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Tuesday, February 2nd, 1943.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Twentieth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable WILLIAM CULHAM WOODWARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 23rd day of December, 1942,

His Honour WILLIAM CULHAM WOODWARD, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

I welcome you to the Second Session of the Twentieth Parliament of British Columbia.

Since the Legislature last convened, the people of this Province have suffered several grievous tragedies, foremost among them being the loss sustained through the untimely death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent while on active service. His leadership during the troublous times through which the Empire has passed was an inspiration to all. His demise caused deep sorrow in the hearts of the people, and I am gratified to learn that my Government, on behalf of the people of British Columbia, has suitably expressed its condolences to the Royal Family in their bereavement.

British Columbia, in common with other Provinces throughout the Dominion, has suffered many casualties among her sons and daughters serving with the Navy, Army, and Air Forces during the last twelve months. This was particularly so at Dieppe, where brave Canadians wrote another glorious page in an already brilliant history of gallant deeds wrought in the cause of human welfare. To those who have been stricken through the loss of those nearest and dearest to them my Government offers its sympathy, and expresses the hope that the triumph of the cause in which our men and women lost their lives so valiantly will bring solace to the sorrowing.

Since you last met, the Province has lost a faithful public servant through the death of one of my Cabinet Ministers, the Honourable Rolf W. Bruhn—a man whose kindly disposition and unselfish service to others endeared him to the hearts of all.

I regret to record the passing of Mr. Harry Johnston, member for Revelstoke. His unexpected demise removes from our midst a very able legislator.

British Columbia again had the pleasure and honour of receiving a visit from His Excellency the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. On this occasion, His Excellency and Her Royal Highness devoted much of their time to visiting the men and women in the fighting forces, offering inspiration and encouragement.

Events in the theatre of war during the last twelve months give rise to the hope that the United Nations have assumed the offensive we have all been anticipating so eagerly, and which will lead, in the not too distant future, to total victory.

Much remains to be done. There lie ahead immeasurable sacrifices before we can lay down our arms and discuss the terms of peace by which it is hoped to free the world of a recurrence of the tragedies and carnage that have beset nations on all sides during the past four years.

We must address ourselves to this task, not counting the cost. We must remain resolute even though we have to face unspeakable ordeals in the days to come. Thus may we reach that haven to which our gallant men and women and our great leaders in the world of international affairs are leading us—a world of peace in which to live.

Deeply conscious of the great responsibility that war brings with it, my Government has pursued its endeavours to supplement its contribution to the nation's war programme with undiminishing vigour. This policy will be sustained until the last shot has been fired and the last subjugated nation has been liberated.

The welfare of our men and women after war has ceased is of vital concern to my Government. The Post-war Rehabilitation Council, formation of which was provided for at the last session of the Legislature, has worked diligently during the intervening months, and will submit a report on its studies.

During the past year the "Workmen's Compensation Act" has been the subject of an inquiry by a Royal Commission, and, as a consequence of its findings, remedial measures will be introduced for consideration of the Legislature.

For the betterment of employer-employee relationships and general improvement of workmen's conditions, important amendments to existing labour legislation will be introduced.

As preliminary steps in connection with post-war reconstruction and planning, two important proposals will be placed before you. Legislation will be introduced asking for authority to obtain a loan to enable the carrying-out of a comprehensive programme of public works, and action will be taken to establish a committee to survey and investigate the feasibility of developing hydro-electric power for the electrification of rural areas.

My Government has learned with gratification that the Dominion Government proposes to take steps toward inaugurating a broad system of social security; but this Assembly will be asked to endorse a petition requesting the National Government to establish immediately the health insurance plan.

Legislation will be introduced enabling the Government to advance an interest-free loan to encourage the establishment of a fibre flax industry to meet the shortage of this product created by the war.

Further provision will be made to lighten the cost of education in unorganized territories.

You will be asked to reform the system of the lower Courts of Justice to enable the establishment of a Court of Domestic Relations.

Minor legislation of a character designed to improve existing Acts in the interest and well-being of the people will be submitted.

The Public Accounts will be presented and Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you.

I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may rest upon your labours.

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

Prayers by the Rt. Rev. *H. E. Sexton*, Bishop of British Columbia.

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

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Salmon Arm was read, as follows:—

“PROVINCIAL SECRETARY’S OFFICE,  
“VICTORIA, January 25th, 1943.

“Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death on the 30th day of August, 1942, of the Honourable Rolf Wallgren Bruhn, a member thereof for the Salmon Arm Electoral District; and

“Whereas on the 16th day of October, 1942, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“Now I do hereby certify that on the 31st day of December, 1942, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *George Faulds Stirling* to represent the Salmon Arm Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“P. WALKER,  
“Deputy Provincial Secretary.

“To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Salmon Arm be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *George Faulds Stirling*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by Mr. *H. E. Winch* (Leader of the Opposition) and Mrs. *Steeves* (member for North Vancouver), and took his seat.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, Bill (No. 1) intituled “An Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to prohibit Children in Unorganized Territory being on the Streets after Nightfall” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*, it was *Resolved*,—

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 the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, it was *Resolved*,—

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. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Carson*, it was *Resolved*,—

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;

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 Messrs. *Kenney, Straith, Gillis, Bennett, and H. E. Winch.*

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Maitland* (Attorney-General)—

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1941; together with the Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Period ended September 30th, 1942.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* (Provincial Secretary)—

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson* (Minister of Labour)—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, Minister of Lands)—

Annual Report of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Return of Lands exchanged under Chapter 144, R.S.B.C. 1936, from December 2nd, 1941, to January 30th, 1943.

Annual Report of the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Lands and Surveys Branches of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, Minister of Municipal Affairs)—

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier)—

Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Third Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 64 of the "Public Utilities Act" for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Second Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to Section 36 of the "Motor Carrier Act," for the Licence-year 1941-42.

Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* (Minister of Agriculture)—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Minister of Finance)—

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Public Works)—

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* (Minister of Railways)—

Annual Report of the Railway Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson* (Minister of Mines)—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Return pursuant to section 14 (4), "Department of Mines Act," chapter 177, R.S.B.C. 1936.

By the Hon. Mr. *Carson* (Minister of Trade and Industry)—

Annual Report of the Department of Trade and Industry for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

By the Hon. Mr. *Perry* (Minister of Education)—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year 1940-41.

Report of the Public Library Commission, 1941.

Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year 1941.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House place on record its heartfelt sorrow and deep sense of loss in the death of the Honourable Rolf W. Bruhn, who for so many years served the public faithfully as alderman, private member for the Salmon Arm Constituency in the Provincial Legislature, and as Minister of Public Works from 1928 to 1933 under a Conservative Government, and in a like capacity in 1942 under a Coalition Administration:

Further, That this Legislature record its appreciation of his great gifts to the welfare of this Province, and in doing so recognize the sincerity of personal character which won for him the respect of all who knew him:

And further, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Bruhn and members of the bereaved family.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House express its profound regret at the death of Harry Johnston, who, for almost six years, was member for the Electoral District of Revelstoke:

Further, That this Legislature place on record its appreciation of his unselfish public service:

And further, That the Clerk be instructed to convey to Mrs. Johnston and family 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.

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

And then the House adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

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## Wednesday, February 3rd, 1943.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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. *Gillis* (Yale) moved, seconded by Mr. *Eyres* (Chilliwack),—

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

“We, His 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. *H. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

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## Thursday, February 4th, 1943.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Hugh McLeod*.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Interim Report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Interim Report of the Post-war Rehabilitation Council, as presented to this House to-day, be printed forthwith and distributed to the members of this House; and the King’s Printer be authorized to print a sufficient number of copies to meet any demand for same.

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. *Pattullo*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the Provincial Fisheries Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Workmen’s Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Administration of the "Mothers' Allowances Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

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## Friday, February 5th, 1943.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. A. E. Whitehouse.

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 Mrs. *Hodges*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the following papers:—

Annual Report of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

Annual Report of the Agricultural Credit Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.38 p.m.

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## Monday, February 8th, 1943.

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THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Penfold*.

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 Mrs. *Jamieson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9th, 1943.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. *Paton*—

Petition from the Vancouver General Hospital, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902."

By Mrs. *Hodges*—

Petition from the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Trustee Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of acquiring certain powers with respect to property and of declaring its rights and powers in relation thereto.

