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OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SESSION 1958

Thursday, January 23rd, 1958.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Twenty-fifth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable FRANK MACKENZIE ROSS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 16th day of November, 1957, the members having been sworn took their seats.

E. K. DeBeck, Esquire, Clerk of the House, announced that owing to the resignation of the Hon. Thomas James Irwin the House had no Speaker.

His Honour FRANK MACKENZIE ROSS, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *W. D. Black*, Provincial Secretary, said:—

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, that *Lorne Hugh Shantz*, Esquire, member for North Okanagan Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair and preside over the meetings of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

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

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

Prayers by the Rev. *Peter Kelly, D.D.*

The letter of resignation of the Hon. Thomas James Irwin and the letters of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the results of the elections of members were read by the Deputy Clerk, as follows:—

“April 23rd, 1957.

“*The Honourable W. N. Chant,*
“*Minister of Public Works,*
“*Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“SIR,—In view of the fact that I have accepted nomination to contest the Burnaby-Richmond Federal constituency in the forthcoming general election, I hereby submit my resignation as member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia representing the Provincial constituency of Delta, thereby creating a vacancy in that constituency. Resignation to be effective as at 12 midnight, Wednesday, April 24th, 1957.

“This resignation is submitted pursuant to section 57 of the ‘Constitution Act,’ chapter 65 of the ‘Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948.’

“I would ask you to immediately issue a warrant to the Deputy Provincial Secretary. A letter similar to this has been sent to the Hon. *Lyle Wicks.*

“Yours faithfully,
“THOS. J. IRWIN, M.L.A.,
“Delta.”

“*Re By-election, Delta Electoral District, September 9th, 1957.*

“OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
“VICTORIA, B.C., October 3rd, 1957.

“*E. K. DeBeck, Esq.,*
“*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,*
“*Parliament Buildings.*

“SIR,—I enclose herewith certified copy of the certificate of Mr. F. Hurley, Chief Electoral Officer, respecting the election of *Gordon Lionel Gibson* to represent the Delta Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“Yours very truly,
“R. A. PENNINGTON,
“*Deputy Provincial Secretary.*”

(ENCLOSURE.)

“October 1st, 1957.

“*R. A. Pennington, Esq.,*
“*Deputy Provincial Secretary,*
“*Buildings.*

“*Re By-election, Delta Electoral District, September 9th, 1957.*

“SIR,—Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of Thomas James Irwin, a member for Delta Electoral District:

“And whereas on the fifth day of August, 1957, writ for the election of a member to represent said district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

" Now I do hereby certify that the said writ was returned by the Returning Officer with his certificate, dated September 26th, endorsed thereon, that the voters of Delta Electoral District had chosen *Gordon Lionel Gibson* to represent them in the Legislative Assembly.

" F. HURLEY,
" *Chief Electoral Officer.*"

" *Re By-election, Burnaby Electoral District, September 9th, 1957.*

" OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
" VICTORIA, B.C., October 3rd, 1957.

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

" SIR,—I enclose herewith certified copy of the certificate of Mr. F. Hurley, Chief Electoral Officer, respecting the election of *Cedric Cox* to represent the Burnaby Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

" Yours very truly,
" R. A. PENNINGTON,
" *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*"

(ENCLOSURE.)

" *R. A. Pennington, Esq.,*
" *Deputy Provincial Secretary,*
" *Buildings.*

" October 1st, 1957.

" *Re By-election, Burnaby Electoral District, September 9th, 1957.*

" SIR,—Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death of Ernest Edward Winch, a member for Burnaby Electoral District:

" And whereas on the fifth day of August, 1957, writ for the election of a member to represent said district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

" Now I do hereby certify that the said writ was returned by the Returning Officer with his certificate, dated September 18th, endorsed thereon, that the voters of Burnaby Electoral District had chosen *Cedric Cox* to represent them in the Legislative Assembly.

" F. HURLEY,
" *Chief Electoral Officer.*"

" *Re By-election, Cariboo Electoral District, September 9th, 1957.*

" OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
" VICTORIA, B.C., October 4th, 1957.

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

" SIR,—I enclose herewith certified copy of the certificate of Mr. F. Hurley, Chief Electoral Officer, respecting the election of *William Collins Speare* to represent the Cariboo Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

" Yours very truly,
" R. A. PENNINGTON,
" *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*"

(ENCLOSURE.)

" R. A. Pennington, Esq.,
 " Deputy Provincial Secretary,
 " Buildings.

" October 4th, 1957.

" *Re By-election, Cariboo Electoral District, September 9th, 1957.*

" SIR,—Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death of William Ralph Talbot Chetwynd, member for Cariboo Electoral District:

" And whereas on the fifth day of August, 1957, writ for the election of a member to represent said district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

" Now I do hereby certify that the said writ was returned by the Returning Officer with his certificate, dated September 24th, endorsed thereon, that the voters of Cariboo Electoral District had chosen *William Collins Speare* to represent them in the Legislative Assembly.

" F. HURLEY,
 " *Chief Electoral Officer.*"

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *L. Wicks*, it was Ordered,—

That the letter of resignation of the Hon. Thomas James Irwin and the letters of the Deputy Provincial Secretary and the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the results of the election of members be entered on the Journals of the House.

Mr. *Gordon Lionel Gibson*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* and the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, and took his seat.

Mr. *Cedric Cox*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by Mr. *Strachan* and Mr. *Turner*, and took his seat.

Mr. *William Collins Speare*, having taken the oath and signed the Parliamentary Roll, was introduced by the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* and the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, and took his seat.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was Resolved,—

That the resignation of Gerald Herbert Cross as Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be accepted and that appointments of *Ian M. Horne* as Deputy Clerk and *Earle George MacMinn* as Clerk Assistant, made by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by and with the advice of His Executive Council on the 6th day of December, 1957, pursuant to section 44 of the "Constitution Act" and section 27 of the "Interpretation Act," be ratified.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and

who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *W. D. Black* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the Second Session of the Twenty-fifth Parliament of British Columbia.

Since last you met, the Province has lost an outstanding public man through the death of the Honourable William Ralph Talbot Chetwynd, Minister of Agriculture, who in the past served as Minister of Trade and Industry, Minister of Fisheries, and Minister of Railways. Mr. Chetwynd will be long remembered for his untiring devotion towards the development of British Columbia, particularly in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

During the past year the Province has also suffered severe loss in the death of the late Premier, the Honourable John Hart, whose passing was deeply mourned by all our people. His unselfish public service and high personal character will long be an inspiration to the people of British Columbia.

