 is struck out for the same reason. The question should read, "Are any financial obligations due by the Province in New York this year in respect of (a) debentures, (b) Treasury bills, (c) interest?"

No. 22 is out of order, as anticipating the proceedings of a Committee to which all questions in connection with unemployment relief have been submitted by the House. This is the invariable rule of Parliament. This question is struck out, together with all others on the same subject—namely, Nos. 81, 83, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 106, 108, 110, 116, 118, 120, 122, 123, 125, 126, 127, 132, 134.

No. 23 is irregular. It should read, "Is any part of the Superannuation Fund invested in (a) British Columbia bonds, (b) British Columbia Treasury bills? 2. Did the Provincial Treasury hold any cash to the credit of this fund as at January 31st, 1932?" Question struck out.

No. 24. Struck out for same reasons.

No. 25 is struck out because it contains no foundation for the question.

No. 26 is struck out as being too indefinite as to time. To fully answer this question, the Minister would be required to refer back to the date of the first inception of the fund. Such voluminous information, much of which is contained in the Public Accounts, can only be obtained by way of motion for a Return.

No. 27. Paragraph "2" is struck out. It appears to me objectionable as carrying an inference or point of view that trust account credits must be covered by cash in hand or in bank, whereas trust account credits may properly be covered by investments. The question should be reframed, perhaps as follows: "What did these credits consist of at that time?"

No. 28. Struck out. Reference should be to the Public Accounts.

No. 31. This is an objectionable form of question, and cannot be said to be one of public general importance. If the question were permitted, a similar question could be asked in connection with every Civil servant in the Province, a practice which would overload the Question Paper beyond reason. It also seems undesirable to unnecessarily bring a Government employee's name before the public. The remuneration and nature of work of any Civil servant can be ascertained by reference to the Public Accounts or to the Department. The Question Paper is not the proper medium through which such information should be obtained. If there is anything of an outstanding nature whereby either the office itself or the appointee personally should be investigated, the proper method is by way of an Address. Honourable members of the Opposition may welcome this rule themselves at another time, and I would urge the House to conform to this rule of parliamentary etiquette, and in this connection I would refer to the opinion expressed in a similar way by Mr. Speaker Keen (2 B.C. Decisions, 52). Question struck out.

No. 38. Struck out for vagueness. Some specified time must be mentioned.

No. 40. Paragraph "1" is struck out, as the information is contained in the Statute establishing the park.

Paragraph "2" is struck out, as it involves a matter of Government policy, and the remaining paragraphs disappear automatically.

No. 41. Paragraphs "1" and "2" struck out for same reasons as No. 31. The information can be obtained from the Department or by moving the House for an Address. Paragraph "3" is in order.

No. 42. Paragraph "2" is struck out. The Government may not be called upon to divulge the private affairs of individuals. The question may be asked as to what amounts are in arrears and why, but should eliminate the personal element.

No. 43. Paragraph "3" is struck out because based upon inference. It should be, "Have any amounts been paid, to whom, and for what purposes, etc.?"

No. 45. Struck out. The Government may not be called upon to declare its policy.

No. 47. Struck out for vagueness. Some time must be specified.

No. 51. Struck out, as being based on inference.

No. 52. Struck out for same reason as No. 51.

No. 53. Struck out. The question is irregularly put, and should be, "Were any of the following imported into the Province during 1931; and, if so, what was the total value of each, namely: Hogs, sheep, etc.?"

No. 54. Ordinarily, this question would be referred to the Public Accounts, but, owing to the fact that the occupation of many of the officials is not stated in the Accounts, the information cannot be obtained from that source without reference to the original vouchers. I should like to suggest to the Government the advisability of specifying the occupation after names, in cases where they do not now appear. This would obviate the necessity of many questions. Question allowed.

No. 56. Struck out. Reference should be made to Public Accounts for most of this information. A question as to the purpose for which a lawyer was engaged would seem to be improper under Rule 40 above.

No. 57. Struck out. Information obtainable from Public Accounts. Paragraph "5" is irregular, as divulging private information.

No. 58. Struck out for vagueness. There must be an identification of the persons to whom the protests and application were made, in order that the Minister may know to what his attention is called.

No. 60. Struck out, as not within the official knowledge of the Minister. The question should be addressed to the Provincial Secretary, and so much of the information as is contained in the Report of the Liquor Board should not be asked.

No. 61. Paragraphs "2" and "3" struck out. "2" will be answered by "1"; and "3" will answer itself by reference to the Public Accounts. Ministers cannot be expected to perform arithmetical calculations for honourable members.

Nos. 62, 63, and 64. Struck out as not being within the official knowledge of the Minister.

No. 68. Struck out. Paragraph "1" concerns question of policy. Paragraph "2" cannot be asked of a Minister. Paragraph "3" is too indefinite. Some time must be specified.

No. 71. Paragraph "1" struck out, the information being in the Public Accounts. The paragraph will require to be reframed accordingly.

No. 72. Struck out. Paragraph "1" seeks information contained in the Public Accounts. Paragraph "2" is now superfluous.

Nos. 73 and 74. Question 74 should be added as paragraph "4" to question No. 73, adding after "1931" the words "published in any other countries than the above." Questions 73 and 74 will be struck out in order that they may be reframed as indicated.

No. 76. The second line of this question is struck out. It is improper to ask the Government to reveal the names of these unfortunate persons by way of a question.

No. 77. Struck out for the reasons assigned to No. 31. If the honourable member will indicate to me privately the motive behind this question I will endeavour to help him to reframe it.

No. 79. Struck out. Information contained in Public Accounts.

No. 80. Struck out. Information contained in Report of Minister of Works.

No. 82. Struck out for the reason assigned to No. 80.

No. 84. Struck out. Reference should be made to the Public Accounts. If such questions were allowed, every account of the Government could be transferred from the Public Accounts to the Question Paper.

No. 89. Paragraph "2" struck out, as being a matter of opinion.

Nos. 93, 97, and 98. Struck out for reason assigned to No. 31.

No. 101. Struck out. Information obtainable from Report of Minister of Works.

Nos. 112, 114. Struck out for vagueness. Some period should be stated.

No. 115. Struck out for vagueness. Some initial period should be stated.

No. 117. This is another question which should ordinarily be obtained from the Public Accounts. The Accounts, however, do not identify these amounts with the services rendered. My suggestion is that, after each item, the nature of the service be mentioned. Question allowed.

No. 124. The same remarks for No. 117 apply to parts of this question. The Public Accounts should show the nature of the employment. Question allowed.

No. 129. Struck out, as being too trivial for the attention of Parliament.

No. 131. This question also cannot be ascertained by members from the Public Accounts for lack of identification of items, again emphasizing the necessity for reform in the framing of the Public Accounts. Question allowed.

No. 133. Question struck out. The nature of this question shows the absurdity of converting the Question Paper into a ledger-sheet, and is an abuse of the rules. The question, in any event, should be addressed to the Minister in charge of the Purchasing Department.

All questions struck out may be renewed in proper form, if otherwise allowable.

