

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.52 p.m.

Monday, December 6th, 1937.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1939.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,179,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1939.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Associations and Fairs, to 31st March, 1939.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$440,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Forest Protection Fund, to 31st March, 1939.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, Grant from the Crown in Aid of Organization under the "Health Insurance Act," to 31st March, 1939.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1939.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,430 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Railway Department to 31st March, 1939.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs to 31st March, 1939.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1939.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,364 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, General Office, to 31st March, 1939.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$80,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Industrial and Tourist Development, to 31st March, 1939.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, In Aid of Provincial Exhibit at the Golden Gate International Exposition, San Francisco, to 31st March, 1939.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1939.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Trade Extension (including Grants), to 31st March, 1939.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Recoverable Expenditure, "Soldiers' Land Act, 1918"—Houses, South Vancouver, to 31st March, 1939.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 6th, 1937.

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. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health 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.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act' and the 'Okanagan Telephone Company's Act Amendment Act, 1913'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Residence and Responsibility Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

On consideration of Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the Training School for Boys," as amended in Committee of the Whole, the Hon. Mr. *Weir* moved to amend as follows:—

To strike out the word "Training" wherever it occurs in the designation of the School and in the title thereof, and to substitute therefor the word "Industrial."

The amendment was carried.

Amendment read a first and second time.

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

That the clauses of the Bill and the title thereof as amended stand part of the Bill.

Bill considered as amended, and *Ordered* to be read a third time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probate Duty Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act.'"

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apprenticeship Act.'"

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act.'"

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Tax Consolidation Act, 1936 (Second Session).'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act.'"

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act.'"

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Residence and Responsibility Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize and providing for Conciliation and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 7th, 1937.

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. 94) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize and providing for Conciliation and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes," 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. *Patterson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following questions:—

1. Was a Chinese vegetable-broker of Vancouver recently found in possession of large quantities of untagged potatoes?
2. Was a report of this made to the Department of Agriculture?
3. Was a prosecution instituted?
4. If not, why not?

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

"1. Not a departmental matter. Information should be sought from B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board.

"2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What were the travelling expenses of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture between March 31st, 1937, and August 31st, 1937?
2. Have all such expenses incurred between such dates been paid?

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

"1. Will appear in Public Accounts.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. How many men were engaged by the Liquor Control Board for the Christmas rush for 1936 in (a) Vancouver, (b) Victoria?
2. How many of these men were ex-service men?
3. Were these men engaged by the Attorney-General or by the Liquor Control Board?
4. On whose recommendation were these men engaged?

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

"1. (a) 1,374 man-days; (b) 250 man-days. Rate, \$4 per day; average days per month, 26; total average men, Victoria and Vancouver, 62.4.

"2. No information; specific details of 'casual labour' not recorded.

"3. Liquor Control Board.

"4. Supervisor of Stores."

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

1. What is the total number of pounds of milk produced in this Province for 1936?
2. What was the average percentage of butter-fat in the milk?
3. What was the price per pound butter-fat sold on the fluid market?
4. What was the average price per pound butter-fat for other than that sold on the fluid market?
5. What means has the Department adopted to guarantee to the dairy-farmer that he receives accurate accounting for all butter-fat sold on: (a) The fluid-milk market; (b) the market as manufactured products?
6. What is the total value of all dairy products produced in the Province last year?

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

"1. Production information is supplied only by a percentage of farmers. However, it indicates approximately 520,846,600 pounds of milk produced.

"2. Based on reports from a percentage of producers the average is approximately 4 per cent. butter-fat.

"3. Impossible to state, as price varies in different consuming centres with slight seasonal fluctuations.

"4. Price subject to seasonal fluctuations and market condition, but approximately 25 cents average in 1936.

"5. Provisions of 'Creameries and Dairies Regulation Act' and regulations thereunder.

"6. Approximately \$12,100,152."

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

1. How many passenger-automobiles were purchased by the Department of Agriculture between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937?

2. How many motor-trucks were purchased by the Department of Agriculture between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937?

3. What was the total price paid by the Department of Agriculture for (a) passenger-automobiles and (b) motor-trucks between April 1st, 1936, and March 31st, 1937?

4. How many passenger-automobiles were purchased by the Department of Agriculture between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937.

5. How many motor-trucks were purchased by the Department of Agriculture between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937?

6. What was the total price paid by the Department of Agriculture for (a) passenger-automobiles and (b) motor-trucks between April 1st, 1937, and September 30th, 1937?

7. How many (a) passenger-automobiles and (b) motor-trucks were owned by the Department of Agriculture on October 1st, 1937?

8. How many (a) passenger-automobiles and (b) motor-trucks were owned by the Department of Agriculture on October 1st, 1936?

9. What was the inventory value of (a) passenger-automobiles and (b) motor-trucks owned by the Department of Agriculture on March 31st, 1937?

10. What was the inventory value of (a) passenger-automobiles and (b) motor-trucks owned by the Department of Agriculture on March 31st, 1936?

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

"1. Eleven.

"2. None.

"3. (a) \$6,822.98, exclusive of trade-in values; (b) answered by No. 2.

"4. Will appear in 1937 Accounts.

"5. Will appear in 1937 Accounts.

"6. Will appear in 1937 Accounts.

"7. (a) Thirty; (b) one.

"8. (a) Twenty-nine; (b) two.

"9. No information as to inventory values.

"10. No information as to inventory values."

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

1. What sums have been paid by the Government to the Milk Board by way of emolument or for services?
2. What disposition was made by the Board of the sums collected for licences of producers by the Board?
3. What sums of money have been paid by the Government for legal fees in connection with the "Marketing Act," with especial reference to the "Milk Act"?
4. Of whom does the Board consist?
5. By whom were they respectively appointed?
6. What salary or remuneration is paid to the Chairman and each member of the Milk Board, and by whom is such salary or remuneration paid?
7. What is the term of office for each member of the Milk Board?

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

- "1. None.
- "2. No information.
- "3. Department of Agriculture pays no legal fees in this connection.
- "4. William Edward Williams, Edward Dodsley Barrow, and William Thomas MacArthur.
- "5. Appointed by Order in Council, No. 1281, upon nomination, one by the co-operative producers, one by independent producers, and these two nominating the third.
- "6. This is purely a Board matter.
- "7. Present Board appointed to March 31st, 1938."

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

How many sheep have been killed in the Province by dogs during 1933-36?

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

"No knowledge or information as to how many sheep may have been killed by dogs in period, but Department has paid compensation on 986 sheep killed by dogs during 1933-36."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7th, 1937.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting the Industrial School for Boys" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Distress Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mechanics' Lien Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Courts Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Apprenticeship Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Adoption Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Tax Consolidation Act, 1936 (Second Session)'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Residence and Responsibility Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Naturopathic Physicians Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

On the motion that Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Weekly Half-holiday Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hairdressers Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act respecting a Minimum Loss for Food Products" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation and Control within the Province of the Coal and Petroleum Industries," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 7th, 1937.