It has been my pleasure to appoint two new Ministers of the Crown—the Honourable Earle C. Westwood to the newly created Department of Recreation and Conservation, and the Honourable Newton P. Steacy, Minister of Agriculture. The Honourable Robert W. Bonner has been appointed Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce.

I am advised by my Government that three new members have been elected to the Legislature, and I take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Gordon L. Gibson, Mr. William C. Speare, and Mr. Cedric Cox upon their being chosen as representatives of the Delta, Cariboo, and Burnaby constituencies respectively.

I attended the opening of the House of Commons in Ottawa by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and I am pleased that my Prime Minister was able to represent my Government at that time.

During the past year the Province was pleased to act as host to the Right Honourable the Earl of Selkirk, First Lord of the Admiralty, and the Right Honourable Sir David Eccles, President of the Board of Trade and a Minister in the United Kingdom Cabinet.

During the past year a great loss was suffered through the destruction of Government House by fire. Construction of a new Government House is now under way and completion is expected this year.

It is also regrettable to note that fire claimed the original building which was constructed to house the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island.

My Government and the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, immediately upon the destruction of the Peace River Bridge, offered the temporary services of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway bridge to the National Government to keep the services of the Alaska Highway opened.

The Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, together with his Deputy Minister and two representative British Columbians, visited the United Kingdom and six countries of Europe—France, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Austria, and Germany—during a six-week period last autumn. The objects of the trip were to encourage capital investment, stimulate trade, and generally to focus European business attention upon British Columbia.

My Government is cognizant of the remaining effect tight money is having in business and the employment of our people.

My Government will, on their own, and in co-operation with the National and Municipal Governments, do everything possible to increase employment and to assist those who, through reasons beyond their control, cannot find employment.

Last November a conference between the National Government and the Governments of the ten Provinces of Canada took place in Ottawa, at which my Government urged a number of courses upon the National Government, aimed at a more equitable distribution of the revenues derived by the National Government from the fields of personal and corporate income taxes and succession duties, the promotion of a National development programme, the implementation of public health services, and the acceptance by the National Government of greater responsibility for technical and university education in Canada.

Since the conclusion of the conference, arrangements have been made providing for participation by the National Government with my Government in the building of forest access roads and improving park facilities within the Province, thus providing additional work during the winter months.

My Government has also announced its willingness to participate in a National hospitalization programme with the National Government.

My Government entered into an agreement with the Government of Canada to increase payments by \$9 to our senior citizens under the "Old Age Assistance Act," to be shared equally by each Government.

An agreement in principle to provide for the completion of the Cassiar-Stewart Road has been reached between my Government and the National Government.

Petroleum and natural-gas development in the Province has continued at an accelerated pace.

The completion of the Westcoast Transmission pipe-line, bringing natural gas from the Peace River to the markets of the Interior and Coastal areas, is in turn stimulating industrial activity in many areas of the Province.

It is with happy anticipation that we look forward to extending a warm welcome to Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, who has so graciously accepted my Government's invitation to participate in British Columbia's centennial celebrations.

British Columbia's centennial celebrations, commemorating the founding of the Mainland Colony of British Columbia on November 19th, 1858, have commenced throughout the Province.

It was in 1858 that word of the discovery of gold on the banks of the Fraser River became public. The resulting gold-rush transformed the whole region west of the Rocky Mountains. In consequence, Her Majesty Queen Victoria gave Royal assent to an Act of the Imperial Parliament instituting government in a portion of her possessions on the Mainland, to which was given the name British Columbia.

My Government is pleased to report that long-neglected development surveys in the northern areas of the Province being carried out in the Rocky Mountain Trench area have proceeded more rapidly than anticipated. Power possibilities now being actively explored give promise of a tremendous potential.

The British Columbia Power Commission has had the busiest year since it was formed. Capital expenditure amounted to \$50,000,000 during this fiscal year ending March 31st, 1958.

My Government received the report of Chief Justice Gordon McG. Sloan, the Royal Commissioner appointed to investigate matters affecting the forest resources of British Columbia. This important document will be laid before you, and it will long serve as a reference and a guide-post to assist in forming Government policy on forestry matters. Legislation will be introduced to implement certain recommendations of this report at this Session.

One of the outcomes of this inquiry has been that the Honourable Gordon Sloan resigned as Chief Justice to become the adviser to my Government on forest resources.

His knowledge, skill, and general ability will be available to give objective advice on problems affecting the industry.

Mr. Justice Lord has continued his investigation of Doukhobor lands.

My Government, based on recommendations in his interim report, has had all former Doukhobor-owned lands surveyed, assessed, and offered for sale to Doukhobors.

Dean MacPhee, Royal Commissioner on the tree-fruit industry, is proceeding in carrying out his terms of reference.

A Royal Commission has been appointed to inquire into, assess, and report upon certain aspects of the Provincial educational system up to university level.

Soil surveys of the Columbia River basin, undertaken for the International Joint Commission, have now been completed.

My Government expects to receive the Crippen-Wright engineering study concerning power development on the Columbia River during the coming year.

The Capital City Improvement District Commission continues progressively to extend a programme to beautify the capital city and district.

During the last fiscal year over \$80,000,000 was spent on our highway system. This large amount, which is double the amount spent in any previous year, does not include the millions of dollars spent by the Toll Bridges Authority. Of this \$80,000,000, only \$7,385,000 was contributed by the National Government on the Trans-Canada Highway.

Last year the Upper Levels Highway from Horseshoe Bay through West Vancouver was completed; the Princeton-Kamloops Highway was completed, and the Kitimat-Terrace Highway was opened. A start has been made on the final route of the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway between Prince George and McBride, and work is proceeding on all other main highways—the Southern Trans-Provincial, the Kootenay-Columbia, the North Thompson, the Alberni-Tofino, the Cariboo, the Elko-Rooseville, and the Squamish Highway.

Ferry service in the British Columbia highway system has been improved this year by completion of the Gabriola Island ferry-landing, and landings for the Albion-Langley Ferry. The construction of landings at Mayne Island and Galiano Island is well under way.

During the past year the bridges at Nelson, Pitt River, Harrison River, and the Oak Street Bridge system were opened.