It becomes necessary now to refer to the reason for striking out those questions, the answer to which will appear in the Public Accounts which have not yet been presented to the House. In this connection, I would refer honourable members to the decision of Mr. Speaker Keen at page 55 of the second volume of our Speakers' Decisions, where Mr. Pooley, then in opposition, asked in February, 1920, for the disbursements of the Chairman of the Game Board for the years 1917, 1918, and 1919. Mr. Farris, the then Attorney-General, replied to this question by referring to the Public Accounts, and objection was taken that the Public Accounts for 1919 had not been presented to the House. The Speaker ruled that the answer filed was a sufficient answer, and that, if not satisfactory to the questioner, an Order of the House for a Return could be asked for. Although it seems questionable whether Mr. Speaker would be entitled to make such a rule, the necessity for it seems sound. If honourable members were to be entitled to spread upon the Question Paper the details of the Public Accounts then in preparation by the Government, there would be a duplication of returns, which might paralyse the work of the Government departments and prevent Ministers from a proper attendance to the dispatch of business. Questions became, at one time, so numerous in the British Commons that the House was obliged to create a reform of this branch of procedure for the purpose of limiting questions.

While it could not be contended that that particular reform is applicable to this House, nevertheless I must hold that the aforesaid decision of Mr. Speaker Keen (which, if it stood by itself alone, I would hesitate following) is binding upon me, because an appeal from his decision was made to this House and by it confirmed. It therefore stands as a judgment of the House, and to the extent to which it limits questions it must be observed until such time as altered by the House. It is not a rule which I am making, but one which this House, in its wisdom, has considered necessary.

It will, of course, be noted that if any question, which cannot be asked under this ruling, is of sufficient importance to warrant ventilation in the House, the matter can always be brought forward by way of motion for a Return.

The foregoing represents as comprehensive a survey of the practice relating to questions put by members as I have been able to cover in the time allotted. My interpretations are based upon what I conceive to be the effect of the rules in the light of the recorded decisions of former Speakers. The House has in its own hands the power to make any changes it may desire.

C. F. DAVIE, *Speaker*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics 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. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

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

The Hon. Mr. *Jones* presented the Annual Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1924.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.08 p.m.

Thursday, March 3rd, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Pattullo* rose with reference to Mr. Speaker's decision of 2nd instant appearing on the Votes and Proceedings of that day dealing with "Questions put by Members."

Mr. Speaker took exception to some remarks of Mr. *Pattullo* as reflecting upon the Chair, ruled him out of order, and requested him to resume his seat.

Mr. *Pattullo* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—34.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Maitland</i>		

NAYS--12.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Gray</i>

Mr. A. M. Manson appealed from Mr. Speaker's decision of 2nd instant dealing with "Questions put by Members."

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—34.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
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NAYS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Gray</i>

Mr. Twigg presented the Third and Fourth Reports of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 3rd, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders have been complied with in respect of the undermentioned petitions:—

No. 4—Corporation of Delta.

No. 8—City of Vancouver.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 3rd, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Stock Exchange Act, 1907.'" "

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

The following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills:—

On the motion of Mr. *Berry*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Delta Water Works Act, 1929.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Kirk*—Bill (No. 57) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.’”

Mr. *Spencer* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
March 3rd, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That they have heard representations on the subject of the restoration, propagation, and preservation of game fishes in the Province. Your Committee recommends that, in order to further the game-fish conservation programme, the Government consider the advisability of enacting legislation at this Session which will provide for: (a) An annual resident angler's licence; (b) governmental support and supervision of the various fishing clubs throughout the Province in their management of the conservation programme.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NELSON SPENCER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pattullo* on February 26th, as follows:—

Whereas a joint survey of resources in Northern British Columbia was made by the Provincial Government, the Canadian National Railways, and the Canadian Pacific Railway; and

Whereas there was published a statement purporting to have been made by the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, as head of a Committee of Investigation appointed by the Dominion Government, to the effect that the construction of a railway outlet to the Pacific Coast from Peace River was entirely premature; and

Whereas the information obtained by the joint survey hereinbefore cited was available to the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Committee of which he was a member; and

Whereas it is in the public interest that this information should also be available to the public at large, in order to enable the public more intelligently to pass judgment; and

Whereas the Provincial Government has repeatedly refused to make public the findings of said survey:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of the House be granted instructing the Government to table a copy of said findings in this House forthwith.

Mr. *Cornett* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Alward*,—

That all the words after the word “of,” in the first line of the preamble, be deleted, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

“the natural resources of the lands which may be granted in aid of the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway has been made by the Provincial Government, the Canadian National Railways, and the Canadian Pacific Railway:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends the Government on its wisdom and foresight in securing, before making a grant of the lands, all the information possible regarding the natural resources of the lands which may be granted in aid of the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway under the provisions of the ‘Pacific Great Eastern Railway Aid Act, 1925.’

“And that it compliments the Honourable the Premier, who, as Minister of Railways, has been able to secure the consent of the railways above named to the publication of the information obtained by the said survey.

"And, further, that it records its appreciation of the action of the Honourable the Premier in voluntarily placing at the disposal of this House the said information forthwith upon receipt of the above-mentioned consent of the railways."

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

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*, seconded by Mr. *Kirk*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do refer to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters the consideration of all matters and things affecting municipalities in relation to the "Municipal Act" or amendments thereto, or in relation to any other Statute affecting municipal matters.

On the motion of the Hon Mr. *Hinchliffe*, the House proceeded to Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Friday, March 4th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson*, Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Milk Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Speaker ruled out of order a notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Uphill* on the following grounds:—

"This is a mandatory motion requiring the Crown to repudiate its solemn obligations made to other parties. I am not called upon to express any opinion upon the propriety of such a step, but only to decide whether a motion of this nature can be introduced by a private member. It is my opinion that this is an interference with, and a dictation of, Government policy which makes the motion, under numerous decisions of this House, out of order.

"There are many other features of the motion which render it clearly irregular, but in view of my ruling on this one point it is unnecessary to refer to any other."

The notice of motion referred to is as follows:—

"That whereas the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1931, show, among the liabilities of the Province of British Columbia:—

"(a.) Outstanding stock and debentures (Schedule 'B') amounting to \$95,358,236:

"(b.) Temporary Treasury bills outstanding amounting to \$20,032,700:

"(c.) Accounts payable amounting to \$5,345,701.49: and

"(d.) Sundry funds for trust deposits amounting to \$1,932,371.74, for which no sufficient corresponding cash asset is shown:

" And whereas the Province has guaranteed the principal and interest on the issued securities of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, amounting to \$20,160,000, bearing interest, on default, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum:

" And whereas by reason of the default of said Railway Company the payment of such principal and interest is now a direct liability of the Province, and such interest amounts to \$907,607.40 per annum (Vote 178):

" And whereas the payments of interest on the public debt (Vote 1) amounted to \$5,018,829.42:

" And whereas the payments by the Province on account of sinking funds amounted to \$1,939,927.72:

" And whereas the total payments for interest on public debt, provision for sinking funds, and payment of interest on the guaranteed bonds of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company totalled \$7,866,364.57:

" And whereas the said Financial Statement shows a serious deficit for the said fiscal year; and whereas the only economies proposed by the Minister of Finance appear to be reductions in salaries and in the social, administrative, and educational services; and whereas a reduction of the rate of interest payable on the said public debt to 3 per cent. per annum, being the wages of said borrowed capital, would be a saving of approximately \$1,578,416; and whereas a reduction of the rate of interest on the outstanding Treasury bills to 3 per cent. would be a saving of approximately \$250,000 per annum; and whereas a reduction to 3 per cent. on the interest payable on the guaranteed bonds of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to 3 per cent. would equal approximately \$450,000; and whereas a 50-per-cent. reduction in the annual requirements of the sinking funds would amount to approximately \$969,913.38; and whereas said four last-mentioned sums total approximately \$3,248,329:

" And whereas it is essential at this time that if wages, salaries, and services are to be reduced, capital should share a portion of the present financial burden by accepting a lower wage:

" And whereas many of the municipalities of the Province are in serious financial difficulties, and are unable to balance their budgets, and are unable to solve the problem of unemployment, and are being compelled through tax-sale procedure to appropriate the properties of thousands of ratepayers and to reduce the standard of living of vast sections of the community; and whereas it is apparent that the only class that is profiting by the present economic break-down is the owners of money and credit; and whereas the high priests of the present capitalistic system and the controllers of the monopoly of money and credit are seizing on the opportunity afforded by the present acute social distress to exact greater sacrifices and demands from the already impoverished peoples, municipalities, and Governments in the form of higher and still higher rates of interest:

" And whereas it is apparent that, unless the money powers of Canada are compelled to accept a lower wage for money, we are bound to witness increasing unemployment, business stagnation, and eventually civic, Provincial, and national bankruptcy, and social disintegration and economic and political revolution will ensue:

" Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Government of this Province be urged to consider the advisability of enacting legislation to provide as follows, namely:—

"(1.) That the payment of interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on any existing indebtedness, actual or contingent, of the Province of British Columbia, payable after March 31st, 1931, shall be deemed to be payment in full of said interest.

