

Thursday, December 1st, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. S. R. Dredge.

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 1st, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Upon inquiry into the matter of the Dutch Creek section of the Kingsgate-Radium Highway, which was referred to your Committee by the Legislature under date of November 23rd, 1938, as per Resolution of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, which reads as follows:—

“Whereas the second member for Vancouver East stated that from information which he had an overpayment had been made in connection with the Dutch Creek section of the Kingsgate-Radium Highway.”

We have examined witnesses and contracts in connection therewith, and our unanimous opinion is that a difference of opinion on this work arose between the Department and the Resident Engineer as to the interpretation of the contract between the General Construction Company, Limited, and the Government.

The company was paid in accordance with the interpretation placed upon the contract by the Chief Engineer of the Government. With this decision the Committee does not disagree and consequently no overpayment has been made.

The Committee recommends that in future great care be exercised in drafting and wording specifications and contracts with the view of greater clarity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 29th, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the lists of documents as set out in the letters of the Liquor Control Board, Gordon Wismer, Attorney-General; Public Works, F. M. MacPherson, Minister; Department of Lands, H. Cathcart, Deputy Minister; Department of Railways, G. P. Napier, Deputy Minister; and Provincial Fisheries Department, George J. Alexander, Assistant Commissioner, be received, and that the Departments concerned be requested to refer the documents and papers to the Provincial Archivist for retention or disposal.

HELEN D. SMITH, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Maitland, Bill (No. 10) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Government Liquor Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Mines Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Trade and Industry Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 32) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 39) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Statute of Limitations Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act.'"

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" was *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,630 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1940.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$331,592 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1940.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$188,770 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1940.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$28,218 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1940.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 1st, 1938.

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. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board 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. MacPherson presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Maitland:—

1. How many ferries are operated in this Province by the Government?
2. Between what points do such ferries run?
3. What toll, if any, is charged for the use of the said ferries?
4. How many ferries are subsidized in this Province by the Government?
5. Between what points do such ferries run?
6. What toll, if any, is charged for the use of the said ferries?
7. What is the amount of the subsidy in each case?

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

1. Were tenders invited by advertisement for the automobile testing building, Bidwell and Georgia Streets, Vancouver?
2. If yes, in which papers did the advertisement appear?
3. What date did said advertisement appear?
4. How much time was allowed between the time the advertisement first appeared and the final date for submitting tenders?

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. The Vancouver Sun, Vancouver Daily Province, and Journal of Commerce.
- "3. June 20th, 1938.
- "4. Five and one-half days."

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

1. Was the Lillooet Bridge, in the Maple Ridge District, repaired or replaced this year?
2. If yes, what was the cost?
3. If yes, were tenders called for the work? Give names of tenderers and amounts of each tender.

The Hon. Mr. MacPherson replied as follows:—

- "1. Replaced this year.
- "2. \$7,753.28.
- "3. No; work done by day labour."

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

1. Upon what basis is the value of fresh milk estimated by the Department when compiling such figures relating to this commodity, as they appear on page 12 of the Agricultural Statistics Report for 1937?

2. Similar information as requested in question No. 1, but substituting in place of "fresh milk" the following commodities: (a) Butter, on page 12, Agricultural Statistics Report, 1937; (b) apples, on page 7, Agricultural Statistics Report, 1937; (c) potatoes, on page 14, Agricultural Statistics Report, 1937; (d) flour, on page 37, Agricultural Statistics Report, 1937; (e) flour, on page 38, Agricultural Statistics Report, 1937; (f) wheat, on page 37, Agricultural Statistics Report, 1937; (g) wheat, on page 38, Agricultural Statistics Report, 1937?

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

"1. Average wholesale values as given in annual reports of dairy factories.

"2. (a) As in No. 1; (b) average shipping-point values as given in returns from fruit shipping and packing organizations; (c) based on monthly reports as received from Provincial crop correspondents and prices as taken from the monthly price cards of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics; (d) average price laid down as given in annual reports supplied by milling and grain companies; (e) returns supplied by the Commissioner of Customs, Department of National Revenue, Ottawa; (f) average price laid down as given in annual reports supplied by milling and grain companies; (g) returns supplied by the Commissioner of Customs, Department of National Revenue, Ottawa."