The Oak Street Bridge and Deas Island Tunnel are the beginning of a proposed four-lane highway to the United States Border at Blaine.

Widening of the Lougheed Highway through Burnaby from two lanes to four lanes is progressing rapidly. It is proposed to widen the present Trans-Canada Highway from Pattullo Bridge to the King George VI Highway from four lanes to six lanes.

Progress on the construction of the Second Narrows Bridge is progressing according to plans, and the Kelowna Bridge will be opened this year.

With the co-operation of municipalities, legislation involving a revision of the "Municipal Superannuation Act" will be submitted to you. This legislation will enable realistic and adequate superannuation allowances for municipal employees upon their retirement from municipal service.

The "Public Services Medical Plan Act" was proclaimed in July, 1957. My Government is pleased that this legislation has been the means of providing insurance against medical expenses for some 12,000 Government employees and pensioners; in the light of experience, certain amendments to this Act have been found to be necessary and will be submitted to you for approval.

The Pacific Great Eastern Railway extension from Prince George to Fort St. John and Dawson Creek will be opened this year.

During 1957 the farm cash income increased by approximately \$10,000,000. Despite this improvement, the problems facing poultry and fruit producers, particularly, continue to occupy the attention of the Department of Agriculture.

My Government is gravely concerned that beef-producers in the Province are at a serious disadvantage in the marketing of their cattle at satisfactory prices as a result of the high cost of feed-grains brought from the Prairies, and hopes to be able to help our producers when the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is opened during this year.

My Government, recognizing the increasing value of the poultry industry to the economy of the Province, has established a station near Abbotsford for random sample testing of poultry. Operations commenced early this year, and the policy will be extremely valuable to the industry. This is one of four such stations in Canada.

As promised during the last Session of the Legislature, the "Municipal Act" will be reopened at this Session in order to make such amendments to it as the experience of the past year has indicated.

With the opening of the Haney Correctional Institution, reorganization of the gaol service of the Province has become practicable and will proceed during the coming year.

Certain plans to further assist cities and municipalities will be submitted to you.

You will be asked to make increased provision for vocational and apprenticeship education in order that more of our youth may be given training as skilled craftsmen.

The "Public Schools Act" will be revised and be submitted to you for your consideration.

It is gratifying to note that the statutory provisions whereby my Government guarantees payment of School Board borrowings have enabled an unprecedented school building programme to continue, notwithstanding unfavourable bond-market conditions.

Following a request from the University of British Columbia Development Fund Committee, my Government has agreed to increase the matching grant for capital purposes to \$7,500,000 over and above my Government's unmatching grant of \$10,000,000, and has seen fit to declare the week of March 2nd to March 8th as B.C. Education Week, immediately preceded by "open house" at the University of British Columbia.

It is pleasing to note that my Government and the people of the Province recognize the University's great contribution to society, and are aware of the demands that likely will be made on its facilities during the next decade.

Amendments to various Acts will be submitted to you.

The Public Accounts and reports of various departments of my Government will be laid before you.

The ways and means for supply to be granted to Her Majesty during the ensuing year embody measures designed to cope fully with current needs and the economic growth experienced in the Province.

I leave you now to the discharge of your legislative duties with full confidence that your deliberations under Divine guidance will be in the best interests of each and all our citizens.

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Dogwood and Rhododendron Protection Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Ordered*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *L. Wicks*, it was *Ordered*,—

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

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, it was *Ordered*,—

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

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

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this

House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, and Messrs. *Corbett*, *Strachan*, and *Gibbs*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, it was *Ordered*,—

That *Alexander Small Matthew* be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House express its sincere regret at the death of the Hon. William Ralph Talbot Chetwynd, member for the Electoral District of Cariboo, and that the Speaker do convey to Mrs. Chetwynd and the family of the late member the condolences and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the motion by a silent standing vote.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary)—

Return submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 199 of the “Provincial Elections Act, 1953,” Chapter 5 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1953 (Second Session), being regulation approved by Order in Council No. 2352 approved by His Honour the Administrator in Council on September 27th, 1957.

Profit and Loss Statement of the Department of the Queen’s Printer for the Twelve Months ended March 31st, 1957.

Sixteenth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Teachers’ Pensions Act” for the period January 1st to December 31st, 1956.

Eighteenth Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the “Municipal Superannuation Act” for the Year ended March 31st, 1957.

Report of the Commissioner, the Honourable Gordon McG. Sloan, relating to the Forest Resources of British Columbia, 1956, Volumes 1 and 2.

By the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Attorney-General)—

The Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board covering the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1957.

The Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Six Months’ Period ended September 30th, 1957.

The Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

The Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1957.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

The Annual Report of the Motor-vehicle Branch for the Year 1956.

By the Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands and Forests)—

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 63 of Chapter 175, “Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948,” from February 5th, 1957, to January 21st, 1958.

Memorandum of Agreement dated October 7th, 1957, between the Province of British Columbia and the representatives of Dr. Axel Wenner-Gren and Report on Hydro-electric Development of the Peace River by Ralph L. Chantrill, M.I.C.E., M.I.E.E. (Eng.), M.I.E.E. (U.S.) (Member, British Nuclear Energy Conference).

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance)—

Fifteenth Annual Report of the Purchasing Commission covering the Period January 1st, 1957, to December 31st, 1957.

Return submitted in accordance with Section 44 (2) of the "Revenue Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948": Refunds and Remissions made under Section 44 (1) of the "Revenue Act" from January 1st, 1957, to December 31st, 1957.

Return submitted in accordance with Section 88 (4) of the "Taxation Act," "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948": Refunds and Remissions made under Section 88 (1), (2), and (3) of the "Taxation Act" from January 1st, 1957, to December 31st, 1957.

Statements of Unclaimed Money Deposits, pursuant to the "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," Chapter 348, "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948."

Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1957, Office of the Assessment Commissioner.

Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1957.

By the Hon. *N. P. Steacy* (Minister of Agriculture)—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1957.

By the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* (Minister of Highways)—

Annual Report of the Department of Highways for the Fiscal Year 1956-57.

By the Hon. *L. Wicks* (Minister of Labour)—

The Annual Report of the Department of Labour of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

By the Hon. *L. R. Peterson* (Minister of Education)—

Eighty-sixth Annual Report of the Public Schools of the Province.

By the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health and Welfare)—

Annual Report of the Social Welfare Branch of the Department of Health and Welfare for the Year ended March 31st, 1957.