"(2.) That where by any Act, or by the terms of any debenture or guarantee, a payment into sinking fund is required to be made by the Province or any municipality, it shall be a compliance with the provision of such Act, debenture, or guarantee if a sum equal to one-half of such payment in respect of such sinking fund is paid into such sinking fund.

"(3.) That no action shall be brought: (a) By any mortgagee to enforce any mortgage by way of foreclosure, or by the appointment of a receiver; (b) by any vendor for the specific performance of any contract to purchase lands; or (c) against any mortgagor or purchaser under any contract to purchase lands on any covenant to pay contained in a mortgage or contract to purchase lands if the mortgagee or purchaser, as the case may be, shall have paid or tendered to such mortgagee or vendor, or his agent, interest on such mortgage or contract to purchase at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and shall have paid sufficient taxes on the land comprised

therein as shall exclude such land from tax sale. In any action for foreclosure or specific performance as aforesaid, on payment by the defendant of any unpaid interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, the action shall be stayed in lieu of the unpaid interest specified in such mortgage or contract to purchase.

"And be it further Resolved, That the Dominion Government be humbly petitioned to take into consideration the advisability of enacting legislation to provide for the compulsory conversion of the interest-bearing obligations of the Dominion of Canada into securities paying dividends not to exceed 3 per cent. per annum, redeemable, at the option of said Government, in money issued by the Government of Canada on the credit of the people of Canada.

"And be it further Resolved, That an humble petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that copies of this Resolution and the preamble thereto be forwarded to the Honourable the Secretary of State and other proper officials of the Government of Canada, for presentation to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pattullo* on February 26th, as follows:—

Whereas a joint survey of resources in Northern British Columbia was made by the Provincial Government, the Canadian National Railways, and the Canadian Pacific Railway; and

Whereas there was published a statement purporting to have been made by the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, as head of a Committee of Investigation appointed by the Dominion Government, to the effect that the construction of a railway outlet to the Pacific Coast from Peace River was entirely premature; and

Whereas the information obtained by the joint survey hereinbefore cited was available to the Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Committee of which he was a member; and

Whereas it is in the public interest that this information should also be available to the public at large, in order to enable the public more intelligently to pass judgment; and

Whereas the Provincial Government has repeatedly refused to make public the findings of said survey:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an Order of the House be granted instructing the Government to table a copy of said findings in this House forthwith.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Cornett* on March 3rd, as follows:—

That all the words after the word "of," in the first line of the preamble, be deleted, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

"the natural resources of the lands which may be granted in aid of the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway has been made by the Provincial Government, the Canadian National Railways, and the Canadian Pacific Railway:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends the Government on its wisdom and foresight in securing, before making a grant of the lands, all the information possible regarding the natural resources of the lands which may be granted in aid of the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway under the provisions of the 'Pacific Great Eastern Railway Aid Act, 1925.'"

"And that it compliments the Honourable the Premier, who, as Minister of Railways, has been able to secure the consent of the railways above named to the publication of the information obtained by the said survey.

"And, further, that it records its appreciation of the action of the Honourable the Premier in voluntarily placing at the disposal of this House the said information forthwith upon receipt of the above-mentioned consent of the railways."

The debate continued.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

Uphill
King
Hanna

Pearson
Wrinch

Kergin
Sutherland

Pattullo
Manson, A. M.

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Carson</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Mailland</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Alward</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Beatty</i>	

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Gillis</i>

Question proposed—" Shall the words proposed to be substituted stand part of the question? "

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Carson</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
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<i>Borden</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Alward</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Beatty</i>	

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Winch</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Hanna</i>			

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Gillis</i>

Main motion as amended agreed to on the same division.

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

That the membership of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be increased to fifteen members by adding the names of Messrs. *Berry*, *Macintosh*, and *Alward*.

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe*,—

That the name of *Rutledge* be added to the membership of the Select Committee of the House (on Unemployment) appointed on February 24th, 1932.

Mr. *Sutherland* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Pattullo*,—

To add the words "*Kergin* and *Uphill*" after the word "*Rutledge*"; and that the word "name" be struck out, and the word "names" be substituted therefor.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Hanna</i>			

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Carson</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Alcard</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Beatty</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>		

Main motion agreed to.

Mr. *Borden* moved, seconded by Mr. *Michell*.—

That this House do refer to the Select Standing Committee on Printing the matter of printing for dissemination to the public the Final Report of the Royal Commission on State Health Insurance and Maternity Benefits, and the Report of the Royal Commission on Chiropractic and Drugless Healing.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Topaz Avenue Gaol-site Disposal Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 4th, 1932.

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. 23) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Topaz Avenue Gaol-site Disposal Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

What persons are at present in the permanent employ of the Forestry Branch in Fort George District, and when did each enter such service?

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

"R. B. Carter, November 17th, 1924; A. Chisholm, January 17th, 1923; G. Forbes, April 28th, 1919; J. J. K. Frost, May 4th, 1920; E. E. Gregg, June 4th, 1921; J. Jardine, April 8th, 1920; W. Lang-Muir, April 1st, 1915; W. Lowry, April 1st, 1920; S. E. Marling, September 18th, 1922; H. R. Sanson, April 1st, 1929. All are returned soldiers, except W. Lang-Muir, who is to be superannuated March 31st, 1932."

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

1. Have instructions been issued by the Department to School Boards regarding patriotic observances on the part of pupils of public schools?
2. If so, what is the nature of such instructions, and what steps have been taken to see that they are carried out?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. In the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Education published in 1912 the following instructions were given, and appear as a foot-note to Article 2 of the said Rules and Regulations:—

“ NOTE.—The object of Empire Day is the development of the Empire idea. Consequently, the lessons, recitations, and other exercises of the last teaching-day preceding Empire Day (May 24th) should be such as to bear directly upon the history and resources of Canada and the British Empire, and tend to promote a spirit of true patriotism and loyalty. The Department has provided flags for use on all public schools of the Province, and the following directions regarding the care and use of the flag are expected to be observed by all principals and teachers in charge of the schools, in addition to the duties of teachers already laid down in the “Manual of School Law”: The flag is to be hoisted on the school premises daily before school goes into session, and is to remain flying during school-hours. It must be taken down before the principal or teacher leaves the school premises in the afternoon. On no occasion must the flag be permitted to remain up after sundown. When removed from the pole the flag must be carefully folded and placed in the receptacle provided by the trustees for its safe-keeping. The trustees are expected to provide a pole for the flag, the cost of same to be paid from money voted for incidental expenses. The pole should not be less than 25 feet in height and should be placed in one of the front corners of the school-grounds. If there is not a suitable place in the school-house for the safe-keeping of the flag when not flying, the trustees should also put in a small shelf or box for the purpose. It is desirable that the pole be placed in position so that the flag may be flown for the first time on the day schools reopen, and on that day a function of a public character should take place in connection with its hoisting. This little celebration should include the singing of the National Anthem as the Union Jack is raised, a march-past of the children marshalled in rank, and might well be brought to a close by a short patriotic speech from the Chairman or other member of the Board of School Trustees. Thereafter it is expected that the flag shall be hoisted without special celebration daily before school goes into session and remain flying during school-hours. It should be flown with due ceremony when Empire Day is celebrated in the school, on the King's Birthday, and on all national holidays. Care should be taken not to allow the flag on any occasion to remain up after sundown, and it should also be noted that in the event of its being flown at half-mast the correct position for the flag is the space of its own width from the top of the pole.”