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 the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Mr. *Kenney* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 2nd instant, as follows:—

#### REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 9th, 1943.

#### MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed 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. *Straith*, *Asselstine*, *Gillis*, *R. H. Carson*, *Mowat*, *Finland*, *R. C. MacDonald*, *Paton*, *H. E. Winch*, Mrs. *Steeves*, Messrs. *Lefaux* and *Turner*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Kenney*, *Leary*, Mrs. *Hodges*, Messrs. *Straith*, *Putnam*, *R. H. Carson*, *King*, *Connelly*, *Bennett*, *R. C. MacDonald*, *Love*, *H. E. Winch*, *Cameron*, *Lefaux*, *Webber*, and *MacNeil*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Putnam*, *Connelly*, *Braden*, *LeBourdais*, *R. H. Carson*, *Gillis*, *King*, *R. C. MacDonald*, *Eyres*, *Bennett*, *Shepherd*, *Herridge*, *Webber*, *Guthrie*, and *Stirling*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Paton*, *Putnam*, *Asselstine*, *Leary*, *Kenney*, *Connelly*, *Mowat*, *Braden*, *LeBourdais*, *Finland*, *Green*, *Love*, *Guthrie*, *Cameron*, *Herridge*, *Webber*, *Turner*, and *Uphill*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Leary*, *Connelly*, *Mowat*, *LeBourdais*, *Finland*, *King*, *Bennett*, *Cameron*, *Guthrie*, and *Gargrave*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *R. H. Carson*, *Straith*, *Putnam*, *Eyres*, *R. C. MacDonald*, *Green*, *Love*, Mrs. *Rolston*, Mr. *Paton*, Mrs. *MacInnis*, Mr. *Shepherd*, Mrs. *Jamieson*, Mrs. *Steeves*, and Mr. *Stirling*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Gillis*, *LeBourdais*, *Kenney*, Mrs. *Hodges*, Messrs. *Asselstine*, *Straith*, *Love*, *Paton*, *R. C. MacDonald*, *Bennett*, Mrs. *Rolston*, Messrs. *E. E. Winch*, *Cameron*, *Gargrave*, *MacNeil*, *Guthrie*, *Turner*, and *Uphill*.



SOCIAL WELFARE. — Mrs. *Rolston*, Messrs. *Gillis*, *Leary*, Mrs. *Hodges*, Messrs. *Braden*, *R. H. Carson*, *King*, *Green*, *Paton*, Mrs. *Jamieson*, Mrs. *MacInnis*, Mrs. *Steeves*, Messrs. *E. E. Winch* and *Stirling*.

Respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman*.

The report was taken as read and received.

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

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

W. C. WOODWARD,

*Lieutenant-Governor*.

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

*Government House,*

*February 6th, 1943.*

*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. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Old-age Pension Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the following papers:—

Report of the Commissioner relating to the Workmen's Compensation Board, 1942.

Sixth Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Health Insurance Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.

Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

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

That a Return be filed with this Legislature by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works of documents, reports, and correspondence relative to Commotion Creek oil-drilling surveys and contracts.

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

1. How many inmates of each Provincial Mental Hospital were examined during the past year by members of the Medical Appeal Boards?

2. How many were released on probation?

3. How many of the latter are still outside the hospital?

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

"1. Sixty-two.

"2. One.

"3. One."

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

What was the total cost to the Government of the Report of Justice A. M. Harper on the operations of the "Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act"?

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

"1941-42, \$9,685.10; 1942-43, \$6,697.88; total, \$16,382.98."

*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 5.45 p.m.

## Wednesday, February 10th, 1943.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Ven. Archdeacon A. E. *deL. Nunns*.

The following petitions were received:—

Petition from the Vancouver General Hospital, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902."

Petition from the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Trustee Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of acquiring certain powers with respect to property and of declaring its rights and powers in relation thereto.

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 Mrs. *Steeves*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Report of the Commissioner to inquire into the Police Administration of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster.

Return pursuant to section 193 of the "Provincial Elections Act."

By the Hon. Mr. *Perry*—

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

The Hon. Mr. *Maitland* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. E. E. *Winch*:—

1. What are the ratings of the staff at the Land Registry Office, New Westminster, and how many are in the respective ratings?
2. What are the years of service of each member of the staff?

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

1. Is it the policy of the Department to include in the bound volume of Sessional Papers the Annual Report of the Provincial Police and Inspector of Provincial Gaols?
2. If yes, why was it omitted from the 1941–42 volumes?

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

“1 and 2. The Annual Report of the Commissioner of Provincial Police has not been included in the Sessional Papers since the Report of 1926.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.42 p.m.

## Thursday, February 11th, 1943.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *T. H. McAllister*.

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. *R. C. MacDonald*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1942.

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

Since February 11th, 1942, what steps, if any, have been taken relative to the Boys' Industrial School: (a) To make the indeterminate sentence the rule, (b) to have the length of detention determined by the Superintendent of the School, and (c) to change the present site and provide suitable accommodation elsewhere?