Vancouver General Hospital Fifty-fifth Annual Report for the Year 1956.

Ninth Annual Report of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service from January 1st to December 31st, 1957.

By the Hon. *W. N. Chant* (Minister of Public Works)—

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Fiscal Year 1956-57.

By the Hon. *E. C. Westwood* (Minister of Recreation and Conservation)—

Annual Report of the Provincial Department of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

By the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (President of the Council)—

The Twelfth Annual Report of the British Columbia Power Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1957.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.07 p.m.

Friday, January 24th, 1958.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Canon *Ralph E. H. Howell*.

Mr. *Strachan* asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the unemployment problem in British Columbia. He then handed a written statement to Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was out of order on the following grounds:—

January 24th, 1958.

Honourable Members,—Under the provisions of Standing Order 35, pursuant to which the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition seeks leave to make this motion, it is my duty to rule whether or not the matter is of “urgent public importance” if the motion is otherwise in order.

It is provided by subsection 6 (*d*) of Standing Order 35 that “the motion must not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration by the House,” and, accordingly, the motion is clearly out of order for the reason that it anticipates a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration by the House. I refer the honourable members to the following statements contained in the Causes of Summons, generally referred to as the Speech from the Throne (read from page 6 of Votes). It should be obvious that the motion not only offends the rule to which I have referred, but also that this House has already ordered that consideration of the Throne Speech shall have precedence over all other business except introduction of Bills.

Accordingly the honourable members now have an immediate opportunity of discussing this problem of unemployment, the existence of which is specifically referred to in the Throne Speech. I am not called upon, therefore, to rule as to whether or not the matter stated (which undoubtedly is one of serious consequences) is in fact a matter of urgent public importance.

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

The House divided.

The ruling of the Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—37.

Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richier</i>	<i>Steady</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Bruch</i>			

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>			

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*, seconded by Mr. *Sharp*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

Whereas members of this House are concerned with the impact of seasonal unemployment upon the people and economy of the Province:

And whereas it is desirable to determine what measures within the powers of the Province may be suggested to alleviate this annually recurring problem:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, upon its appointment, the Select Standing Committee on Labour take under examination the conditions contributing to seasonal unemployment and the means available for alleviating this problem and to report its recommendations thereon to this House.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sharp*,—

Whereas members of this House are concerned with the impact of seasonal unemployment upon the people and economy of the Province:

And whereas it is desirable to determine what measures within the powers of the Province may be suggested to alleviate this annually recurring problem:

Therefore be it Resolved, That, upon its appointment, the Select Standing Committee on Labour take under examination the conditions contributing to seasonal unemployment and the means available for alleviating this problem and to report its recommendations thereon to this House.

A debate arose.

Mr. *Gregory* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs*,—

That the motion before the House be amended by adding at the end thereof the words “and that the emergency facing the City of Fernie resulting from the decision of the Crow’s Nest Pass Coal Company to close the Fernie mine on January 31st, 1958, be given priority.”

A debate arose.

Mr. *Turner* moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. *Dowding*,—

That the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Labour be amended by substituting in place of the words “Select Committee on Labour” the words the “Committee of the Whole House” and the matter be considered forthwith.

A debate arose.

The amendment to the amendment was negatived.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>			

NAYS—35.

Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Steaey</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>	

Mr. *Nimsick* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Harding*,—

That the word “seasonal” be deleted wherever it appears in this Resolution.

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived.

The debate was resumed.

The House divided and the principal motion was agreed to unanimously.

YEAS—47.

Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bryan</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Sharp</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Steaey</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

That consideration of the emergency facing the City of Fernie resulting from the decision of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company to close the Fernie mine on January 31st, 1958, be given first consideration by the Select Standing Committee on Labour.

Mr. *Gregory* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs*,—

That consideration of the emergency facing the City of Fernie resulting from the decision of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company to close the Fernie mine on January 31st, 1958, be given first consideration by the Select Standing Committee on Labour.

A debate arose.

The House divided and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

YEAS—47.

Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bryan</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Richter</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Sharp</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Steaey</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Harding</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Turner</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Speare* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gibson*,—

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

“ We, Her Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.”

A debate arose.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Monday, January 27th, 1958.

TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. B. Carr*.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

January 27th, 1958.

Honourable Members,—On Friday last when the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition sought leave to move a motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 35, I allowed him only to state the substance of his motion rather than read it in toto. In this I was in error as the said order provides that the member moving the motion shall state the matter and makes no limitation.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mrs. *Haggen*,—

This House regrets that the Throne Speech does not indicate that the Government recognizes the need for preserving services and personnel of our Provincial institutions.

Reports from our gaols, mental hospitals, welfare organizations, and schools for the retarded and from other branches of the Civil Service record either a reduction of staff or the refusal to replace those who have retired or resigned.

This House further regrets the noticeable decline in relationship as it should properly exist as between the Government and its employees.

And it further regrets that the Throne Speech makes no mention of any suggested change in the archaic approach that the Government of this Province has taken toward the conditions of employment of its employees.

The amendment was negated on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Squire</i>			

NAYS—36.

Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Steacy</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

The debate was resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Ordered*,—