“(MINISTER'S NOTE.—A march-past necessarily implies a salute.)

“The steps taken at that time to see that the above-cited instructions were carried out are defined in clause 20 of Article 6 of the said Rules and Regulations, which read as follows:—

“‘It shall be the duty of every teacher in the public schools strictly to obey the Rules and Regulations prescribed.’

“In the Rules and Regulations published in 1921 the following instructions were given, and appear as Article 3:—

“‘The lessons, recitations, and other exercises of the last teaching-day preceding Empire Day (May 24th) should be such as to bear directly upon the history and resources of Canada and the British Empire, and tend to promote a spirit of true patriotism and loyalty. The Department has provided flags for use on all public schools of the Province, and the following directions regarding the care and use of the flag are expected to be observed by all principals and teachers in charge of the schools: The flag is to be hoisted on the school premises daily before school goes into session, and is to remain flying during school-hours. It must be taken down before the principal or teacher leaves the school premises in the afternoon. On no occasion must the flag be permitted to remain up after sundown. When removed from the pole the flag must be carefully folded and placed in the receptacle provided by the trustees for its safe-keeping. The trustees are expected to provide a pole for the flag, the cost of same to be paid from money voted for incidental expenses. The pole should not be less than 25 feet in

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"The steps taken at that time to see that the instructions were carried out and which are contained in clause 19 of Article 6 were exactly the same as those adopted in 1912.

"Article 3 of the Rules and Regulations published in 1926 is practically the same as Article 3 of 1921. Provision, however, is made for the proper observation of Armistice Day (November 11th), and in 1929 the two minutes' silence on Armistice Day was enjoined. The steps taken to see that the instructions were carried out were continued without change, and are contained in clause 18 of Article 6.

"Article 3 as amended in December, 1931, is practically the same as Article 3 of 1926. The only alteration, apart from a general rearrangement of the article, is that on each Monday that the school is in session, if the weather permits, there should be observed part of the ceremony appointed by Article 2 of 1912 and Article 3 of 1921 and 1926 for the flag-hoisting on the day schools reopen, Empire Day, the King's Birthday, Armistice Day, and all national holidays.

"The steps adopted to see that these instructions are carried out are identical with those adopted in 1926, there being no change even in the number of the clause or article."

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

Was any amount paid to Game Commissioner as expenses for the month of July, 1931; and, if so, what amount was so paid, and what were the details of such expenses?

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

"Yes. For meals, hotel, and gasoline on journey from Vancouver to Kamloops, Clinton, Squilax, and Merritt and intervening points, \$31.10; rent of garage for month of July, \$5; total, \$36.10."

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

1. How many new licences to sell beer by the glass, other than renewals, have been granted since August 20th, 1928?
2. What was the total number of licences to sell beer by the glass in the Province on December 31st, 1931?
3. What was the total number of such licences on August 19th, 1928?

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

"1. 56.

"2. 303.

"3. 272."

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

Has any reduction been made in the salaries fixed for members of the Liquor Control Board?

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

"Yes; 10 per cent. reduction from October 1st, 1931."

Mr. *Pattullo* to ask the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What total amount has been collected under "Act to impose a Special Revenue Tax," being chapter 61 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1931?

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

"See Comptroller-General's Report for Nine Months ended December 31st, 1931."

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

1. Has the location of the Liquor Control Board Store, Kamloops, been changed since August 20th, 1928?
2. If so, does the Government own present premises, or are they rented or leased; and, if so, from whom, and at what rental?
3. What rental was paid for Liquor Control Board premises for the month of August, 1928?

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

- "1. Yes, June 1st, 1930.
- "2. Leased from A. E. Sjoquist. (See Tenth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board.)
- "3. See Eighth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board."

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

1. Did the Government have representation upon an International Commission appointed in 1931 to report upon the proposed Alaska Highway? If yes, has any report been made?
2. If so, what was the nature of such report?

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

- "1. Yes; no report made.
- "2. See answer to No. 1."

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

1. Has reclassification of reverted lands been carried out throughout the Province during 1931?
2. If so, how many acres have been reclassified?

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

- "1. Yes; in the following districts: Vancouver and New Westminster Assessment Districts.
- "2. 16,253 acres; appraised value, \$182,605."

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

1. Has any reduction in dyking assessment been made in Nicomen Island since August 20th, 1928?
2. If so, what is the amount of such reduction, and what was the rate prior to this date?

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

- "1. No; but taxes were remitted by chapter 77 of the British Columbia Statutes, 1930.
- "2. Taxes written off, \$49,314.71; rates vary from \$1.86 in 1910 to \$2.44 in 1930. The rate for 1931 has not been struck."

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

Was there any amount outstanding against the Department as at February 1st, 1932; and, if so, what was such amount?

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

"No."

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

Are any amounts owing to the Department on account of timber royalty or stumpage?

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

"Yes. Stumpage, \$173,708.42; timber royalty, \$621,223.72.

"NOTE.—This figure includes \$144,532.88 in dispute, being claim for damages to timber by fumes from smelter at Anyox."

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

1. What is the total amount of land-sales, Sumas reclamation area, to date?
2. What amount of cash has been received in respect of such sales?

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

- "1. \$969,618.68.
- "2. \$217,005.22."

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

1. Were survey parties sent out by the Department during the season 1931? If yes, how many?
2. If yes, in what areas did such parties work, and how many persons were employed other than permanent officials?
3. Were aeroplanes employed in any survey-work; and, if so, from whom were they obtained, and at what total cost?

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

"1. Yes; ten parties for full season, four for shorter season, besides some small surveys carried out by surveyors resident near them.

"2. Of full-season parties, two were mapping headwaters of Peace, Stikine, Skeena, and Nass; one near Vanderhoof; three in Peace River Block; one mapping Quesnel placer area; one mapping Hope-Princeton area; and two mapping northerly Vancouver Island; while of shorter-season parties, one worked near Prince George, one in Chilcotin, one along Johnstone Strait, and one on west coast of Vancouver Island. In the fourteen major parties, employees, not permanent officials, totalled 101; the average being 73.

"3. Canadian Airways, Limited, transported four men and 2 tons of supplies from Burns Lake to Thutade Lake at a cost of \$1,600, and at estimated saving of \$400 in time and expenses. By arrangement with the Dominion Government, planes of the Royal Canadian Air Force photographed areas on northerly Vancouver Island and the Quesnel placer area, all without cost to the Province."

Mr. *Pattullo* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Has provision been made for refunding \$3,000,000 loan due in New York, November, 1931; and, if so, how was such refunding carried out, and at what cost?