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

“(a.) Since February 11th, 1942, all boys committed to the Industrial School for Boys have been on indeterminate sentences, with one exception, which was a boy who for special reasons was committed on September 23rd for a period of three months. The improvement in regard to the indeterminate sentence was probably effected by a letter sent to all Juvenile Court Judges by the Attorney-General, and by closer co-operation between the Superintendent of the School and the local Juvenile Courts. (b.) The length of time a boy remains in the Industrial School depends upon a recommendation for discharge, made by the Superintendent when he is satisfied the boy can no longer benefit by the school and there is a satisfactory place to which he may be sent. The plan, before being presented to the Court, must be approved by the Superintendent of Neglected Children, and the final decision rests in the hands of the Judge of the Juvenile Court. (c.) Alterations have been made to the present buildings to meet temporary needs. The selection of a different site has been under consideration, but is dependent upon many other factors, which have not yet been determined but which are being explored.”

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

1. What is the (a) estimated bed accommodation and (b) number of inmates now in residence at (i.) Provincial Infirmary, Marpole; (ii.) Old Men's Home, Kamloops; and (iii.) Old People's Home, Port Coquitlam?

2. Are there waiting-lists for admission in any of the foregoing institutions?

3. If yes, what number in each case?

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

"1. (i.) (a) and (b). Provincial Infirmary, Marpole: The capacity now being reduced from previous number of 164 to between 140 and 145, according to types of admission. (ii.) Old Men's Home, Kamloops (Provincial Home, Kamloops): (a) 150 and (b) 150. (iii.) Old People's Home, Port Coquitlam (Home for the Aged): (a) 150 and (b) 176.

"2. Yes.

"3. Provincial Infirmary, Marpole, 70; Old Men's Home, Kamloops (Provincial Home, Kamloops), 2; Old People's Home, Port Coquitlam (Home for the Aged), 16."

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

1. Is there a rock-crusher at Essondale?

2. If yes, when and from whom purchased, and the cost of same?

3. When was it last used?

4. Is there sufficient work at this institution to warrant such equipment being retained there?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. June, 1939; Willard Equipment Company; cost, \$9,347.60.

"3. June 18th, 1942.

"4. Yes; but only until stock of field-rock now being accumulated is crushed."

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

1. Is there a road-grading machine at Oakalla?

2. If yes, when and from whom purchased, and the cost of same?

3. When was it last used?

4. Is there sufficient work at this institution to warrant such equipment being retained there?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. March 30th, 1940; Willard Equipment Company; cost, \$2,958.50.

"3. February 8th, 1943.

"4. The joint use of a road-grader when required at all the institutions in the vicinity justifies the retention of such a machine for the present."

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

1. How many mine-workers were employed in and around the coal-mines of the Province in the year 1930?

2. How many were employed in these mines in the year 1940?

3. How many are there employed in the coal-mines of the Province at the present time?

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

"1. 4,645.

"2. 2,874.

"3. Approximately 2,365."

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

1. What number of patients are at present in each Provincial Mental Hospital?
2. What is the estimated bed capacity of each hospital?
3. What number of physicians, exclusive of the Medical Superintendent, are employed in each hospital (a) whole time and (b) part time?
4. How many physicians are engaged in ward duties and what number of patients have they individually under their care?
5. Does the Medical Superintendent at Essondale do ward duty?

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

- "1. Essondale, 3,060; New Westminster, 601; Saanich, 282.
- "2. Essondale, 1,864; New Westminster, 371; Saanich, 275.
- "3. (a) Essondale, 6; New Westminster, 2; Saanich, none. (b) Essondale, none; New Westminster, 1; Saanich, 1.
- "4. Essondale, 6 and Medical Superintendent: Dr. Gee, 926 patients; Dr. Jackson (insulin), 20 patients; Dr. Davidson, 253 patients; Dr. Caunt, 557 patients; Dr. Read, 89 patients; Dr. Novak, 494 patients; Medical Superintendent, 721 patients. New Westminster, 2; Dr. Sauriol, 344 patients; Dr. Benwell, 257 patients. Saanich: Part-time physician, 282 patients.
- "5. Yes."

Mr. *Eyres* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Were special classes given by the Government to prepare certain candidates for Social Service work during 1942?
2. If so, how many?
3. How many of these were returned men?
4. What was the *per capita* cost of training these men?

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

- "1. Yes; for departmental officials only.
- "2. Nine.
- "3. Five returned men; of others, two under age last war and one a woman.
- "4. \$131.55."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.47 p.m.