That on Tuesday, the 28th day of January, 1958, and on all following days of the Session there will be two distinct sittings on each day—one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and one from 8 p.m. until adjournment—unless otherwise ordered.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. R. W. Bonner presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 24th instant, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
January 27th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on the 24th instant to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Matthew* (Convener), *Asselstine*, *Bate*, *Campbell*, *Price*, *Robinson*, *Sharp*, *Shelford*, *Shirreff*, *Smith*, Mrs. *Brown*, the Hon. *W. D. Black*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Eddie*, *Turner*, and *Gregory*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Corbett* (Convener), *Asselstine*, *Lundell*, *Newton*, *Smith*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*, the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Messrs. *Harding*, *Nimsick*, *Strachan*, *Gibbs*, and *Uphill*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Bate* (Convener), *Asselstine*, *Campbell*, *Carnell*, *Lundell*, *Reid*, *Richter*, *Roche*, *Shelford*, *Sommers*, the Hon. *E. C. Westwood*, Messrs. *Cox*, *Nimsick*, Mrs. *Haggen*, Messrs. *Gibbs*, and *Uphill*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Richter* (Convener), *Carnell*, *Gibson*, *Massey*, *Reid*, *Roche*, *Shelford*, *Shirreff*, *Speare*, *Tisdalle*, the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*, the Hon. *E. C. Westwood*, Mrs. *Haggen*, Messrs. *Strachan*, and *Gregory*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Bruch* (Convener), *Bate*, *Gibson*, *Lundell*, *Murray*, *Price*, *Richter*, *Sharp*, *Smith*, the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, Mrs. *Brown*, Messrs. *Eddie*, *Nimsick*, *Squire*, *Turner*, *Gibbs*, and *Uphill*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Reid* (Convener), *Bate*, *Bryan*, *Corbett*, *Massey*, *Murray*, *Newton*, *Robinson*, *Shirreff*, *Speare*, the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Gargrave*, and *Gregory*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Newton* (Convener), *Asselstine*, *Bruch*, *Gibson*, *Massey*, *Murray*, *Price*, *Robinson*, *Sommers*, *Tisdalle*, the Hon. *L. Wicks*, Messrs. *Cox*, *Eddie*, *Squire*, *Gregory*, and *Uphill*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Messrs. *Price* (Convener), *Bruch*, *Bryan*, *Campbell*, *Gibson*, *Matthew*, *Speare*, *Tisdalle*, Mrs. *Brown*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Gargrave*, *Harding*, Mrs. *Haggen*, and Mr. *Gibbs*.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health and Welfare)—

A Report of a Committee of Faculty Members of the University of British Columbia concerning the Hoxsey Treatment for Cancer, 1957.

By the Hon. *R. G. Williston* (Minister of Lands and Forests)—

The Evaluation of Rainmaking Operations in British Columbia, Phase II. The British Columbia Research Council.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.02 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28th, 1958.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Arthur F. Grobe*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act respecting Survivorship and Presumption of Death.”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 5) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Evidence Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Administration Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Wives’ and Children’s Maintenance Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Magistrates Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Summary Convictions Act, 1955.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 12) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘County Courts Act Amendment Act, 1957.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*—Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia University Act.’”

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *N. P. Steacy* (Minister of Agriculture) presented the Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Land Settlement Board (including the Agricultural Credit Commission) for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29th, 1958.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Alvin Hammill*.

Mr. *Gregory* presented the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Public Library."

Mr. *Gregory* presented the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

Mr. *Matthew* presented the petition of David Sigler, John Arthur MacLennan, and Alfred Thomas Clarke, all of Vancouver, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate British Columbia Life & Casualty Company."

Mr. *Matthew* presented the petition of British Pacific Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913.'"

Mr. *Matthew* presented the petition of Canadian Western Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Canadian Western Insurance Company Act, 1955.'"

Mr. *Price* presented the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter.'"

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Thursday, January 30th, 1958.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *D. Murphy*.

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

The debate continued.

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. D. Black* made a statement and tabled a Return to be entered upon the Journals of the House, as follows:—

CIVIL SERVICE MONTHLY REPORT.

TABLE SHOWING THE NUMBER EMPLOYED IN EACH DEPARTMENT, ACCORDING TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RECORDS.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.
Premier's Office.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Agriculture.....	182	178	179	180	179	182	183
Attorney-General.....	630	626	630	626	634	640	648
Education.....	403	398	398	395	391	393	400
Finance.....	752	753	752	742	743	741	750
Recreation and Conservation.....	5	5	3	68	69	68	68
Health.....	1,317	1,327	1,322	1,299	1,292	1,270	1,278
Welfare.....	535	546	550	551	556	558	575
Hospital Insurance Service.....	223	220	223	224	224	222	227
Labour.....	87	87	88	88	89	93	97
Lands Service.....	322	323	321	314	316	315	315
Forest Service.....	931	933	936	887	899	900	947
Mines.....	87	89	90	90	96	97	100
Municipal Affairs.....	18	18	18	18	18	19	19
Provincial Secretary.....	2,510	2,543	2,517	2,566	2,581	2,596	2,648
Public Utilities Commission.....	60	62	60	58	57	56	55
Highways.....	596	602	623	635	636	643	655
Public Works.....	619	619	634	638	631	649	678
Railways.....	9	9	9	9	9	10	10
Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce.....	80	79	80	74	73	73	76
Totals.....	9,368	9,419	9,435	9,464	9,495	9,527	9,731
Average monthly salary.....	\$275.22	\$275.01	\$275.14	\$277.48	\$277.19	\$277.06	\$277.17

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec., 1957.	Dec., 1956.
Premier's Office.....	2	2	2	2	2	2
Agriculture.....	184	186	183	180	179	178
Attorney-General.....	642	643	635	636	627	627
Education.....	398	409	407	404	388	400
Finance.....	755	751	749	743	739	758
Recreation and Conservation.....	68	70	69	70	69	5
Health.....	1,269	1,262	1,256	1,233	1,219	1,308
Welfare.....	564	568	571	564	552	544
Hospital Insurance Service.....	226	225	221	228	221	217
Labour.....	96	97	98	96	94	88
Lands Service.....	318	323	330	330	329	316
Forest Service.....	939	946	937	938	928	932
Mines.....	99	95	89	89	88	86
Municipal Affairs.....	19	19	19	19	19	18
Provincial Secretary.....	2,613	2,599	2,643	2,722	2,763	2,429
Public Utilities Commission.....	55	54	54	55	55	59
Highways.....	650	642	648	649	641	593
Public Works.....	677	670	657	648	623	623
Railways.....	10	10	10	10	10	7
Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce.....	77	75	77	76	75	80
Totals.....	9,661	9,646	9,655	9,692	9,621	9,270
Average monthly salary.....	\$277.83	\$278.03	\$279.72	\$279.14	\$279.72	\$276.13

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* (Minister of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce) presented the Report of the Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

Mr. *Nimsick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Harding*,—

Whereas the economy of a large part of British Columbia depends on the continued production of lead and zinc:

And whereas the United States Government is being urged to place a tariff on the imports of lead and zinc:

And whereas this would affect seriously the economy of the Province of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the Government should make immediate representation to the Federal Government urging them to do everything possible to prevent this happening.

A debate arose.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

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.

Thursday, January 30th, 1958.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Dowding*, Bill (No. 15) intituled the "Lord's Day (British Columbia) Act" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

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

The following petitions were *Ordered* to be received:—

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Public Library."

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria."

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—the petition of David Sigler, John Arthur MacLennan, and Alfred Thomas Clarke, all of Vancouver, B.C., for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate British Columbia Life & Casualty Company."