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. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation and Control within the Province of the Coal and Petroleum Industries," 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. *Hart* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 7th, 1937.

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. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue 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.

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

Whereas great economic distress oft-times results from illness which necessitates, for diagnostic purposes, the use of the expensive X-ray laboratory facilities; and

Whereas hospital costs which must be borne by individuals at a time when they can least afford such expenses are oft-times the cause of great economic distress:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss possible ways and means of inaugurating some plan to provide complete diagnostic facilities and hospital accommodation for citizens in need of such care.

By leave of the House, the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Uphill* were withdrawn:—

1. What is the total amount and what are the yearly costs involved in carrying on the affairs of the City of Fernie during the tenure of the present City Commissioner?

2. (a.) Are there any appreciable differences between the present yearly costs and the yearly costs of carrying on the affairs of the City of Fernie when under the direction of a Mayor and Aldermanic Council? (b.) If so, what is the amount of the difference?

3. Has the City of Fernie paid any interest to its bondholders during the tenure of the City Commissioner?

4. (a.) Is the City of Fernie paying a full-time salary to a lawyer or firm of lawyers for the advisement of the Assistant Commissioner? (b.) If so, what is the salary paid? (c.) If not, what was the amount paid to lawyers since the Commissioner took office, and what were the names of the lawyers and the amounts paid to each?

5. (a.) Is there any one employed as watchman at the Fernie City Gaol? (b.) If so, what is his name? (c.) What has been his monthly salary since he has been employed by the city? (d.) Has there been any change in his salary since employed by the city? (e.) If so, what was the reason for change and when did it take place?

6. (a.) Has the City of Fernie purchased any light-poles during 1937? (b.) If so, how many, what grade were they, and what was the price paid for each? (c.) From whom were they purchased and on what date?

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 11.35 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. P. C. Hayman.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Fiscal Year ending 31st March, 1938, enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 1st, 1937.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Amendment to Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Fiscal Year ending 31st March, 1938.

Page Z 119. Under "Department of Public Works": Amend Vote 160 to read as follows:—

Main Estimates, Fiscal Year 1937-38.	No. of Vote.	Service.	Fiscal Year 1937-38.
\$1,815,000.00	160	Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc.....	\$548,500.00

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

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 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Fiscal Year ending 31st March, 1938, 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 Supply.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1938.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebates on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1938.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1938.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1938.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,480 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1938.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,125 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1938.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1938.

36. (b.) *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1938.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1938.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Erection of New Buildings, Maintenance and Repairs of School Buildings, etc., to 31st March, 1938.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1938.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools and Teacher-training for Special Certificates, to 31st March, 1938.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1938.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,850 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1938.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1938.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1938.

81A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,350.10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, City of Prince Rupert—Grant in lieu of local improvement taxes, to 31st March, 1938.

81B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,481.35 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905," to 31st March, 1938.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1938.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Water Surveys, to 31st March, 1938.

108A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,135 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Acquisition of Timber Rights or Interests within the Limits of Legal Subdivisions 5, 6, 11, 14, and the East ½ of Legal Subdivision 12, Section 36, Township 22, East of the Coast Meridian, containing 165 Acres, more or less, for Park Purposes, to 31st March, 1938.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1938.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Grants in Aid of Mining Roads and Trails, etc., to 31st March, 1938.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1938.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$185,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory Grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1938.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1938.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Destitute Poor and Sick, to 31st March, 1938.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Burial of Indigents, to 31st March, 1938.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Child Welfare Branch, to 31st March, 1938.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1938.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,808 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Tubercular Hospital and Farm, to 31st March, 1938.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$431.13 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial School for Boys, to 31st March, 1938.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial Home for Girls, to 31st March, 1938.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$950 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Home for Incurables, to 31st March, 1938.

155. (b.) *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grant from the Crown in Aid of Organization under the "Health Insurance Act," to 31st March, 1938.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1938.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1938.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$548,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1938.

160A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grant, Automobile Club, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1938.

160B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grant, Automobile Club, Victoria, to 31st March, 1938.

160C. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission—Grant toward pumping charges, to 31st March, 1938.

160d. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Grant to the City of New Westminster in Terms of Schedule A of "New Westminster By-law No. 1549 Validation Act (Second Session)," to 31st March, 1938.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,322.51 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal limits, to 31st March, 1938.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$183,490.48 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1937, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

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

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Securities Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act'" was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Naturopathic Physicians Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hairdressers Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act respecting the Sale of Commodities by Retail" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Leary*, seconded by Mr. *Murray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Standing Orders be suspended to permit the introduction of a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropody Act.'"

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. *Leary*—Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropody Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 100) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Water District Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act.'"

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 8th, 1937.

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. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ditches and Watercourses 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. *Putnam* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 24th, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee, instructed by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly dated November 8th, 1937, "to consider such matters affecting the agricultural industry as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and to report its recommendations to the House," held six sittings, at two of which the members of the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes were present and submitted certain representations regarding matters of concern to the farmers of British Columbia.

At the subsequent sittings your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture gave due consideration to the matters submitted, several of which were referred direct to the departments of Government concerned, the others being reported here with recommendations as follows:—

- (1.) That a bounty of four dollars (\$4) be paid on coyotes during the summer months.
- (2.) That the privilege extended to farmers working out their taxes on the roads be extended for the year 1938.
- (3.) That the lowering of the licence rate on private cars be taken into serious consideration by the Legislature.
- (4.) That the Government should this year send out to every school in the Province a number of empty detonator-caps to be shown to the pupils, and that a Provincial Police Constable, or some other qualified person, should address the children on the danger of handling detonators and other similar explosives.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK PUTNAM, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *E. E. Winch* on the 6th instant, as follows:—

Whereas old-age pensioners have reached the age when medical attention becomes increasingly essential to their comfort and well-being; and

Whereas the pension is barely sufficient to meet the most meagre living expenses:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature the provision of medical needs of old-age pensioners is a matter fully worthy of the immediate, earnest, and most sympathetic consideration of this Government.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "expenses" in the third line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"Whereas this Government has represented to the Federal Government, through its representative at the recent conference of old-age pension officials, the advisability of making provision for medical needs of old-age pensioners:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature approves of this action."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas the Workmen's Compensation Board has statutory powers to extend the scope of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" to any industry in which the workmen are liable to physical disability from the effects of silicosis; and

Whereas such powers have not been used:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature deems it both equitable and just that the benefits of compensation for silicosis should not be confined to workers in the metalliferous-mining industry alone, but should be equally available to workers in any and all industries, and therefore recommends to the Workmen's Compensation Board the early exercise of the powers of extension already available so as to obviate the discrimination now existing.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. *H. E. Winch* was withdrawn:—

Whereas the reports of the Hon. M. A. Macdonald, appointed under Commission dated November 28th, 1934, have been tabled with this Legislature, and