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

"Yes. Repaid by sale to the Dominion Government of Treasury bill, Series TBQ, for \$3,371,664, dated November 25th, 1931, due November 25th, 1932, bearing interest at 5¼ per cent. per annum. Amount to be refunded in New York, \$3,000,000; repaid as follows:—

By purchase through Canadian Bank of Commerce of U.S. funds amounting to	\$2,000,000.00
Requiring premium of 12.9002 per cent.	258,004.00
By purchase through Finance Department at Ottawa of U.S. funds amounting to	1,000,000.00
Cost of premium thereon, 11.366 per cent.	113,660.00
	\$3,371,664.00

"Refunding effected under authority of the 'Revenue Act,' chapter 222, R.S.B.C. 1924."

Mr. *Pattullo* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Has provision been made for refunding \$2,500,000 loan due in New York, October, 1931; and, if so, how was such refunding carried out, and at what cost?

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

"Yes. Repaid on August 20th, 1931, by sale of a Treasury bill, Series TBO, to The Canadian Bank of Commerce, New York, for \$2,500,000, dated August 20th, 1931, due October 19th, 1931, bearing interest at 3½ per cent. payable in U.S. gold. Said Treasury bill was repaid on maturity by sale to The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Victoria, of Treasury bill, Series TBP, payable in Canadian funds for \$2,686,304.13, bearing interest at 5½ per cent. per annum necessary to raise the net amount required, \$2,500,000. Maturity date of Treasury bill, April 1st, 1932; repayment effected as follows:—

By shipment of gold	\$1,000,000.00
By purchase of U.S. funds	1,500,000.00
Requiring a premium of	183,688.53
Shipping and handling charges	2,615.60

\$2,686,304.13 "

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

1. Does the Game Board employ hunters of predatory animals, or have such persons been employed during 1931?
2. If so, what are the names of such hunters, where are they stationed, and what total salary or emolument did each receive during 1931?

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

"1. Yes."

"2. Permanent employees: C. Shuttleworth, Penticton, \$1,194; J. C. Smith, Comox, \$1,607.85. Temporary employees: J. Rainey, Albert Head, \$220.50; D. Craig, Craig's Crossing, \$31.50; W. Thompson, Edgewater, \$24.50; F. C. Hooker, Horsefly, \$108.50; J. M. Williams, Miocene, \$108.50.

"NOTE.—The above-mentioned predatory-animal hunters are engaged and instructed as to their hunting operations by the Game Department; their salaries and expenses are paid out of Vote 40, Department of Agriculture."

Mr. *Sutherland* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

Was any amount of income-tax outstanding as at December 31st, 1931; and, if so, what was the total amount of such tax outstanding at that date?

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

"Yes; \$903,706.38."

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

1. Was any rate per diem paid to men engaged in fighting forest fires during 1931 season? If yes, what amount?
2. Was any rate per diem charged for board against such employees in cases where board was supplied by the Department? If yes, what amount?

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

"1. Fire-fighters were hired during the 1931 season on an hourly basis and paid 25 cents per hour.

"2. Yes; at the rate of \$1 per day."

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

1. How many parcels of land were (a) sold and (b) leased in University Endowment Lands during 1931?
2. What was (a) the total sale price and (b) the total lease price of such parcels?

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

"1. (a) Three; (b) six.

"2. (a) \$45,705; (b) \$14,985."

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

Was any amount in arrears on timber royalties at January 31st, 1932? If yes, what amount?

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

"Yes; \$621,223.72.

"NOTE.—This figure includes \$144,532.88 in dispute, being claim for damages to timber by fumes from smelter at Anyox."

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

1. Have any payments been made on loan of \$60,000 by the Land Settlement Board to Lister Waterworks District by way of: (a) Principal; (b) interest?
2. If so, what total amounts have been received under each head?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Principal, nil; interest, \$5,262; maintenance, \$518."

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

1. Has any sum been granted by the Department toward lumber-trade extension with Australia?

2. If so: (a) What sum has been so granted; (b) how is amount expended; (c) what person or persons, if any, are employed by the Government in this work, and at what salary in each case?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) \$2,000 by Order in Council No. 972, approved July 28th, 1931, which was in addition to \$8,000 granted by Order in Council No. 1532, approved November 25th, 1930; (b) grant to B.C. Lumber & Shingle Manufacturers, Limited; (c) none."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Monday, March 7th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was committed. Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Howe*, Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Canned Fish and Canneries" 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. *Borden* on 4th instant, as follows:—

That this House do refer to the Select Standing Committee on Printing the matter of printing for dissemination to the public the Final Report of the Royal Commission on State Health Insurance and Maternity Benefits, and the Report of the Royal Commission on Chiropractic and Drugless Healing.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Spencer*, seconded by Mr. *Macintosh*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Report No. 1 of the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries be adopted.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 7th, 1932.

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. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented the report of Miss Charlotte Whitton on Mothers' Pensions and Social Service Work in the Province of British Columbia.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.22 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented the remaining volumes of the Report of the Survey of Resources of Pacific Great Eastern Railway Lands undertaken jointly by the Government of the Province of British Columbia, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and the Canadian National Railways, 1929 and 1930.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Topaz Avenue Gaol-site Disposal Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Canned Fish and Canneries" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Hanna*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *A. M. Manson*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

March 8th, 1932.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

Was there any amount outstanding against the Department as at February 1st, 1932; and, if so, what was such amount?

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

"Impossible to answer this question at this date."

And then the House adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9th, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Stock Exchange Act, 1907'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 9th, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the undermentioned petition have not been complied with, inasmuch as the advertising has not been fully completed.

Your Committee recommends that the Standing Orders be suspended and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

No. 3—Bishop of Vancouver Island.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman*.

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 9th, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved, and that the Bill be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, Act.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman.*

The reports were read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act respecting the Bishop of Vancouver Island" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries 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. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Moving Pictures Act.'"

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

Thursday, March 10th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *W. H. Vance*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Borden* on 4th instant, as follows:—

That this House do refer to the Select Standing Committee on Printing the matter of printing for dissemination to the public the Final Report of the Royal Commission on State Health Insurance and Maternity Benefits, and the Report of the Royal Commission on Chiropractic and Drugless Healing.

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

Mr. *A. M. Manson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sutherland*,—

That the ruling of Mr. Speaker Keen as reported on page 47 of Journals of this House, 1920, shall not be binding upon this House.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—10.

Messieurs

<i>King</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>		

NAYS—31.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Gray</i>
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Mr. *Pattullo* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sutherland*,—

Whereas the Legislature, by Resolution, did appoint a Committee to inquire into the unemployment situation as per the terms of said Resolution:

And whereas the preamble to said Resolution did recite as follows:—

“Whereas an acute condition of unemployment, consequent on the commercial and industrial depression, has been, and is to some extent still, prevalent:

“And whereas the Federal Government, together with the various Provincial Administrations, have been engaged in co-operation toward meeting the situation:

“And whereas it is desirable and expedient that a full inquiry be made as to the said prevailing condition, together with the steps taken to cope with the same so far as the Province of British Columbia is concerned”:

And whereas upon the premises of the preamble to said Resolution it was resolved as follows:—

“That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. Twigg, Loutet, Berry, Lister, Kirk, Alward, Beatty, Pattullo, A. M. Manson, Sutherland, and Pearson, be appointed to inquire into all matters, questions, and things appertaining to the said situation, together with the administration thereof and connected therewith within British Columbia, and particularly with reference to the receipt and disbursement of all moneys received from the Dominion Government, showing how disbursed, that is to say, showing such disbursement as made directly by the Province, or, if in municipal areas, by the municipal authorities on receipt of the moneys from the Province, with all books, documents, and correspondence relating thereto, with respect to unemployment relief, direct and indirect.