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—the petition of British Pacific Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—the petition of Canadian Western Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Canadian Western Insurance Company Act, 1955.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter.'"

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, the following question standing under his name on the Order Paper was withdrawn:—

1. What was the total cost, including land acquisition and access roads, of (a) the Oak Street—Middle Arm Bridge, (b) the Agassiz—Rosedale Bridge, and (c) the Nelson Bridge?

2. What sum has to this date been spent on (a) the Deas Tunnel, (b) the Second Narrows Bridge, (c) the Kelowna—Westside Bridge, and what is the estimated final cost in each case?

3. Since they were opened, what has been the monthly toll receipts at (a) the Agassiz—Rosedale Bridge, (b) the Oak Street Bridge, and (c) the Nelson Bridge?

4. During 1957, what were the monthly toll receipts on the Lions Gate Bridge?

Mr. *Carnell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

Is the Minister prepared to tell the House what resulted from a special survey of coal carried out this past summer in the Pine River area of the Peace, to whom were the samples taken on that survey sent, and for what purpose?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“Samples of coal were taken and sent to the Department in Victoria and to the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys in Ottawa to determine the coking qualities of the coal.”

Mr. *Carnell* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following question:—

Have any inquiries been made of your Department concerning possible development of the limestone deposits in the Pine River area of the Peace River Block?

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* replied as follows:—

“No.”

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 10.22 p.m.

Friday, January 31st, 1958.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *McLellan*.

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

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 14) intituled “An Act to facilitate the Enforcement of Maintenance Orders.”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bulk Sales Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Foundation Act.’”

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Premier) presented the Twelfth Annual Report of the Milk Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1957.

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

1. How many milk pasteurizing plants were brought into operation in British Columbia in each of the years 1952 to 1957, inclusive?
2. How many milk pasteurizing plants discontinued operating and closed down in each of those years?
3. How many milk pasteurizing plants are now operating in British Columbia?

The Hon. *N. P. Steacy* replied as follows:—

“ 1. In 1952, seven; in 1953, eight; in 1954, four; in 1955, four; in 1956, two; and in 1957, three.

“ 2. In 1952, sixteen; in 1953, four; in 1954, six; in 1955, six; in 1956, nine; and in 1957, four.

“ 3. Seventy-seven.”

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

1. What was the number of licences issued to manufacture oleomargarine in each of the years 1952 to 1957, inclusive?
2. What was the production, in pounds, of oleomargarine in each of those years?

The Hon. *N. P. Steacy* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Five in 1952, 1953, and 1954 and four in 1955, 1956, and 1957.

“ 2. In 1952, 8,440,866 pounds; in 1953, 8,766,733 pounds; in 1954, 9,917,526 pounds; in 1955, 9,210,099 pounds; in 1956, 10,030,107 pounds; and in 1957, 12,247,112 pounds.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Monday, February 3rd, 1958.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. I. Avery*.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Bryan* made a statement respecting his party affiliation in the House.

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Labour Relations Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

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

The debate continued.

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

The following papers were presented by the Hon. *W. D. Black* (Provincial Secretary):—

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements by the Capital Improvement District Commission for the Period ended March 31st, 1957.

Fourth Interim Report of His Honour Judge Arthur E. Lord on the Inquiry into the Allotment of Doukhobor Lands in the Province of British Columbia, dated June 28th, 1957.

Twenty-second Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1957.

Second Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1957.

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

What was the number of (a) dairy cows, (b) dairy heifers, and (c) calves (beef and dairy) in (i) all of Canada and (ii) British Columbia in each of the years 1952 to 1957, inclusive?

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

"(a) British Columbia cattle numbers, 1952-57:—

" 1952: Dairy cows, 84,000; heifers (dairy), 26,600; heifers (beef), 28,900; and all calves, 80,000.

" 1953: Dairy cows, 94,000; heifers (dairy), 26,000; heifers (beef), 31,000; and all calves, 81,000.

" 1954: Dairy cows, 100,000; heifers (dairy), 27,000; heifers (beef), 31,000; and all calves, 86,000.

" 1955: Dairy cows, 102,000; heifers (dairy), 26,500; heifers (beef), 31,000; and all calves, 89,000.

" 1956: Dairy cows, 90,157; heifers (dairy), 21,952; heifers (beef), 37,873; and all calves, 100,048.

" 1957: Dairy cows, 87,500; heifers (dairy), 20,500; heifers (beef), 30,000; and all calves, 92,000.

"(b) Canada (not including Newfoundland) cattle numbers, 1952-57:—

" 1952: Dairy cows, 2,968,000; heifers (dairy), heifers (beef), and all calves, not available; cattle population figures prior to 1953 did not include calf numbers.

" 1953: Dairy cows, 3,146,200; heifers (dairy), 941,400; heifers (beef), 665,400; and all calves, 2,446,700.

" 1954: Dairy cows, 3,233,000; heifers (dairy), 907,500; heifers (beef), 664,000; and all calves, 2,490,900.

" 1955: Dairy cows, 3,312,300; heifers (dairy), 886,500; heifers (beef), 672,200; and all calves, 2,607,000.

“ 1956: Dairy cows, 3,159,974; heifers (dairy), 728,644; heifers (beef), 786,277; and all calves, 2,908,901.

“ 1957: Dairy cows, 3,147,000; heifers (dairy), 700,600; heifers (beef), 809,000; and all calves, 2,973,000.”

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

1. Was the letter reading as follows from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, addressed to municipal and Provincial collectors and dated July 17th, 1957, sent with the knowledge of the Minister:—

Office of the Deputy Minister,
Victoria, B.C., July 17th, 1957.

To Municipal and Provincial Collectors:

Re “ Provincial Home-owner Grant Act.”

Collectors generally have done a commendable job in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act. However, there does appear to be insufficient uniformity, when affording the tax credit, in the number of single sleeping or boarding-house rooms, permitted within a building primarily devoted by the resident owner to his ordinary domicile.

The question at issue here is, what is a logical, equitable, and readily administrable dividing line between a primarily residential dwelling (or dwelling-store fully occupied by the owner) and such residential buildings which have acquired a commercial income nature to be without the intent of the Act? Obviously the amount of money received by the owner from such operations in the form of rental and (or) ability to treat his property taxes as an expense of operation are relevant criteria.