Whereas said reports convey the following information and comments:—

1. "Even under conditions as they exist to-day, price of coal sacked and delivered to the domestic consumer should not exceed \$8.10 per short ton."
2. "The present system of marketing and distributing of coal is wasteful and uneconomical, adding unduly to the price paid by the domestic consumer."
3. "The people of this Province expended about \$7,000,000 for coal and coke in 1936."
4. "The caloric or heat value of coal is not, as it should be, a governing factor in its price to the domestic consumer."
5. "Consumers of gasoline have for many years been paying excessive prices for gasoline to enable oil companies to sell heavy fuel-oil at a loss."
6. "Gasoline is sold and distributed by wasteful and extravagant methods to a marked degree."
7. "Even with present wasteful methods of distributing, the retail price of gasoline should be reduced at once to not more than 23 cents per gallon in Vancouver"; and

Whereas the foregoing is evidence of the vital importance of said reports to this Province; and

Whereas such evidence is indicative of an unsatisfactory condition existing in two important industries of this Province; and

Whereas the welfare of our citizens and the economic stability of our industries are of vital concern to this Legislature:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to examine said reports and to consider ways and means of correcting unhealthy factors and unfair practices and prices which may be found to exist in industries covered by the reports and which come within the powers of this Legislature.

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

What amount of money has been spent on roads and trails from Vedder Crossing to Chilliwack Lake in the Chilliwack Riding during the years 1934, 1935, and 1936?

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

“\$1,741.44; by Department.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8th, 1937.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Motor-vehicle Act’” was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 94) intituled “An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize and providing for Conciliation and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes” was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 96) intituled “An Act to provide for the Regulation and Control within the Province of the Coal and Petroleum Industries” a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Anscomb*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 92) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Ditches and Watercourses Act’” was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 100) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Greater Vancouver Water District Act’” was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 99) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act’” was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 97) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Companies Act’” was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 8th, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The only matter referred to this Committee was the charge made by the honourable first member of Vancouver East wherein the statement was made “That the operations of the B.C. Nickel would bear watching.”

Your Committee has held three meetings, at which witnesses were present and examined in great detail by the member making the charges. Numerous documents were produced and

filed with your Committee by the said B.C. Nickel Company, as well as the member making the charges.

After lengthly statements by the officers of the said company on which the honourable member for Vancouver East was given every opportunity to cross-examine same, your Committee begs to report that it is their considered opinion that Col. Victor Spencer and his associates have acted both honourably and generously throughout all of this company's operations during all the stages of their endeavours to bring the B.C. Nickel Mine into profitable production.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. ASSELSTINE, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 8th, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That Messrs. *Tupper, Braden, Murray, Perry, Crone, LeBourdais, Forester, E. E. Winch, Telford, Finland, and King* find that on November 30th the following Resolution has been referred to us:—

“That the Select Standing Committee on Railways be instructed to inquire into the freight-rate structure of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and report its findings to this House.”

A full investigation has been made and the following report submitted:—

The basis of the freight-rate structure on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is: Tariff P.G.E. General Freight Order No. 40. Effective December 15th, 1921.

This tariff was on a considerably higher scale than the regular Pacific scale as used by adjoining railroads in British Columbia.

Authority is vested in the General Manager of the company, subject to approval of the Board of Directors, to modify rates when considered in the public interest to do so.

This policy has been carried out from time to time as shown herewith: Grain, hay, potatoes, turnips, petroleum and petroleum products, fuel-oil, live stock, calcium carbide, cyanide of sodium, explosives, mining machinery and equipment, fertilizer, salt, groceries, hardware, and lumber have enjoyed rate reductions varying from 10 to 30 per cent. since the adoption of the original tariff, and the majority of these commodities are now moving on a tariff comparable with rates prevailing on adjoining lines in British Columbia.

In addition rebates of 10 per cent. in 1933-34-35 and 5 per cent. in 1936 have been returned to the Stock Breeders' Association to overcome their handicap during those years of extremely low cattle prices.

Your Committee finds that no reductions have been made on certain rates indicated in the original tariff owing to lack of movement of commodities affected.

Investigation was made of several minor complaints involving the movement of less than car-load rates where apparent inequalities existed which was shown to be caused by the zoning system which is standard railway practice.

Evidence was adduced indicating the possibility of promoting a movement of grain from Interior points for local consumption in the Coast area, providing a favourable rate could be made applicable.

Inquiry was made into the feasibility of using auto road-rail carriers but the evidence submitted indicated the impracticability of this type of equipment meeting the requirements of local conditions.

Your Committee recommends:—

(1.) That rates not heretofore reduced, owing to lack of movement, be reduced at the same ratio as those affecting commodities which are moving.

(2.) That the company investigate the possibility of encouraging the movement of grain from Interior to Coast points by further rate reductions in that commodity.

(3.) That the company continue their policy of gradual modification of freight rates until the standard Pacific scale is reached, as they find it economically sound to do so.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. H. TUPPER, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

1. What was the total number of gallons of gasoline imported into this Province in 1936?
2. How many gallons of gasoline were consumed in the Province in 1936?
3. Do the gasoline distributing companies pay gasoline tax of seven cents on all gasoline used in their delivery trucks?
4. If yes, what means of checking is adopted to ascertain accuracy of such payments?

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

- “ 1. 4,398,588 gallons.
- “ 2. The total sales were 49,123,615 gallons; no informations as to how much of this quantity was consumed.
- “ 3. Yes.
- “ 4. Audit of companies' books.”

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

1. How many motor-vehicles were licensed on Vancouver Island for the year ending February 28th, 1937: (a) Trucks; (b) passenger-cars; (c) commercial cars other than trucks; (d) motor-cycles?
2. What was the amount collected from such motor-vehicles for licences during the year ending February 28th, 1937?
3. How many drivers' licences were issued on Vancouver Island during the said year?
4. What was the amount collected for such drivers' licences?
5. How much was paid to the Government on Vancouver Island for the year ending February 28th, 1937, for automobile transfer fees?

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

- “ 1. (a) 4,386; (b) 18,064; (c) included in (a); (d) 446.
 - “ 2. (a) \$422,922.66; (b) \$104,005.24; (c) included in (a); (d) \$2,305.
 - “ 3. 32,207.
 - “ 4. \$31,019.
 - “ 5. \$13,545.
- “ NOTE.—Above figures include licences issued from the Victoria office for different parts of the Province, and which business is done through the mail. Segregation of revenue covering such different parts of the Province is not made.”

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

1. Is the Teachers' Superannuation Fund on a sound actuarial basis?
2. Are these trust funds carried in separate trust accounts?
3. Have trust funds in the past been used for general Government expenditures?
4. If yes, in what amounts?
5. Have these amounts been replaced *in toto* or in part?

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

- “ 1. Am informed the fund is not actuarially sound.
- “ 2, 3, 4, and 5. Prior to 1934 funds were deposited in the General Account of the Province and cash balances used for general purposes. With the exception of the sum of \$185,557.40 owing to the fund on November 1st, 1933, all uninvested cash is now carried in a separate account at the bank.”