“That the said Committee inquire into and examine all the phases of the administration of unemployment relief, direct and indirect, including the construction, equipment, cost, and management of unemployment camps, with data as to rates of pay, number of persons afforded relief, direct and indirect, with power to summon witnesses and take their evidence under oath, to require the production of papers, documents, vouchers, correspondence, and books relating in any way to the subject-matter of the inquiry; to report its findings and with power to make recommendations to this House.”

And whereas subsequently at sitting of the said Committee there was submitted to the Committee copy of agreement purporting to have been made between the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, having reference to unemployment relief, which said agreement was dated August 19th, 1931:

And whereas it appeared in evidence that unemployment relief moneys had been in operation, and negotiations anterior to said agreement had taken place between the Dominion and Provincial Governments:

And whereas, to properly comply with the terms of said Resolution, it is necessary to know the circumstances leading up to said agreement:

And whereas pursuant thereto request was made for submission to the Committee of all correspondence and copies of all correspondence between Dominion and Provincial Governments since the passing of unemployment relief measures in the Dominion Parliament in 1930 as affecting British Columbia:

And whereas said information is essential to enable the Committee to properly pass judgment upon the course pursued:

And whereas the Chairman of the Committee refused to comply with said request to produce said correspondence:

And whereas, upon appeal from the ruling of the Chairman, the Chairman's decision was sustained by said Committee:

Therefore this House does reiterate that it was the intention of the House in passing said Resolution that the unemployment problem should be inquired into from the widest possible scope, and hereby orders that all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government of British Columbia, since September, 1930, having to do with unemployment relief, shall be made available for the information of the Committee.

Upon Mr. *Pattullo* rising to speak to the motion, Mr. Speaker stated that he was inclined to think that the same was not in order, and a debate arose on a point of order with reference thereto.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

Mr. *Wrinch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

What total amount has been expended as office expenses, General Office, from April 1st, 1931, to January 31st, 1932?

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

“\$1,814.53.”

Mr. *Wrinch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

Was there any amount outstanding against the Department as at February 1st, 1932; and, if so, what was such amount?

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

“Yes; impossible to state.”

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

1. What amount was collected by way of dyking assessments on lands of Sumas Reclamation Project during 1931?

2. What was total operating cost of said project for 1931?

3. Was any extraordinary expenditure undertaken in connection with said project during 1931; and, if so, for what purpose, and what amount was expended?

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

“1. \$46,501.87.

“2. \$34,866.89.

“3. Yes. Drainage, \$22,342.95; roads and bridges, \$734.71.”

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

1. What sums, if any, have been borrowed from the Dominion of Canada since April 1st, 1931; and what is the interest rate on such sums?

2. What is the total amount owing to the Dominion of Canada?

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

“1. (a.) On November 25th, 1931. \$3,371,664 by way of 5¼-per-cent. Treasury bill maturing on November 25th, 1932; this borrowing required to raise net sum necessary to effect a refunding in New York on November 25th, 1931. (b.) Loans and advances in connection with the financing of unemployment relief costs under authority of the ‘Unemployment Relief Act’ of 1931: (1) On November 30th, 1931, a one-year Treasury bill to Dominion Government for \$500,000, bearing interest at 5¼ per cent. (municipal relief); (2) on November 30th, 1931,

a one-year Treasury bill to Dominion Government for \$500,000, bearing interest at 5¼ per cent.; (3) on December 23rd, 1931, a one-year Treasury bill to Dominion Government for \$800,000, bearing interest at 5¾ per cent.; (4) on February 20th, 1932, a one-year Treasury bill to Dominion Government for \$500,000, bearing interest at 5¾ per cent. (municipal relief).

"2. Definite amount not determined till final adjustment of unemployment relief costs."

Mr. *Wrinch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—

What total amount has been expended as travelling expenses by the Department from April 1st, 1931, to January 31st, 1932?

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

"\$48,493.24."

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

1. Has any net amount been realized by the Province owing to the operations of the Liquor Control Board since the "Liquor Act" came into force on June 15th, 1921?

2. Has any amount been paid to the Dominion Government for the same period in respect of the said operations?

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

"1. Yes. Net profit, June 15th, 1921, to September 30th, 1931, \$34,906,082.80; confiscated liquor, June 15th, 1921, to September 30th, 1931, \$267,431.48; permits, June 15th, 1921, to September 30th, 1931, \$1,973,968.75; total, \$37,147,483.03.

"2. Yes. Duty, excise and sales tax paid by the Liquor Control Board, \$30,838,707.28. Specific figures are not available in regard to the amount paid direct to the Dominion Government by brewers, distillers, and wine-manufacturers, but this amount is estimated at \$8,000,000."

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

1. What was the estimated total of current liabilities of the Province, not including Treasury bills, as at January 31st, 1932?

2. What was total of cash on hand, in bank, or in Treasury as at January 31st, 1932?

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

"1 and 2. Not possible, at this date, to furnish information requested."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Friday, March 11th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. W. G. Brown.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order raised on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo* on 10th instant, as follows:—

Honourable Members:

While I was at first inclined to rule out this motion for the reasons mentioned yesterday, the arguments addressed to me by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition have directed my attention to another channel, which, upon further consideration, has somewhat altered my view-point.

The prime distinction between instructions which may be ordered for a Committee of the whole House and those which may be ordered for a Select Committee is, firstly, that "permissive" instructions only can be made to a Committee of the Whole, whereas a mandatory instruction may be imposed upon a Select Committee (*Campion*, 188). Also, any instruction to a Committee of the whole House to empower it to do something which it already has the power to do is out of order (*May*, 400), but no such restriction applies to instructions to a Select

Committee, to which mandatory instructions may be given, defining the course of action which such Committee must follow (*May*, 401), or prescribing the course of their proceedings (*May*, 469). And instructions to a Select Committee may be moved after its appointment as an independent motion (*May*, 469). As an example of directing the course of proceedings of a Select Committee, see 102 Commons Journals 24, where, when two Bills were referred to a Select Committee, the House ordered the Committee to proceed upon one of these Bills first. A Select Committee appointed to report upon certain charges alleging improper use of public funds was given an instruction that it "do take evidence on oath," but the House did not instruct as to what evidence should be taken (142 C.J., 97). An instruction has also been given to a Committee "to hear" certain persons who had prayed to be heard (123 C.J., 263), but in this case, also, it was left to the Committee to rule as to the relevancy of the evidence.

I am, therefore, confronted with some difficulty in applying the above principles as support for the contention of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition that the House may by instruction compel a Select Committee to send for evidence which the Committee has decided it will not send for until it is shown to be relevant to the matter in respect of which it is asked to report.

A perusal of the transcript of evidence taken at the Committee proceedings indicates that the Chairman of the Committee refused to send for documentary evidence *en bloc*, stating that he had looked through these documents and had produced for the Committee everything relevant to the Committee's inquiry, which inquiry, he held, did not warrant the production of information of every possible kind. In this decision he was upheld by the Committee, and I am not called upon to express an opinion as to whether the Committee as a whole should itself have passed upon the relevancy or irrelevancy of the documents it refused to send for. The neat question before me is, can the House instruct a Select Committee to consider certain evidence which it has refused to consider on the grounds of irrelevancy? While I entertain some doubts as to whether this would be a proper course for the House to follow, I have not been able to find any precedent or rule directly in point either for or against the contention, and, under such circumstances, think it my duty to leave the decision to the House.