For the first approximation, it was suggested at the Municipal Officers' Association May meeting that municipal boarding and rooming house licensing by-laws may provide the logical “ measuring stick ” or dividing line between a primarily residential or commercial rental operation. It has since been observed that there is a substantial variation in municipal rooming or boarding house licensing by-laws, insofar as the number of rented single rooms permitted without licensing required.

It has been decided that the Province will reimburse any municipality which affords the tax credit of up to \$28 on the current year property taxes where a resident owner, that is otherwise eligible under the Statute, is not renting more than three single sleeping or boarding house rooms. An owner occupying as “ his household ” an otherwise eligible residence, who rents part of his single housekeeping unit (or suite) will be deemed to be a non-commercial operation where not more than three rooms are so devoted (with or without plumbing and cooking facilities within the single room). Such eligible residences should be afforded the tax credit of up to \$28 on the current year property taxes thereon where the necessary application is completed.

Residences that have more than three single rooms rented should be deemed as having a sufficient commercial nature as to be without the intent of the Act.

The Comptroller-General will reimburse any municipality where the collector affords the tax credit under the circumstances outlined in this letter and

such tax credits are included in the certificates to the Comptroller-General under section 14.

W. F. VEITCH,
*Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance
and Director of Tax Research.*

2. Under what authority was the direction contained in the letter given to collectors?

3. Where in the relevant Statute and (or) regulations is any reference made to non-commercial operations?

The Hon. *W. D. Black* replied as follows:—

“ 1. This matter is not under the jurisdiction of my Department.

“ 2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.32 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4th, 1958.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Major *Frank Watson*.

Mr. *Strachan* rose to a point of order respecting the asking of oral questions.

Mr. Speaker, reserving a further statement, ruled that Standing Order 47 (1) did not provide for oral questions and, in accordance with the long established practice of the House and with previous Speakers' decisions, oral questions would be ruled out of order.

On the motion of the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*, it was *Ordered* that Standing Orders be suspended to permit the moving of a motion standing on the Order Paper under his name and numbered 6.

On the motion of the Hon. *N. P. Steacy*, seconded by the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, it was *Ordered*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and to report its findings to this House.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

1. Have any negotiations been carried out between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and the Northern Alberta Railway to connect the two systems at Dawson Creek?
2. If so, when were these negotiations carried out and what were the results?
3. Has consideration ever been given to utilizing the Northern Alberta Railway station as a union station?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. A meeting was held on August 20th, 1957, at Dawson Creek, B.C., between officials of both railways at which an amicable settlement was reached for interchange of traffic.

“ 3. No.”

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

1. What is the assessed value of (a) land and (b) improvements of Provincial Crown properties within the boundaries of (i) City of Victoria, (ii) Municipality of Saanich, (iii) Municipality of Oak Bay, and (iv) Township of Esquimalt?

2. What property taxes were paid to each of the foregoing municipal bodies in the years 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957?

3. What was the depreciated replacement value of the foregoing improvements as of December 31st, 1956?

4. What is the amount of insurance coverage carried by the Provincial Government on the foregoing improvements?

5. Is the stated insurance coverage carried by a Provincial insurance fund or by private insurance companies?

6. If carried by private insurance companies, state (a) amount of coverage by Canadian companies and (b) amount of coverage by foreign companies.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1 and 2. Available from the assessment and taxation rolls of the four municipalities cited.

“ 3. Provincial Crown improvements not valued on a depreciated replacement value basis.

“ 4. *Nil*.

“ 5 and 6. *See answer to No. 4.*”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Is the W. S. Clancey, whose name appears on pages 175 and 255 of the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1957, one and the same as the W. E. S. Clancey who frequently accompanies the Premier on trips?

2. What remuneration and what travelling expenses were paid to W. E. S. Clancey in 1957?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. The W. S. Clancey referred to is a permanent employee of the Department of Highways.

“ 2. Up to March 31st, 1957. *See Public Accounts.*”

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

What is the estimated maximum load which can be carried over the Pacific Great Eastern Railway bridge at the Peace River by train when rail traffic commences to Fort St. John or Taylor Flat?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ Three hundred and thirty thousand pounds on six-axle depressed flats.”

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

During 1957 what further steps have been taken in the brucellosis (Bang's disease) control programme?

The Hon. *N. P. Steacy* replied as follows:—

“ 1. On May 10th twenty-one disease-free areas were replaced through Order in Council by ten brucellosis-control areas.

“ 2. On May 10th the Kamloops-North Okanagan Brucellosis-control Area was approved.

“ 3. On October 3rd the Fraser Valley Brucellosis-control Area was approved. Calthood vaccination was made compulsory and cattle-owners have been warned that steps must be taken to more effectively reduce the incidence of brucellosis. After June 1st, 1958, any person refusing to adopt calthood vaccination must have the cattle tested for brucellosis and any positives will be branded and isolated and moved from isolation only for immediate slaughter. Where a cattle-owner refuses to do this an Inspector may order the cattle tested and the cost charged to the owner. Also, after June 1st, 1958, no person shall sell, or offer or advertise for sale, except for immediate slaughter, any cattle, and no person shall purchase any such cattle unless accompanied by a 'subsisting certificate.' A 'subsisting certificate' is an official calthood vaccination certificate for cattle under 36 months of age or an official blood-test sheet showing that within thirty days of sale such cattle were negative to the brucellosis agglutination blood test. Just as soon as conditions make it possible the Fraser Valley Brucellosis-control Area will go on a 'test and slaughter' basis; this date depends on how well the first steps of the eradication progress. It is hoped that complete eradication will be achieved within five years.

“ 4. On December 11th the Gulf Islands Brucellosis-control Area was absorbed into the Vancouver Island Brucellosis-control Area, leaving a total of eleven brucellosis-control areas covering the cattle-raising areas of the Province except Central British Columbia and the Peace River Block. Our eradication programme is progressing very satisfactorily.

“ 5. On November 19th the Health of Animals Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture took over four of our areas as brucellosis-control areas, and these are West Kootenay, Vancouver Island (including the Gulf Islands), Pemberton-Sechelt, and McBride.”

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

1. Do construction companies from outside the Province pay the social service tax on equipment used within the Province?

2. If so, do they pay it on both (a) old and (b) new equipment?

3. Are there any conditions by which they may have the tax refunded?

4. If so, what are the conditions?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) and (b) Yes.

“ 3. No.

“ 4. See answer to No. 3.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.57 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. J. Jones*.