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

1. Is the Provincial Game Farm near Royal Oak, Victoria, being operated for the propagation of game birds?
2. If not, what use is being made of the said farm?

The Hon. Mr. Wismer replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes, to a very limited extent.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 10.15 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

Thursday, December 9th, 1937.

QUARTER-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 24th, 25th, 26th, and 30th days of November, and on the 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th days of December be received and read a first time.

That the Resolutions be now read a second time and taken as read.

That the Resolutions be now read a third time, taken as read, and agreed to.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty the following sums be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of British Columbia:—

\$183,490.48 for the financial year ended March 31st, 1937.

1,184,693.09 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1938.

27,985,158.81 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1939.

\$29,353,342.38

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 98) intituled “ An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia.”

Ordered, That the said Bill 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. 98) intituled “ An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia,” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation and Control within the Province of the Coal and Petroleum Industries."

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 46) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hairdressers Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Naturopathic Physicians Act'" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act respecting a Minimum Loss for Food Products" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act respecting the Sale of Commodities by Retail" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 101) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Chiropody Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Savings and Loan Associations Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Telford*,—

Whereas in the Fortieth Report of the Provincial Board of Health (page M 10) it states: "Compared with the population of the Province, the Indian death-rate from tuberculosis is startlingly high. It seems unfortunate, therefore, that programme of tuberculosis-control comparable with that devised for the rest of the Province has not been planned and put into effect for the Indian population. The death-rate per 100,000 population for Indians in British Columbia during 1936 was 702, compared with a white death-rate of 52 and an Oriental death-rate of 121. It has also been noted that 58.52 per cent. of all deaths from tuberculosis amongst the Indians were persons under 20 years of age"; and

Whereas such a condition might be deemed not only a serious reflection upon the responsible authority but to constitute an immediate and constant danger to the health and well-being of the general population of this Province, and also as tending to nullify the efforts being made by the Provincial Department of Tuberculosis Control to eradicate the disease from the Province:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House desires to call the attention of the Government to the serious tubercular condition existing among the Indian population of the Province, and urgently recommends that an investigation be held as to the possibility of some real and effective effort being undertaken at the earliest possible moment which will tend to remedy the present situation; and, further recommends that the attention of the Dominion Government be immediately drawn to the condition now existing and the fullest co-operation of the Provincial Department of Health be offered in any measures taken to remedy the situation.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*,—

To delete all that follows the first paragraph, and to substitute therefor the following:—

“Whereas the high incidence of tuberculosis among Indians represents a serious danger to the health and well-being of the general population of this Province and hampers the efforts now being made by the Provincial Board of Health, Division of Tuberculosis Control, to eradicate the disease from this Province; and

“Whereas the Provincial Government has repeatedly brought these facts to the attention of the Indian Affairs Branch of the Dominion Government, which is responsible for health-work among Indians, and has urged frequently that a more adequate Indian tuberculosis programme be undertaken; and

“Whereas the Dominion Government has recently undertaken to make a moderate increase in expenditures upon tuberculosis-work among Indians in British Columbia:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends the efforts of the Provincial Government to bring this problem to the attention of the Dominion, expresses appreciation of the proposed action by the Dominion Government to strengthen tuberculosis-work among British Columbia Indians, and trusts that further Dominion measures to deal adequately with the Indian tuberculosis problem will follow promptly.”

Mr. *Paton* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Finland*,—

To strike out all the words in the last paragraph of the said amendment, and to substitute therefor the following:—

“Therefore be it Resolved, That this House express appreciation of the proposed action by the Dominion Government to strengthen tuberculosis-work among British Columbia Indians, and trusts that further Dominion measures to deal adequately with the Indian tuberculosis problem will follow promptly.”

The amendment to the amendment was negatived.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Kenney* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 9th, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee has met on six different occasions and considered the Public Accounts as referred to us for the fiscal year 1936-37.

Various vouchers, documents, and contracts have been asked for, presented, and examined.

Officers of various departments have been present and explained methods of procedure by their departments and other information requested.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return in reply to the following questions by Mr. *Shepherd*:—

1. What officials, if any, have been appointed in connection with the operation and super-
vision of the Pattullo Bridge at New Westminster?
2. What are their respective duties and salaries?
3. What exemptions from tolls have been granted, if any?
4. Are industrial workers having to cross the bridge in connection with their work
exempt?
5. If so, what constitutes an industrial worker?

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

1. Has the Department restored roads and the bridge at Salloomt, destroyed by flood in 1934?
2. If not, is provision made in the Department's plans for the current year for such restoration?

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

"1 and 2. Yes; the Department has restored the roads necessary in this vicinity and has substituted an adequate ferry service, having regard to the number of people served."

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

1. What is the total amount paid to Mrs. Ella Lowe or her representatives between March 12th, 1934, and December 1st, 1937, in principal and interest, for her equity in certain lands at Cawston, Similkameen Division of Yale District?
2. Have any surveys been carried out by the Government since the purchase of this property to ascertain if water is available for irrigation purposes?
3. If so, by whom and when, and what is the estimated cost of installing an irrigation system?

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

"1. Principal, \$58,000; interest, \$7,726.45.

"2. No; an irrigation system was already in operation for part of the land at date of acquisition.

"3. Answered by No. 2."

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

1. Upon what basis have the tolls on the Pattullo Bridge been calculated?
2. What are the total interest charges?
3. What amount is being allowed annually for sinking funds?
4. How many employees will be engaged in the daily operation of the Pattullo Bridge?
5. What wages are being paid monthly to each worker?
6. What is the estimated annual cost of the general upkeep of the structure of the bridge?

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

"1. In terms of subsection (2) of section 6 of the 'Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act,' chapter 26 of the Statutes of 1935.

"2 and 3. Present arrangements only temporary. Permanent financing will be arranged on maturity of short-term bonds in July of next year.

"4. Will vary, having regard to the volume of traffic, maintenance-work being undertaken, etc.

"5. This information will be available to the Public Accounts Committee in due course.

"6. Approximately \$50,000."

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

1. When was the Fraser River Bridge built?
2. What did it cost?
3. How was it financed?
4. Have any alterations or improvements been made to the original structure; and, if yes: (a) At what cost; (b) how financed?
5. Are any bonds: (a) Still outstanding; (b) if yes, when do they mature; (c) what interest do they bear?

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

"1. Construction commenced 1902, completed 1904.

"2. \$1,018,382.87.

"3. By borrowings under the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1902.'

"4. Yes. (a) Permanent improvements to bridge and approaches, exclusive of maintenance costs, \$457,245.06; (b) out of general revenue.

"5. (a) Yes; (b) July 1st, 1941; (c) 3 per cent."

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

1. Was anything paid to the General Construction Co., Ltd., Vancouver, for excavating and filling under contract at or near the water-front at Point Grey?
2. If yes, how much?