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

1. Has the Government rented space in the new Dominion Bank Building at the corner of Yates and Douglas Streets?

2. If yes, what space and at what rental?

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

"1. Agreement is pending for rental of space in this building.

"2. The whole of the top floor, also vault in basement, at a rental of \$1,800 per annum, and a three-year lease to commence from December 1st."

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

What is the name of the company or individual which acted as broker in connection with the placing of the fire insurance of the Parliament Buildings in Victoria?

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

"Mr. A. H. Cox, Victoria, who secured reduction of rate from 0.7 per cent. to 0.275 per cent. No brokerage paid."

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 4.55 p.m.

Friday, December 2nd, 1938.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 2nd, 1938.

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. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Income Tax 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. *Kenney* rose to a question of privilege and moved, seconded by Mr. *Putnam*,—

That this House regrets that certain inaccuracies have occurred in the reporting by the newspapers of the proceedings of Committee work.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. *Burns* read the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 2nd, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

The Committee has considered the provisions of the undermentioned Bill and has ordered the same to be reported without amendment.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Two-platoon Act.'"

Your Committee recommends that the Bill be allowed to be proceeded with.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. R. BURNS, *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. *Forester*, Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Two-platoon Act.'" was *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on November 24th with reference to Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'":—

Honourable Members,—The Honourable the Premier has raised a point of order with reference to Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act.'"

The point is whether the Bill involves the expenditure of public money or would result in a tax or impost upon the people or any section of the people.

If it does it cannot be originated by a private member. (*See* S.O. 67; the "Constitution Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, chap. 49, sec. 52.)

Section 3 of the Bill provides that in all hospitals there shall be not less than one nurse for a specified number of beds.

Section 4 fixes maximum working-hours and minimum holidays for nurses.

There are many Bills that on the face of them necessarily involve public expenditure or impose a charge on the people.

I cannot determine from reading this Bill whether, if passed, it would necessitate the employment of more nurses in hospitals. It may or it may not. I could, of course, go to the Deputy Provincial Secretary and ask him whether hospitals are now employing fewer nurses than the Bill, if passed, would require to be employed, and whether nurses are now working longer hours with shorter holidays than are stipulated in the Bill, but I do not think I should take that responsibility. In my opinion it is information that should be given to the House by the responsible Minister.

Section 5 (j) may not be entirely in order, but it is a comparatively unimportant subsection, and if the Bill passes second reading a point of order could, if thought advisable, be raised, or the subsection amended in Committee of the Whole.

I therefore recommend that the Bill be allowed to proceed.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Loans under 'The Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938' of the Dominion," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 2nd, 1938.

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. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Loans under 'The Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938' of the Dominion," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8.15 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 4 o'clock p.m.

Friday, December 2nd, 1938.

QUARTER-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Credit Unions," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 2nd, 1938.

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. 67) intituled "An Act respecting Credit Unions," 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. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to aid the South Westminister Dyking District in respect of certain Dyking Debentures," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

December 2nd, 1938.

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 aid the South Westminister Dyking District in respect of certain Dyking Debentures," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Loans under 'The Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938' of the Dominion" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 2nd, 1938.

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. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral 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. *Asselstine* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 2nd, 1938.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

1. How many boys are at present detained in the Industrial School for Boys?
2. How many of this number were committed there by a Juvenile Court Judge and from what parts of the Province did they come?
3. How many of the boys have been sent to the said school other than through the Juvenile Court?
4. Were any of them sent to the school from any other institution in British Columbia; and, if so, give the institutions and the number from each?

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

"1. Thirty-three.

"2. Twenty-seven. Cranbrook, 2; Fernie, 1; Nanaimo, 1; Nelson, 1; Rossland, 1; Trail, 2; Burnaby, 1; Coquitlam, 1; Ladner, 1; Maillardville, 1; Princeton, 1; Williams Lake, 1; Prince Rupert, 5; Masset, 1; Terrace, 1; Enderby, 1; Revelstoke, 1; Victoria, 2; Powell River, 1; Vancouver, 1.