Mr. Speaker made a statement, as follows:—

February 5th, 1958.

Honourable Members,—In order to facilitate the business of the House with reference to the form in which questions and motions are received by the table, I would like to direct the attention of the members to what is proper and permissible.

The asking of questions is exhaustively dealt with in a learned decision of Mr. Speaker Davie in the Journals of 1932, on March 2nd, pages 22–29. The general principle stated is that questions are restricted to the matter of obtaining from Ministers and members information not otherwise obtainable, the object of a question being to obtain, and not give, information. Questions must contain no statements of fact not necessary to make them intelligible.

In the British House of Commons, in Ottawa, and in many of the Provinces preambles to motions are not allowed. In this House preambles are allowed but must be limited to concise statements of undisputed facts. Expressions of opinion, legal opinions, citation of matters or documents not before the House, argument or provocative statements, for example, are not in accordance with parliamentary usage and practice.

If the honourable members will observe these rules, both the public interest will be served and the business of the House facilitated, but strict conformance will be required.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Mineral Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 22) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Workmen’s Compensation Act.’”

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

The debate continued.

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

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

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Victoria Public Library" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of The Corporation of the City of Victoria for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Canadian Western Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Canadian Western Insurance Company Act, 1955,'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of British Pacific Insurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913,'" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of David Sigler, John Arthur MacLennan, and Alfred Thomas Clarke, solicitors, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate British Columbia Life & Casualty Company" have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 6.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 5th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" have

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

What was the number of milk shippers on the records of the Provincial Milk Board at December 31st in each of the years 1952 to 1957, inclusive?

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

“ In 1952, 4,357; in 1953, 4,778; in 1954, 4,317; in 1955, 3,961; in 1956, 3,066; and in 1957, 2,636. In explanation of the decrease in the number of shippers from 1952 to 1957, inclusive, it has not greatly affected the production of milk because of improved methods and increased efficiency, aided by the Department of Agriculture. Sales of fluid milk in Vancouver and Vancouver Island Milk Board areas, 1952–57, inclusive: 1952, 226,839,070 pounds; 1953, 235,484,085 pounds; 1954, 245,594,012 pounds; 1955, 256,134,279 pounds; 1956, 275,433,932 pounds; and 1957, 263,606,920 pounds. Total milk production in the Province, 1952–57, inclusive: 1952, 657,609,000 pounds; 1953, 725,126,000 pounds; 1954, 769,219,000 pounds; 1955, 768,851,000 pounds; 1956, 747,866,000 pounds; and 1957 (estimated), 750,000,000 pounds.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 6th, 1958.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Cecil Barner*.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 50) intituled “An Act relating to the Victoria Public Library.”

On the motion of Mr. *Gregory*—Bill (No. 51) intituled “An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.”

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 52) intituled “An Act to incorporate British Columbia Life & Casualty Company.”

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 53) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Pacific Casualty Company Act, 1913.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 54) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Canadian Western Insurance Company Act, 1955.’”

On the motion of Mr. *Price*—Bill (No. 55) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Charter.’”

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

The debate continued.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—36.

Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Stacy</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Squire</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Gregory</i>	<i>Eddie</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Gibbs</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Turner</i>
<i>Cox</i>	<i>Dowding</i>		

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Friday, February 7th, 1958.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *F. E. H. James*.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1956–57 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

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

F. M. Ross,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1959;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1958;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1957, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
February 6th, 1958.*

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* moved, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

Pursuant to Order, Mr. *Price* presented the First Report of the Committee on Labour, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1958.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

On January 24th the House moved that the emergency facing the City of Fernie be given first consideration by the Select Standing Committee on Labour.

Your Committee has met and heard submissions from (a) the Mayor and Council of the City of Fernie, (b) Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company Limited, (c) United Mine Workers' Union, and (d) Fernie Chamber of Commerce and, after consideration, submits the following:—

"Whereas the Committee recognizes the City of Fernie as an emergency area because of closure by Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company Limited of Elk River Coal Mine, your Committee recommends immediate public and other Government works as may reasonably be done to alleviate suffering and hardship of those unemployed in the City of Fernie at this time."

BERT PRICE, *Chairman.*
G. L. GIBSON, *Secretary.*

The report was read and received.

Mr. *Gregory* asked leave of the House that the Rules be suspended to permit the adoption of the report forthwith.

Leave was not granted.

Mr. *Bruch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture the following question:—
How much revenue is derived by the Department from mink-ranch licences?

The Hon. *N. P. Steacy* replied as follows:—

“Mink-farm licence fees, 1957, \$4,820.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.08 p.m.

Monday, February 10th, 1958.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Peter Neave*.

Mr. *Harding* asked leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the curtailment of service by the Canadian Pacific Railway on the Kettle Valley Railway line between Nelson and Penticton, which is causing grave dislocation to the economy of the areas affected.

Leave was not granted.

Upon nine members rising in their places, pursuant to Order, the Speaker called upon Mr. *Harding*.

Mr. *Harding* moved that the House do now adjourn to consider a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the curtailment of service by the Canadian Pacific Railway on the Kettle Valley Railway line between Nelson and Penticton, which is causing grave dislocation to the economy of the areas affected.

A debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, it was *Ordered* that the question be now put.

The original motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—14.

Messieurs

Bryan
Gregory
Gibbs
Cox

Squire
Eddie
Gargrave
Dowding

Uphill
Nimsick
Haggen, Mrs.

Harding
Strachan
Turner

NAYS—34.

Messieurs

<i>Speare</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Roche</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Campbell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Steaey</i>	<i>Sharp</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Bennett</i>		

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 6.01 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

ONE MINUTE PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, Mr. *Gregory* tabled a copy of his speech.

On the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* (Minister of Health and Welfare) presented the Report on Vital Statistics in the Province of British Columbia for the Year 1956.

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Premier and President of the Executive Council the following questions:—

1. What toll is charged for automobiles crossing the Nelson Bridge?
2. Are persons residing on one side of the Kootenay River offered the privilege of buying toll tickets at a lower price than persons residing on the other and, if so, why is there such a difference?

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* replied as follows:—

"1. Single trip, 50 cents; weekly pass, \$1.50 for fifteen trips; each additional trip, on presentation of stub, 10 cents; twenty tickets (thirty-day limit), \$5; twenty tickets (no time-limit), \$8.

"2. No."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.29 p.m.