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

“ 1 and 2. Yes; \$15,663.12 for excavating and filling.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.40 p.m.

Thursday, December 9th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 88) intituled “ An Act respecting a Minimum Loss for Food Products ” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Naturopathic Physicians Act ’ ” was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 101) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Chiropody Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Placer-mining Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 96) intituled “ An Act to provide for the Regulation and Control within the Province of the Coal and Petroleum Industries ” was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Steeves*,—

Whereas there are in Oakalla a large number of prisoners with sentences varying from three months to two years; and

Whereas the purpose of their confinement should not be merely that of punishment but also the acquisition of new and wider concepts of life and its intellectual possibilities; and

Whereas the period of confinement presents exceptional opportunity to extend to the inmates facilities designed to develop a desire for and appreciation of educational advancement:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature earnestly recommends to the Hon. the Attorney-General and the Hon. the Minister of Education their joint consideration of the provision for educational facilities for the inmates in Oakalla and other similar institutions, with day and evening classes under the direction of fully qualified staff teachers, with particular facilities and encouragement for attendance at the evening classes.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*,—

To strike out all that follows the third paragraph and to substitute therefor the following:—

“ And whereas a large number of the prisoners are already taking advantage of the correspondence course in high school and vocational subjects provided free to them by the Department of Education and are making satisfactory progress therein:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends the educational work now being carried on by the Government in the interest of the prisoners and recommends to the Government that the work be continued and that still further educational facilities be provided as soon as funds are available for the purpose."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Shepherd* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Steeves*,—

Whereas the "Residence and Responsibility Act" in its actual operation works a hardship both on the municipalities and certain people in destitute circumstances; particularly persons who have arrived from points outside this Province and who are refused any assistance by the Provincial Relief Department, except repatriation, which in most cases is useless as these people have nothing to go back to; and

Whereas municipalities have to go to the assistance of these destitute persons, thereby assuming a service which cannot rightfully be their responsibility; and

Whereas while this Government does not admit full responsibility for these destitute people from other Provinces it does recognize that human welfare must take precedence over financial considerations in every recognition of the conflicting human and financial interests which are inevitably involved in dealing with the matter of responsibility for the care of such persons, and for whom satisfactory provisions do not exist at the present time:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urges upon the Government earliest possible reopening of negotiations with representatives of municipalities for the purpose of providing a more satisfactory and equitable adjustment of the financial responsibility for the caring of indigent persons coming into the Province.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*,—

To strike out everything that follows "actual operation" in the first line, and to substitute the following:—

"Relieve the municipalities of responsibility to provide unemployment relief or other social services for persons newly arrived in British Columbia from other Provinces, thus causing them to turn to the Provincial Government when they are in distress; and

"Whereas many such persons are sick or destitute or handicapped in some other manner and are therefore in need of social services; and

"Whereas it is not just or reasonable that this Province should be required to bear the heavy costs of social services for persons who have not resided in this Province long enough to establish residence in a local area under the 'Residence and Responsibility Act'; and

"Whereas the Government has called this problem to the attention of the Dominion Government and of other Provincial Governments on various occasions, suggesting that the Dominion assume responsibility for non-residents in British Columbia or that reciprocal agreements be made between the various Provinces whereby each Province would assume responsibility for the costs of social services granted to its own residents who migrate from that Province until they establish residence in another Province:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends the Government for the action it has taken in seeking the establishment of a national policy to deal with social services for non-residents and urges that the Government continue with these efforts."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *E. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Telford*,—

Whereas in the Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the period ended March 31st, 1936 (page V 11), it states: "The present accommodation is greatly overtaxed . . . we are fast approaching the hour when we will not be able to look after those admitted . . . overcrowding is not only expensive but dangerous and means limiting to a degree the proper segregation of the patients, thereby mixing together the different types, which greatly retards the time of recovery . . . with psychopathic patients there is an increased susceptibility to tuberculosis and patients suffering from this malady should have a separate unit for their care and treatment":

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House desires to urge upon the Government earliest and favourable consideration for provision for segregation of tubercular patients from other inmates of the Mental Hospitals, as the present condition constitutes a menace to the well-being of those who are not at present infected as well as to the general public with whom the tubercular patients will come in contact, should the latter's mental condition at any time permit their release from the Institution.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "treatment" in the last line of the first paragraph, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"And whereas the Government has already arranged for a survey of patients in the mental hospitals to ascertain the number suffering from tuberculosis and the available means of providing for their care:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House approves the action which the Government has taken to deal with the problem of tubercular patients and urges that it be given further consideration."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Shepherd*,—

Whereas there are many persons in British Columbia to-day who are in dire need and who are unable to obtain relief because they cannot meet the requirements of the "Residence and Responsibility Act"; and

Whereas due to drought conditions on the Prairies, and favourable climatic conditions in British Columbia, it is logical to expect an influx of the needy and destitute to British Columbia; and

Whereas it is essential that State assistance be granted to those in need; and

Whereas the Province of British Columbia is unable to accept responsibility for all the unemployed who may desire to enter our Province; and

Whereas the operation of the "Old-age Pensions Act" is proof that interprovincial agreements can be arrived at for the care of State dependents:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge upon the Government the advisability of earnestly considering the feasibility of immediately taking steps to further an interprovincial agreement by which responsibility for the relief of transients who move from one Province to another and who have not established domicile sufficiently to entitle them to regular Provincial relief can be clearly defined and enforced.

A debate arose.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas" in the eighth line, and to substitute therefor the following:—

"The Government of British Columbia has made representations to the Dominion Government urging that the Dominion assume responsibility of assistance to persons coming to this Province from the Prairie Provinces and elsewhere who are in need of assistance:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House expresses its approval of this action."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch* was withdrawn:—

Whereas to assure the possibility of maximum value of departmental reports it is essential that they be available for use within the shortest time possible following the close of the period covered by same:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the printed annual report of each department issuing same shall be made available within four months following the close of the period covered.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented a Return with reference to the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. *Shepherd*:—

That a Return be filed of the Order in Council dated April 31st, 1910, removing tolls from New Westminster Bridge.

Whereupon, by leave of the House, the said notice of motion was withdrawn.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch* was withdrawn:—

Whereas the House was informed by the Provincial Secretary, *vide* Votes and Proceedings No. 9, page 9, November 8th, 1937, that the by-laws and regulations of the "Hospital Act," section 27, chapter 121, R.S.B.C. 1936, do not cover the matter of wage-scales for nurses and other members of hospital staffs; and

Whereas the employees in hospitals are anxious to have their wage-scales improved:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House recommend to the Department of Labour consideration of the advisability of instructing the Board of Industrial Relations to frame minimum wage regulations to be applied to the staffs of all hospitals coming within the scope of the "Hospital Act," chapter 121, R.S.B.C. 1936.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*,—

Whereas the Dominion Government has indicated its desire to establish a national system of unemployment insurance; and

Whereas under a decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council the Dominion Parliament would appear to have very limited jurisdiction to enact a comprehensive measure of national unemployment insurance:

Therefore be it Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that amendment should be made to the "British North America Act" in order to establish beyond question the authority of the Dominion Parliament effectually to enact a national scheme of unemployment insurance.