Friday, February 12th, 1943.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *O. L. Jull*.

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 the Hon. Mr. *Perry*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the following papers:—

Return pursuant to section 103 (4) of the "Taxation Act," R.S.B.C. 1936.

Return pursuant to section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, during the year 1941.

Return pursuant to section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, for the year 1942.

Return by Official Administrators pursuant to section 53 of the "Administration Act," chapter 5, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Statement of Unclaimed Money Deposits pursuant to chapter 295, R.S.B.C. 1936, "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act."

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented a Return pursuant to section 14 (4) of the "Department of Mines Act," chapter 177, R.S.B.C. 1936.

On the motion of Mr. *Kenney*, seconded by Mr. *Bennett*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the honourable member for Rossland-Trail, Mr. *Herridge*, be added to the Committee on Forestry and Fisheries.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5 p.m.

## Monday, February 15th, 1943.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. W. McKinnon*.

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. *E. E. Winch*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

### REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 15th, 1943.

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 Vancouver General Hospital for a Private Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902'" have been complied with and your Committee therefore recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
February 15th, 1943.

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 Trustee Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for a Private Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Trustee Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada" have been complied with and your Committee therefore recommends that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. STRAITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Paton*, Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver General Hospital Act, 1902'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On the motion of Mrs. *Hodges*, Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act respecting the Trustee Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Hon. Mr. *Anscomb* presented a Return pursuant to the "Public Works Act" for the year ended October 31st, 1942.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

Tuesday, February 16th, 1943.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Adjutant *McInnes* (Salvation Army).

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. *Putnam*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1941-42 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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 the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Deserted Wives’ Maintenance Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 9) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Interpretation Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to extend certain Benefits, Rights, and Privileges to Members of the Corps of (Civilian) Canadian Fire-fighters for Service in the United Kingdom.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Bills of Sale Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Court of Appeal Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Anscomb*—Bill (No. 16) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Highway Act.’”

Mr. Speaker presented the Annual Report of the Provincial Library for the Year ended December 31st, 1942.

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

(a) When, (b) for what periods, and (c) at what institutions in the vicinity of Oakalla has the road-grading machine located there been used since its purchase?

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

“(a) 1941; (b) April 1st to 14th; (c) Deaf and Blind School, Fourth Avenue, Vancouver (grading playground).

“NOTE.—There is much useful work accomplished by this machine at Oakalla, including the grading and crowning-up of low lands on the farm during dry weather; also for grading the various roads around the institution. During the winter it is used for ploughing snow off these roads. This machine is available for use at any of the institutions in the locality when requested.”

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

1. Has the Government purchased the one parcel of land required for the highway extension known as C Street, extending from the port of entry at Huntingdon to the Trans-Canada Highway?

2. If so, what price was paid for said property?

3. Have definite plans been made for the completion of this important extension?

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

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. Yes.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.46 p.m.



## Wednesday, February 17th, 1943.

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HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Venerable Archdeacon *H. A. Collison*.

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 the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Fifteen million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*February 17th, 1943.*

*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. 17) intituled "An Act to borrow the Sum of Fifteen million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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 the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Employment Agencies Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act authorizing the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to make certain Provisions with respect to Statutory Holidays."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 5) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Welfare Institutions Licensing Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Residence and Responsibility Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Lefeaux*—Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Report of the Royal Commission appointed under the provisions of the "Public Inquiries Act" to investigate and report upon the various schemes established under the authority of the "Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act."

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

1. Is there a maximum age-limit beyond which persons are not employed, or cease to be employed, by the Department of Public Works as (a) maintenance-men, (b) yardmen, (c) storemen, and (d) foremen?

2. If so, what is such maximum age?

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

"1. (a), (b), (c), and (d). No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What, if any, maintenance-work has been done on the Sooke Road since March 31st, 1942?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sum or sums of money were expended on such work?

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

"1. General maintenance such as asphaltic repairs, gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges; also replacement of Lannon Bridge by culvert and fill.

"2. Between Colwood and Sooke.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$8,942.62."

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

1. What, if any, maintenance-work has been done on the Rocky Point Road, Esquimalt District, since March 31st, 1942?

2. Between what points on such road was such work done?

3. Of what did such work consist?

4. What sum or sums of money were expended on such work?

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

"1. General maintenance such as asphaltic repairs, gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges.

"2. Between Metchosin and Rocky Point.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. \$1,654.75.