"3 and 4. Six, of which three are wards of the Superintendent of Neglected Children under the 'Juvenile Delinquents Act,' temporarily in the Industrial School for Boys, pending disposition, and three were transferred from the care of the Catholic Children's Aid Society to the said school under the 'Infants Act.'"

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

How many officers and other employees at Tranquille Sanatorium Farm have been dismissed in the period between December 1st, 1933, and December 1st, 1937?

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

“Three.”

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.45 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 10.53 p.m.

Monday, December 5th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. Bell*.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1936,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 2nd, 1938.

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. 68) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘British Columbia Loan Act, 1936,’” 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. *Weir* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act respecting the Superannuation of Persons employed by Municipalities and certain other Public Bodies,” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 2nd, 1938.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Persons employed by Municipalities and certain other Public Bodies," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

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. *Wismer*—Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Guthrie*—Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Venereal Diseases Suppression Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Residence and Responsibility Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Act,'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting Credit Unions" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to aid the South Westminster Dyking District in respect of certain Dyking Debentures."

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The Committee rose and reported progress.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Report of the Public Library Commission for the Years 1936 and 1937.

Mr. *Macintosh* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following question:—

What amounts were paid for advertising in the last fiscal year to each of the daily newspapers of British Columbia?

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

"Vancouver Sun, \$6,228.88; Vancouver Province, \$2,308.36; Vancouver News-Herald, \$1,649.32; Victoria Daily Times, \$1,516.46; Victoria Colonist, \$1,353.75; Nanaimo Herald, \$152.23; Nanaimo Free Press, \$305.87; British Columbian, New Westminster, \$1,169; Prince Rupert News, \$809.91; Prince Rupert Empire, \$13.80; Nelson Daily News, \$1,342.96; Trail Daily Times, \$341.14; Trail Ad-News, \$23.53."

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

1. What examinations, if any, have been held as provided for in section 4, chapter 39, R.S.B.C. 1936, during each of the past five years?

2. What investigations, if any, and reports relative thereto have been made during each of the past two years as provided for in section 4 (1) (b)?

3. How many appointments, if any, have been made during each of the past two years to positions covered by the Act of persons who have not passed examinations as required by the "Civil Service Act"?

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

"1. Written examinations as follows:—Stenographers: November 25th, 1933. Rangers: January, 1937; April 21st, 1937; March, 1938. Scalars: February 26th, 1936; March 16th, 1938. Steam-boiler Inspectors: October 15th, 1935. Welfare Visitors: May 26th, 1936; August 3rd, 1937; April 9th, 1938.

"2. No investigations. Annual reports submitted to the Legislature in the usual way.

"3. Sixty-three; fifty-three. All appointments have been regularly confirmed by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under the provisions of section 50, subsection (2), 'Civil Service Act.'"

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 5.57 p.m.

Monday, December 5th, 1938.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Noxious Weeds Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 4) intituled "An Act to authorize the Transfer by the Province of the Old Fraser River Bridge" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Loans under 'The Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938' of the Dominion" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to aid the South Westminster Dyking District in respect of certain Dyking Debentures" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting Credit Unions."

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1936'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Persons employed by Municipalities and certain other Public Bodies" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,179,570 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1940.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1940.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, British Columbia-Yukon-Alaska Highway—Preliminary Survey, to 31st March, 1940.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 3rd, 1938.

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. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation 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 to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

December 3rd, 1938.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.15 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1 a.m.

Tuesday, December 6th, 1938.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act.'"

Mr. Speaker delivered the following reserved decision on the point of order raised by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* on November 30th:—

Honourable Members,—I have considered the point of order raised by the Honourable the Premier with regard to Bill No. 27.

Section 4 imposes certain duties upon Government Agents and also gives such agents a wide discretion with reference to securing the payment of wages to persons performing labour or services in connection with logs or timber. The Bill imposes a fine upon employers failing

to comply with its provisions, and provides for a prison term in default of payment of the fine. Persons selling timber from Crown-granted lands under contract to be logged or taken off must see that security for wages is deposited as provided in the Bill, otherwise such persons are to be jointly liable with the employer for payment of the wages.