Be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Dominion Secretary of State.

A debate arose.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

To insert after the third paragraph of the Resolution the following words:—

"Provided that no amendment of the 'British North America Act' restrict the powers of the Province to enact progressive labour legislation."

The amendment was negatived.

Motion agreed to.

By leave of the House, the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. *Telford* was withdrawn:—

Whereas the distribution of gasoline and oils, which are now used to such an extent as to be considered of sufficient social and economic importance to be worthy of being considered a public-utility service; and

Whereas there appears to be an enormous and unwarranted spread between the prices paid to the producers of these commodities and the prices paid by the consumers; and

Whereas the many thousands of needless duplications of service-stations are but adding terrifically to the cost of gasoline and oil:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the problem of the distribution of gasoline and oil in this Province.

Mrs. *Steeves* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

Whereas the Dominion of Canada, as a signatory to the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Kellogg Pact, is pledged to outlaw war as an instrument for the settlement of international disputes; and

Whereas acts of aggressive warfare have been committed by certain nations in violation of their international contracts; and

Whereas raw materials to be used in the manufacture of munitions and weapons of war have been and are being exported from British Columbia to said aggressor nations; and

Whereas jurisdiction over matters of trade and commerce rest in the authority of the Dominion Government:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge upon the Dominion Government to take such steps as may be deemed necessary to prohibit the export of the materials of war to such nations as are waging aggressive warfare upon other nations in open violations of their international contracts.

And be it further Resolved, That a humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and preambles be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1937.

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

And then the House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 9th, 1937.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Naturopathic Physicians Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation and Control within the Province of the Coal and Petroleum Industries" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize and providing for Conciliation and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 102) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Savings and Loan Associations Act'" was read a second time and committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mrs. *Steeves* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

Whereas the Dominion of Canada, as a signatory to the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Kellogg Pact, is pledged to outlaw war as an instrument for the settlement of international disputes; and

Whereas acts of aggressive warfare have been committed by certain nations in violation of their international contracts; and

Whereas raw materials to be used in the manufacture of munitions and weapons of war have been and are being exported from British Columbia to said aggressor nations; and

Whereas jurisdiction over matters of trade and commerce rest in the authority of the Dominion Government:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge upon the Dominion Government to take such steps as may be deemed necessary to prohibit the export of the materials of war to such

nations as are waging aggressive warfare upon other nations in open violations of their international contracts.

And be it further Resolved, That a humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of this Resolution and preambles be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State at Ottawa.

The debate continued.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Telford* moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

Whereas there are many thousands of our citizens on relief; and

Whereas though relief allowances would appear to be quite inadequate to enable relief recipients to purchase the necessary living requirements for themselves and dependents; and

Whereas many salary and wage earners are receiving amounts which appear inadequate to enable them to provide themselves with little, if any, more than the bare subsistence requirements; and

Whereas flour and bread, which serve to meet the greater part of the urgent physical needs of these citizens; and

Whereas it would appear that the prices now being asked for these foods are out of line with both our own Canadian as well as world markets:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the matter of bread and flour prices as they exist in this Province in relation to the needs of our citizens, and in relation to markets elsewhere.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. *Maitland* moved, seconded by Mr. *Paton*,—

Whereas at a meeting of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts held on November 10th, 1937, it was resolved that "The Legislature be asked for authority to examine accounts contracted after March, 1937":

Therefore be it Resolved, That it be an instruction to said Committee that they examine the Public Accounts contracted after March 31st, 1937.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. *Patterson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Maitland*,—

Whereas the timber industry, the agriculture, fishing, and canning industries of British Columbia are faced with problems of difficulty at the present time threatening a very serious decrease in output and threatening loss of employment to thousands of our citizens; and

Whereas the said industries of British Columbia received tremendous impetus and benefits from the effects of the Empire Trade Treaties negotiated by the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett following the Ottawa Conference in 1932; and

Whereas it would appear that certain benefits from these treaties might be endangered through proposed trade arrangements with the United States; and

Whereas the stability and permanency of trade and employment in British Columbia is much safer with Empire connections than with those of foreign countries:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House goes on record and petitions the Federal Government to oppose any revision of said Empire Trade Treaties that might jeopardize existing preferences of British Columbia products in the markets of Great Britain and Empire countries.

A debate arose.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*,—

To strike out all the words before and all the words after the words "Be it Resolved" in the eleventh line, and to insert the following:—

“ That this House favours the principle of Empire preferences and urges upon the Dominion Government the great importance to British Columbia of the maintenance of existing markets in Great Britain and other parts of the Empire.”

Mr. *Maitland* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, the Order for Report on Bill (No. 96) intituled “ An Act to provide for the Regulation and Control within the Province of the Coal and Petroleum Industries ” was discharged, and the Bill recommitted.

Reported complete with amendments.

To be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved, seconded by Mrs. *Steeves*,—

Whereas *Alpheus Todd* states that “ Freedom of speech in Parliament is an essential part of the liberties of Englishmen; this privilege being guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, and includes a licence to discuss all matters affecting the public welfare, whether the same have been formally commended by the Crown to the consideration of Parliament or not ”; and

Whereas “ *May* ” states that “ The House of Commons has a right to advise the Crown even as to the exercise of the prerogative itself ”; and

Whereas “ *May* ” states that “ The House can interfere with great advantage in prescribing the principles on which executive government shall be carried on ”; and

Whereas *Sir Erskine May* states that “ A Select Committee may be appointed by either House to consider any matters upon which that House may desire information and assistance, or any Bill which may be committed to them by that House ”; and

Whereas Mr. Speaker *Williams* gave his opinion that “ though the motion might be considered objectionable, still it should be considered as intended to lead up to the expression of an abstract opinion, and was therefore, strictly speaking, in order ”; and

Whereas Mr. Speaker *Pooley* stated that “ Resolution of the Legislature is only another form of expressing the views of the people—I am therefore of the opinion that the motion is in order. It is not mandatory, but suggestive, and does not encroach on the prerogative of the Crown ”; and

Whereas Mr. Speaker *Pauline* stated “ There is, of course, no question but that the Legislature can, by motion, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of deliberation ”; and

Whereas Mr. Speaker *Perry* stated “ The appointment of a Select Committee is a matter for the House. The Government, or any private member, might move for the appointment of a Select Committee ”; and