The Hon. Leader of the Opposition has stressed the point that the House has power to enlarge the order of reference to a Select Committee. With this I am in entire accord. Inasmuch, however, as the Committee has the power now to send for the disputed documents, no purpose would be served by enlarging the order of reference. The motion of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, while not embodying an instruction to the Committee to consider the disputed evidence, is, nevertheless, in effect such an instruction. I will leave the matter to the judgment of the House.

C. F. DAVIE, *Speaker*.

The motion referred to is as follows:—

"Whereas the Legislature, by Resolution, did appoint a Committee to inquire into the unemployment situation as per the terms of said Resolution:

"And whereas the preamble to said Resolution did recite as follows:—

"Whereas an acute condition of unemployment, consequent on the commercial and industrial depression, has been, and is to some extent still, prevalent:

"And whereas the Federal Government, together with the various Provincial Administrations, have been engaged in co-operation toward meeting the situation:

"And whereas it is desirable and expedient that a full inquiry be made as to the said prevailing condition, together with the steps taken to cope with the same so far as the Province of British Columbia is concerned':

"And whereas upon the premises of the preamble to said Resolution it was resolved as follows:—

"That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. Twigg, Loutet, Berry, Lister, Kirk, Alward, Beatty, Pattullo, A. M. Manson, Sutherland, and Pearson, be appointed to inquire into all matters, questions, and things appertaining to the said situation, together with the administration thereof and connected therewith within British Columbia, and particularly with reference to the receipt and disbursement of all moneys received from the Dominion Government, showing how disbursed, that is to say, showing such disbursement as made directly by the Province, or, if in municipal areas, by the municipal authorities on receipt of the moneys from the Province, with all books, documents, and correspondence relating thereto, with respect to unemployment relief, direct and indirect.

“That the said Committee inquire into and examine all the phases of the administration of unemployment relief, direct and indirect, including the construction, equipment, cost, and management of unemployment camps, with data as to rates of pay, number of persons afforded relief, direct and indirect, with power to summon witnesses and take their evidence under oath, to require the production of papers, documents, vouchers, correspondence, and books relating in any way to the subject-matter of the inquiry; to report its findings and with power to make recommendations to this House.”

“And whereas subsequently at sitting of the said Committee there was submitted to the Committee copy of agreement purporting to have been made between the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, having reference to unemployment relief, which said agreement was dated August 19th, 1931:

“And whereas it appeared in evidence that unemployment relief moneys had been in operation, and negotiations anterior to said agreement had taken place between the Dominion and Provincial Governments:

“And whereas, to properly comply with the terms of said Resolution, it is necessary to know the circumstances leading up to said agreement:

“And whereas pursuant thereto request was made for submission to the Committee of all correspondence and copies of all correspondence between Dominion and Provincial Governments since the passing of unemployment relief measures in the Dominion Parliament in 1930 as affecting British Columbia:

“And whereas said information is essential to enable the Committee to properly pass judgment upon the course pursued:

“And whereas the Chairman of the Committee refused to comply with said request to produce said correspondence:

“And whereas, upon appeal from the ruling of the Chairman, the Chairman’s decision was sustained by said Committee:

“Therefore this House does reiterate that it was the intention of the House in passing said Resolution that the unemployment problem should be inquired into from the widest possible scope, and hereby orders that all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government of British Columbia, since September, 1930, having to do with unemployment relief, shall be made available for the information of the Committee.”

The question is—“Shall the motion be allowed to be proposed to the House?”

Resolved in the negative on the following division:—

YEAS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	

NAYS—26.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Ahward</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Twig</i>		

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Bruhn

Gray

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

That this House do refer to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture the consideration of all matters and things affecting agriculture in relation to the “Agricultural Act” or amendments thereto, or in relation to any other Statute affecting agricultural matters.

On the motion of Mr. *MacNaughton*, seconded by Mr. *M. Manson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House do refer to the Select Standing Committee on Forestry the consideration of all matters and things affecting forestry in relation to the "Forest Act" or amendments thereto, or in relation to any other Statute affecting forestry matters.

The Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Poolcy*) moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*,—

That on all the following days of the Session there shall be three separate sittings of the Legislature each day, one from 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m., one from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., and the other from 8.30 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

A debate arose.

Mr. *A. M. Manson* moved the adjournment of the debate to the next sitting of the House.

The motion was negatived.

Main motion agreed to.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. *Pearson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

1. What was the total credit of trust accounts in the Treasury as at January 31st, 1932?

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

"\$810,649.99."

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

1. What was the total credit of trust accounts in the Treasury as at January 31st, 1931?

2. What did these credits consist of at that time?

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

"1 and 2. See Schedule 'C' on page N x., Public Accounts, 1930-31."

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

1. Is any part of the Superannuation Fund invested in: (a) British Columbia bonds; (b) British Columbia Treasury bills?

2. Did the Provincial Treasury hold any cash to the credit of this fund as at January 31st, 1932? If so, what amount?

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

"1. (a) \$100,000 par value; (b) *nil*.

"2. \$116,452.57."

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

1. Is any part of the Workmen's Compensation Board funds invested in: (a) British Columbia bonds; (b) British Columbia Treasury bills; (c) Pacific Great Eastern securities?

2. Did the Provincial Treasury hold any cash to the credit of this fund as at January 31st, 1932; and, if so, what amount?

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

"1. (a) \$480,000 par value; (b) *nil*; (c) \$1,559,195.40 par value (purchased in 1921-22).

"2. \$139,884.26."

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

1. Has work upon diversion of Island Highway at a point near Stewart's Hill, south of Ladysmith, been completed?

2. If so, what has been the total cost of such work?

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

"1. Yes; substantially.

"2. \$55,559.20."

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

Has any new construction been carried out on West Coast Road, west of Jordan River, since September 1st, 1931? If yes, what amount has been expended thereon?

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

“Not by Department.”

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

Has any amount of new construction been carried out on: (a) Gibsons Landing—Pender Harbour Road; (b) Powell River—Thunder Bay Road, since September 1st, 1931? If yes, what was total amount expended in each case?

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

“(a.) Department carried out work on Sechelt—Pender Harbour Road; \$40,486.46. (b.) No.”

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

1. Was any amount received by the Department under the item “Traffic Control” during: (a) 1930; (b) 1931? If yes, what is total amount thereof?
2. From what sources is this revenue derived?

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

“1. See Public Accounts.

“2. Public carriers’ licence fees pursuant to Part V. of the ‘Highway Act’ and the regulations thereunder and fees for permits issued under section 34 (2) (g) of the ‘Highway Act’ and regulations thereunder.”

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

Was any amount outstanding against the Department as at February 1st, 1932? If so, what was such amount?

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

“Impossible to answer this question at this date.”

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

What total amount has been charged to district votes since March 31st, 1931, on account of maintenance and repair of roads?

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

“See Minister’s report.”

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

1. Has a survey been undertaken of road from Horseshoe Bay to Squamish through Garibaldi Park during 1930 or 1931?
2. If so, what was total cost to date of such survey?
3. Has any construction-work been done on said road; and, if so, to what extent?

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

“1. Not by Public Works Department.

“2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. When was construction first commenced on Dollarton Road, North Vancouver District?
2. How many miles of such road have been constructed, and how many remain to be constructed?

3. What total amount has been spent to date thereon?

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

“1. October, 1930.

“2. 5½ miles have been under construction and remain to complete.

“3. \$92,769.19, of which approximately \$8,000 are recoverable from Dominion Government.”