"NOTE.—Answers to No. 1 and No. 3 do not include new asphaltic mulch pavement from Metchosin, a distance of 1½ miles."

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

1. What cost-of-living bonus, if any, was paid to maintenance-men employed by the Department of Public Works in Esquimalt District during the year commencing March 1st, 1942?

2. If none, why has no such bonus been paid to such men during the period mentioned?

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

"1. None as defined by question (see No. 2).

"2. Rates of pay increased from 40 to 45 cents per hour on June 16th, 1941, and further increased on July 1st, 1942, from 45 to 50 cents per hour."

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

1. What, if any, maintenance-work has been done on the road from Otter Point to Jordan River since March 31st, 1942?
2. Between what points on such road was such work done?
3. Of what did such work consist?
4. What sum or sums of money were expended on such work?

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

- "1. General maintenance such as asphaltic repairs, gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges.
- "2. Otter Point to Jordan River.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. \$8,580.95."

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

1. What, if any, maintenance-work has been done on the Happy Valley Road since March 31st, 1942?
2. Between what points on such road was such work done?
3. Of what did such work consist?
4. What sum or sums of money were expended on such work?

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

- "1. General maintenance such as asphaltic repairs, gravelling, ditching, installation of culverts, and repairs to bridges.
- "2. Between Metchosin and Luxton.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. \$976.88."

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

1. Is it the policy of the Department of the Attorney-General to encourage and assist in the formation of auxiliary police for A.R.P. purposes?
2. If yes, what action has been taken to encourage the formation of same in (a) organized and (b) unorganized areas policed by the Department?
3. In case of an emergency due to (a) invasion or (b) air-raid would the Provincial Police be the superior authority, and would it take over the control of the A.R.P. auxiliary police or disband them?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. About one thousand men have been sworn in as special constables by the local police officers in charge.
- "3. The Provincial Police is the superior police authority at all times within territory over which they exercise jurisdiction."

*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 p.m.

Thursday, February 18th, 1943.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Pike*.

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 the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and, on the motion of Mr. *Lefeaux*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* referred to the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters.

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

W. C. WOODWARD,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*February 10th, 1943.*

*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. 12) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Post-war Rehabilitation 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. *Guthrie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Are there any Mennonite conscientious objectors employed in the Forestry Camps of the Province?
2. If yes, give the number and state the wages they are receiving.
3. How many of these are practical farmers?

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* (Premier) replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Six hundred and twenty-nine conscientious objectors; no record available of number of Mennonites. Daily wages: Labour, 50 cents; straw-boss, 75 cents; sub-foreman, \$1. These salaries are paid by the Dominion Government.

"3. Four hundred and eight claim to have had farming experience. These men, however, pursuant to an agreement, are specifically assigned by the Dominion Government to forest protection and conservation work."

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

1. In what capacity, or capacities, if any, is W. Wishard at present employed by the Department of Public Works in Esquimalt District?
2. When was he first employed in this capacity?
3. In what capacity, if any, was he previously employed by the Department of Public Works?

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

"1. Mr. W. Wishard is not employed, but Mr. W. J. Wishart is employed as construction and warehouse foreman.

"2. September 1st, 1942.

"3. May, 1928, to May, 1930, timekeeper; June, 1930, to June, 1933, construction foreman; August, 1936, to December, 1936, construction foreman, Mines Development Projects; January, 1937, to April, 1938, camp foreman, Otter Point; May, 1938, to October, 1938, construction foreman; November, 1938, to May, 1939, group foreman (in charge of all Public Works Unemployment Relief Camps south of Nanaimo); June, 1939, to February, 1942, warehouse foreman; August, 1942, warehouse foreman; September 1st, 1942, to date, construction and warehouse foreman."

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

1. Were any refunds obtained under the "Old-age Pension Act" from the estates of deceased pensioners during the calendar years 1941 and 1942 respectively?
2. If yes, how much?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. 1941, \$55,674.92; 1942, \$76,150.86."

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

What was the total cost of the recent investigation held by the Public Utilities Commission into the affairs of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company and its subsidiary companies?

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

"Total cost of investigation to December 31st, 1942 (including hearings), \$150,598.63."

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

What is the total tonnage of coal taken out of the No. 8 Mine at Timberland, which is owned by the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd.?

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

"Wellington Mine (No. 8): 1928, 34,652 tons; 1937, 19,952 tons; 1941, 30,355 tons; 1942, 133,958 tons; total, 218,917 tons."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.