Whereas “ *Todd* ” points out that “ Should any case arise wherein it may appear to be the duty of the House to point out to the Government public charges which ought to be incurred, they have still undoubted authority to do so, either by the adoption of a Resolution, expressing an abstract opinion in favour of a proceeding which will necessitate a future grant of money, or by agreeing to address the Crown to incur certain expenditure, with an assurance of their readiness to make good the same . . . the House is free to approach the Crown with their constitutional advice in this, as in any other matter of prerogative ”; and

Whereas the foregoing show, and *Alpheus Todd* points out, that “ It is equally necessary to remember that Parliament is designed for counsel and not for rule—for advice, and not for administration ”; and

Whereas it is imperative that the rights of minorities shall be protected; and

Whereas it is essential that Legislative Standing Orders should guarantee freedom of speech and opportunity to counsel:

Be it therefore Resolved, That this House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of, and, if found necessary, ways and means for the revision of the rules, orders, and forms of procedure of the Legislative Assembly.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. *Shepherd* moved, seconded by Mr. *Telford*,—

Whereas there has recently come to British Columbia the honour of producing the world's championship wheat; and

Whereas it has been generally believed by the majority of our citizens that "hard red spring wheat" could not be grown in British Columbia; and

Whereas Gordon Gibson of Ladner did grow championship wheat of this type in this Province; and

Whereas such an honour should contribute enormously to the removal of the misconception, or lack of knowledge, of the potential possibilities of our soil for the raising of such grain:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House go on record as expressing its appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Gordon Gibson in this regard, and that suitable recognition and assistance be rendered Mr. Gibson and others to encourage further efforts in this direction.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented a Return of the number of licences issued by the Department of Fisheries relating to herring dry-salteries.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1937.

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

1. What quantity of certified seed oats, timothy, clover, etc., did the Government distribute in the latter part of May, 1937, among the farmers of Elk Valley, Grasmere, and the Fernie District generally?

2. What were the conditions entailed upon the acceptance of the seeds?

3. Has the Government as yet received back the same quantity of seed as was distributed?

4. Who was authorized to distribute the seed and receive the same?

5. (a.) What was the purpose of the chemical which was placed with some of the bags? (b.) Was it intended for a catalysis or a fungicide? (c.) What kind of a label was on the containers?

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

"1. The seed placed with farmers in the Fernie District in the spring of 1937 included 1,000 pounds certified Alaska oats, 500 pounds No. 1 Trebi barley, and 600 pounds No. 1 Marquis wheat.

"2. Each recipient agreed to return to the Department seed of the same amount, kind, and grade, upon demand, after harvest.

"3. Returns not required until threshing and cleaning of seed is completed.

"4. H. E. Waby, District Agriculturist.

"5. (a), (b), and (c). No information."

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

1. How many persons were arrested during 1936 on a technical charge of obstructing the police?

2. How many such persons were released before termination of the sentences?

3. Can such information be obtained up to date for 1937?

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

"1. If reference is had to recent cases in the City of Vancouver on charges of obstruction of the police, 148.

"2. Two.

"3. Yes. (To November 15th, 410, of whom 227 were released by the Dominion Government before expiration of sentence.)"

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

And then the House adjourned at 1.25 a.m.

Friday, December 10th, 1937.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Most Rev. *J. C. Cody*, Bishop of Victoria.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by Mr. *Patterson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House expresses its sincere regret at the death of Lady McBride, the widow of the late Hon. Sir Richard McBride, former Premier of British Columbia, and that the Clerk convey to the family the condolence and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

On the Order being called for the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Patterson* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

Whereas the timber industry, the agriculture, fishing, and canning industries of British Columbia are faced with problems of difficulty at the present time threatening a very serious decrease in output and threatening loss of employment to thousands of our citizens; and

Whereas the said industries of British Columbia received tremendous impetus and benefits from the effects of the Empire Trade Treaties negotiated by the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett following the Ottawa Conference in 1932; and

Whereas it would appear that certain benefits from these treaties might be endangered through proposed trade arrangements with the United States; and

Whereas the stability and permanency of trade and employment in British Columbia is much safer with Empire connections than with those of foreign countries:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That this House goes on record and petitions the Federal Government to oppose any revision of said Empire Trade Treaties that might jeopardize existing preferences of British Columbia products in the markets of Great Britain and Empire countries.

And the amendment thereto moved to-day by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, as follows:—

To strike out all the words before and all the words after the words "Be it *Resolved*" in the eleventh line, and to insert the following:—

"That this House favours the principle of Empire preferences and urges upon the Dominion Government the great importance to British Columbia of the maintenance of existing markets in Great Britain and other parts of the Empire."

Mr. Speaker delivered the following decision on the point of order raised by Mr. *Maitland*:—

Honourable Members,—With reference to the point of order raised by the honourable the first member for Vancouver-Point Grey that the amendment proposed by the Hon. the Premier to Resolution No. 36 is out of order.

I am of the opinion that the amendment is in order as it is analogous to the main question and is so framed that, if agreed to, the question as amended would be intelligible and consistent with itself. (*See Speakers' Decisions*, Vol. I., p. 5.)

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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

Question proposed—"Shall the Chair be sustained?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—29.

Messieurs

<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Crone</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Forester</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>
<i>Putnam</i>			

NAYS—16.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Maitland</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Patterson</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>

PAIRS:

Messieurs

*Murray**Macintosh*

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the said motion and amendment.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation and Control within the Province of the Coal and Petroleum Industries" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize and providing for Conciliation and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Mrs. *Smith* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, as follows:—

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 9th, 1937.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

This Committee held four sittings.

The question of the destruction of certain public documents under the "Public Documents Disposal Act" was introduced by memo. from the Attorney-General.

This matter was referred to Mr. Walker, Deputy Provincial Secretary, and Dr. Lamb, Provincial Librarian and Archivist, for special recommendation, which recommendation is as follows:—

"In the event of the Committee determining to order the destruction of the documents mentioned, the undersigned are of the opinion that reservations should be made in respect to correspondence, letter-books, diaries, and similar records. We recommend a proviso that these particular documents be held at the disposal of the Provincial Archivist, who should be authorized to withdraw and retain any of the said documents before destruction which, in his opinion, are of permanent or historic value.

"We suggest that, if this recommendation is approved, directions be given to the various departments concerned accordingly.

"The Provincial Archivist undertakes to use as much expedition as possible in dealing with the matter.

"Respectfully submitted.

"(Signed) P. WALKER, *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

"W. KAYE LAMB, *Provincial Librarian and Archivist.*"

Including the memo. from the Attorney-General, communications were received from the Minister of Railways, Provincial Secretary, Minister of Lands, Minister of Public Works, and Commissioner of Fisheries, presenting lists of documents as defined in the Act which they deemed were not of sufficient value to justify their further preservation or deposit in the various branch offices of their respective Departments, and which have been so preserved or deposited for a longer period of time than ten years.