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

1. Was work on North Lonsdale-Capilano Road, District of North Vancouver, suspended at any time during December, 1931?

2. If so, for what reason, and for how long?

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

"1. No work carried out on this project by Public Works Department.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Have any bridges been constructed by the Department in Dewdney Riding during 1931?

2. If so, where, at what total cost in each case, and what proportion of the cost in each case was borne by the Department?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. See Minister's report as to cost; proportion, 100 per cent."

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

1. Have any trucks been hired by the Department in Esquimalt District from April 1st, 1931, to December 31st, 1931?

2. If so, from whom, and at what rental in each case?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Name of owner of truck and daily rental as follows: E. Peatt, \$21 and \$8.50; Overland Trucking Co., \$8.50; V. McTavish, \$21 and \$7.50; Ridley Bros., \$21 and \$8.50; Johnson Bros., \$30 and \$21; C. Pike, \$13.50 and \$6.50; Richardson Bros., \$13.50 and \$6.50; Wm. Mudge, \$12 and \$6.50; D. Bray, \$8.50; J. Bryne, \$12, \$8.50, and \$7.50; E. Rant, \$6.50; T. Kennedy, \$6.50; McKenzie Bros., \$8.50; Matthews Bros., \$5.50; T. Earle, \$18.50; E. LeBus, \$26."

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

Was any amount paid for land for highway purposes in Dewdney Riding since August 20th, 1928? If yes, what was total of such amount?

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

"Yes; \$99,459.65."

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

1. Has any work been carried out on Whytecliff-Squamish Road during 1931?

2. If so, when was such work commenced, and when did operations cease?

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

"1. Work carried out by Department on Britannia-Squamish Road.

"2. September 15th, 1931; November 1st, 1931. Work recommenced, February 15th, 1932."

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

What was total cost of: (a) New automobiles; (b) repairs to automobiles; (c) operation and maintenance of automobiles, in Fort George District during: (1) 1929; (2) 1930; (3) 1931?

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

"(a.) 1929, \$1,340; 1930, \$2,569; 1931, nil. (b.) 1929, \$381.04; 1930, \$506.65; 1931, \$1,268. (c.) 1929, \$1,391.10; 1930, \$1,567.40; 1931, \$1,534.61."

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

1. Was any amount expended in connection with McGillivray Creek Trail, Lillooet District, during 1931?

2. If so, what amount was spent, and how much trail was constructed?

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

"1. Not by Department.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has any amount been received during 1931 for licences issued under section 66, "Highway Act"? If yes, what was gross amount?
2. Has any gross amount been received during 1931 for licences issued under section 68 (2), "Highway Act"? If yes, what was gross amount?

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

- "1. Yes; Department collected \$11,196.03.
- "2. Yes; Department collected \$2,598.62."

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

1. Was a gaol building constructed at Prince George during 1931; and, if so, at what total cost?
3. Did tenders for such building specify concrete-block construction, with double walls; and, if so, was building constructed in this manner; or, if any change was made, what was the nature of such change; did the change in construction effect a reduction in contract cost of said building; and, if so, how much?
4. Was an Inspector employed by the Department on such work; and, if so, who was he, and what was his total remuneration?

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

- "1. Yes; \$5,977.02.
- "3. Contractors not required to specify in tender nature of construction. Department's plans were revised to allow of improved construction: i.e., solid-concrete walls in lieu of concrete-block hollow wall. This improvement was effected without change of cost.
- "4. Yes; W. J. Peters, \$168."

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

1. Was bridge between Prince George and South Fort George damaged during 1931?
2. If so, what was cause of said damage, and cost of repair?

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

- "1. Yes; twice.
- "2. Collision in each case; \$5.33 total cost."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.05 p.m.

Monday, March 14th, 1932.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Borden* on 4th instant, as follows:—

That this House do refer to the Select Standing Committee on Printing the matter of printing for dissemination to the public the Final Report of the Royal Commission on State Health Insurance and Maternity Benefits, and the Report of the Royal Commission on Chiropractic and Drugless Healing.

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

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

- Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ferries Act.'"
 Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act.'"
 Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Highway Act.'"

The report on Bill (No. 16) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the report on Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" Mr. *Pattullo* moved to amend as follows:—

To strike out section 5 and renumber the following section.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—10.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>		

NAYS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Borden</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Lougheed</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Hanna</i>

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Private Detectives' Licensing Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Evidence Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Marshal Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Discovery and Working of Placer Mines" was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Collection Agents' Licensing Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 23) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Topaz Avenue Gaol-site Disposal Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 11th, 1932.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend section 8 of the Bill by adding thereto the words "and by adding to said section 25 the following subsection:—

"(5.) Where the applicant for a driver's licence under section 9A is the holder of a chauffeur's licence issued under section 7 for the period to be covered by the driver's licence, no fee shall be payable by him in respect of the driver's licence."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

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

1. Has any change been made in the method of administration of "Mothers' Pensions Act" since March 31st, 1931?

2. If so, what is the nature of such change; what new officials, if any, have been employed for this purpose; and at what salaries?

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

"1. Yes; in accordance with the provisions of the 'Mothers' Pensions Act' of 1931.

"2. The administration of the Act was placed in charge of the Superintendent of Welfare at a salary of \$3,600 per annum, with other duties assigned to him. A clerk-stenographer has also been employed in the Vancouver office at a salary of \$1,200 per annum."

Mr. *MacPherson* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question:—
 Was any amount distributed by the Department as grants to the indigent during 1931?
 The Hon. Mr. *Howe* replied as follows:—
 “Yes.”

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 3.51 p.m.

Monday, March 14th, 1932.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Moving Pictures Act.’”

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act.’”

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled “An Act respecting Canned Fish and Canneries” was committed.
 Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Fisheries Act.’” was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15th, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

REPORT No. 7.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 15th, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of each of the undermentioned Bills has been proved and the Bills ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.”

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bishop of Vancouver Island Incorporation Act.'"

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Delta Water Works Act, 1929.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman.*

REPORT No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 15th, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the time for presenting reports be extended to the 23rd instant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman.*

The reports were read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the reports adopted.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Borden* on 4th instant, as follows:—

That this House do refer to the Select Standing Committee on Printing the matter of printing for dissemination to the public the Final Report of the Royal Commission on State Health Insurance and Maternity Benefits, and the Report of the Royal Commission on Chiropractic and Drugless Healing.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

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

The report on Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to facilitate the Discovery and Working of Placer Mines" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fisheries Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16th, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Dick*—Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act respecting Drugless Physicians."

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*—Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act respecting Chiropractors."

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

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1933;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1932;

Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1931, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 15th, 1932.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council relating to the Business of Insurance," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 16th, 1932.

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. 27) intituled "An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council relating to the Business of Insurance," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Hayward*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bishop of Vancouver Island Incorporation Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented an amended answer to the question asked by Mr. *MacPherson*, and replied to on March 14th, as follows:—

Was any amount distributed by the Department as grants to the indigent during 1931?

"Yes; \$131,773.72."

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

1. Have any additional premises been acquired by the Department for the use of Provincial Police in the City of Victoria since August 20th, 1928?

2. If yes, where are such premises; what is the amount of purchase price, lease, or rental of each; from whom was each of such premises acquired, and for what purposes in each case?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows:—

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.38 p.m.

Thursday, March 17th, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pooley, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, “Public Bills.”

Bill (No. 25) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act’” was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Annual Report of the Tranquille Sanatorium for the Year ended March 31st, 1931.

Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company Report upon Accounts as at December 31st, 1931.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trade Licences Act,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 17th, 1932.

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. 32) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Trade Licences Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 17th, 1932.

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. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Aid Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 17th, 1932.

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. 31) intituled "An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
March 17th, 1932.

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