Your Committee has taken this matter under advisement and respectfully recommends to this House that the powers set out in the "Public Documents Disposal Act" to the effect that the documents mentioned in the various statements submitted by Ministers as being of no further value to justify their preservation or retention for a longer period than ten years or more, as set out in "Statement of Documents" appended to each communication, be destroyed, subject to right of the Provincial Archivist to withdraw and retain any of the said documents before destruction which, in his opinion, are of permanent or historic value.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HELEN D. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

1. Was the air-compressor removed from the Victor Mining property on Maus Creek in 1936?
2. Was there a sale of Victor Mine equipment held in the Government office at Cranbrook this year?
3. If yes, what part of the equipment was sold?
4. How many bids were offered?
5. What amount of money was received at this sale?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Some iron pipe, a table, and an old gas-engine.
- "4. Two.
- "5. \$52."

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

1. Was Louis Hascarl, Sr., authorized by the Provincial Tax Collector at Revelstoke to work out his taxes on the road in 1936?
2. Was Louis Hascarl, Sr., authorized by the local road foreman to take out poles, piling, cribbing, or culvert timber for the Public Works Department from his own timber limits, in lieu of working on the Government road?
3. Was Louis Hascarl, Sr., authorized by the local road foreman to place the said poles, piling, cribbing, etc., on the White Pine property at Brouse, B.C.?
4. How many of the poles, piling, etc., were used by the Public Works Department?
5. How many were sold by the White Pine Lumber Company to the B.C. Telephone Company?
6. How much money, if any, was refunded to the Public Works Department?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Cribbing and culvert timber.
- "3. Yes; by permission.
- "4. 1,500 lineal feet.
- "5 and 6. None."

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

1. Was any work done on the Loughheed Highway on the mountain section between Agassiz and Harrison Mills during the present year?
2. If yes, of what did such work consist?
3. Was such work completed?
4. If No. 3 is answered in the negative, at what date did the work cease?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Widening and improvement.
- "3. No.
- "4. June, 1937."

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

1. Was a small bridge near Squakum Lake, east of Deroche, rebuilt this year?
2. If yes, has the work been completed?
3. If No. 2 is answered in the negative, when is it expected such work will be completed?
4. Was a detour on the highway made necessary by such reconstruction-work on said bridge?
5. If yes, when was such detour authorized?
6. Is traffic still being routed over such detour?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. No.
- " 3. When funds are available.
- " 4. Yes.
- " 5. Authority a corollary of authority to rebuild.
- " 6. Yes."

SEVEN MINUTES PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the chair,—

William H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, read the titles to the following Bills:—

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the " Landlord and Tenant Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to provide for the Release of certain Securities deposited by the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company.
- (No. 3) An Act to create a Department of Trade and Industry and to provide for the Investigation of Matters of Economic Importance, the Encouragement of Industry, the Collection and Publication of Statistics, the Development of Trade, and the Stimulation of Tourist Traffic.
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the " Sales on Consignment Act."
- (No. 6) An Act requiring Registration of Guests at Auto Camps and Hotels situated in Unorganized Territory.
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the " Coal and Petroleum Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend the " Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the " Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the " Marriage Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the " Fisheries Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the " Land Act."
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the " Securities Act."
- (No. 15) An Act to amend the " Coal-mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 16) An Act to protect the Public against Misrepresentation in the Sale of Goods.
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the " Constitution Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to provide for Mothers' Allowances and to repeal the " Mothers' Pensions Act."
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the " Factories Act."
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the " Hours of Work Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the " Duncan and North Cowichan Schools Act, 1936."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the " Public Libraries Act."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the " Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the " Grasshopper-control Act."
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the " Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend and consolidate the " Department of Mines Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the " Placer-mining Act."
- (No. 36) An Act respecting the Industrial School for Boys.
- (No. 37) An Act respecting the Industrial School for Girls.

- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934."
- (No. 39) An Act respecting Private Welfare Institutions.
- (No. 40) An Act respecting Provincial Infirmaries.
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Provincial Home for the Aged Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Hospital Act."
- (No. 43) An Act respecting the Grading of Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey.
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 45) An Act respecting the Grading of Beef.
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Hairdressers Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Indebtedness of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 50) An Act to amend the "Okanagan Telephone Company's Act" and the "Okanagan Telephone Company's Act Amendment Act, 1913."
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 53) An Act to amend "The Crow's Nest Pass Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, Act, 1900."
- (No. 54) An Act to incorporate The Roman Catholic Bishop of Nelson and his Successors in Office a Corporation Sole.
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Naturopathic Physicians Act."
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Incorporation Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Prince Rupert Enabling Act, 1936."
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
- (No. 68) An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Vernon.
- (No. 69) An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Merritt.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Richmond Drainage and Dyking Act, 1936."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to amend the "Apprenticeship Act."
- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "County Courts Act."
- (No. 75) An Act to amend the "Land Settlement and Development Act."
- (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Probate Duty Act."
- (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
- (No. 79) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 80) An Act to amend the "Adoption Act."
- (No. 81) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 82) An Act to amend the "Distress Act."
- (No. 83) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 84) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Tax Consolidation Act, 1936 (Second Session)."
- (No. 85) An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."
- (No. 86) An Act to amend the "Conditional Sales Act."
- (No. 87) An Act to amend the "Fraser River (New Westminster) Bridge Act."
- (No. 88) An Act respecting a Minimum Loss for Food Products.
- (No. 89) An Act respecting the Sale of Commodities by Retail.
- (No. 90) An Act to amend the "Health Act."
- (No. 91) An Act to amend the "Residence and Responsibility Act."
- (No. 92) An Act to amend the "Ditches and Watercourses Act."
- (No. 93) An Act to amend the "Mental Hospitals Act."
- (No. 94) An Act respecting the Right of Employees to organize and providing for Conciliation and Arbitration of Industrial Disputes.
- (No. 95) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
- (No. 96) An Act to provide for the Regulation and Control within the Province of the Coal and Petroleum Industries.
- (No. 97) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."

(No. 99) An Act to amend the "Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act."

(No. 100) An Act to amend the "Greater Vancouver Water District Act."

(No. 101) An Act to amend the "Chiropody Act."

(No. 102) An Act to amend the "Savings and Loan Associations Act."

His Honour was pleased, in His Majesty's name, to give assent to the said Bills.

The said assent was announced by the Clerk of the House in the following words:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills."

Then Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

To this Bill the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, by His Honour's command, did there-upon say:—

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Then His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this, the First Session of the Nineteenth Parliament, I desire to express appreciation of the attention which you have given to the numerous matters submitted for your consideration.

Notable and of major importance are the following enactments:—

"Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act."

"Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act."

"Forest Act Amendment Act, 1937."

"Securities Act Amendment Act, 1937."

"Motor-vehicle Act Amendment Act, 1937."

"Land Act Amendment Act, 1937."

"Department of Trade and Industry Act."

"Placer-mining Act Amendment Act, 1937."

These and other measures should inure to the well-being of our people.

I thank you for the supplies so generously granted for the Public Service.

In relieving you of your labours I trust that the blessing of Divine Providence will accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir*, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it shall please His Honour to summon the same for dispatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.