A Bill imposing fines and imprisonment cannot be originated by a private member except with the consent of the Crown. (See 1932 Journals, page 75; 1936 Journals, 1st Session, page 119.) Duties and powers may not be imposed or conferred upon the Crown by a Bill in the hands of a private member without the Crown's consent. (See 1931 Journals, pages 128, 129; 1932 Journals, page 75.) The Government is responsible for the acts of its agents. The responsibility for the success or failure of the operation of this Act would, therefore, in the final analysis rest upon the Government.

I think this Bill clearly comes within the authorities cited above and, lacking the consent of the Crown, is not in order in the hands of a private member.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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

Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Loans under 'The Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938' of the Dominion" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act to aid the South Westminster Dyking District in respect of certain Dyking Debentures" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1936'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

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

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act.'"

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Venereal Diseases Suppression Act.'"

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Residence and Responsibility Act.'"

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mental Hospitals Act.'"

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*, the Order for the second reading was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Lunacy Act.'"

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*, the Order for the second reading was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion that Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Transfer of Moneys at the Credit of the Superannuation Fund to Trustees, and the Transfer of Securities to the Sinking Funds of the Province," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 6th, 1938.

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. 84) intituled "An Act respecting the Transfer of Moneys at the Credit of the Superannuation Fund to Trustees, and the Transfer of Securities to the Sinking Funds of the Province," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 6th, 1938.

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

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 6th, 1938.

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. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics 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. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 6th, 1938.

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. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest 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. *Gray* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 6th, 1938.

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

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

REPORT No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
December 5th, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Public Accounts, as referred to this Committee, have been inquired into and the presence of departmental officials, together with files relating to same, have been requested and produced as well as being examined by those who requested same.

That the matters which were particularly referred to this Committee have been previously reported upon.

That your Committee has been unanimous in all reports which we have presented.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. KENNEY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Report of the King's Printer for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.15 o'clock p.m. to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7th, 1938.

QUARTER-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. T. G. Griffiths.

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

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

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act respecting the Transfer of Moneys at the Credit of the Superannuation Fund to Trustees, and the Transfer of Securities to the Sinking Funds of the Province."

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act.'"

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act.'"

On the second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Maitland*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Forester*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Act'" be now read a second time.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Maitland</i>

NAYS—29.

Messieurs

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

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Eyres</i>
<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Telford</i>

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Two-platoon Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion that Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coroners Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was again committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Estate of Henry Town, Deceased, late of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 6th, 1938.

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. 79) intituled "An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Estate of Henry Town, Deceased, late of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 7th, 1938.

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. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies 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. *Hart* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Maitland*:—

1. What are the amounts, maturities, and interest rates of new debenture issues which the Province of British Columbia has sold to its own sinking fund for each of the fiscal years: (a) 1935-36; (b) 1936-37; and (c) 1937-38?

2. For what purposes were the proceeds of each such debenture issue used?

3. At what price and yield were each of these new issues sold to the sinking fund?

4. Were tenders called for the purchase of these debenture issues by financial underwriters; and, if so, at what price did they tender?

5. If tenders were not called what was the reason?

6. Were the sinking fund moneys with which each new debenture issue was purchased provided from: (a) The deposit of fund by the Province in its sinking fund; (b) the interest accruing on the present investments of the sinking fund; (c) the sale of securities from the sinking fund? And, if so, what were the interest rates and maturities of the securities sold, and what price was obtained for each such issue sold?

7. Did the minister endeavor to purchase Province of British Columbia securities on the open market with the moneys which were available for sinking fund investment before purchasing each of these new issues?

8. At what yield were similar maturities of British Columbia debentures selling on the bond markets at the time each new issue was sold to the sinking fund?

9. Against what specific maturities of British Columbia debentures issued prior to April 1st, 1935, are these new debenture issues held as a sinking fund deposit, and in what amounts for each maturity?

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

1. Does the Canadian Pacific Railway Company pay fuel-oil tax on oil purchased in British Columbia?

2. If so, what total sum has this company paid in fuel-oil tax during 1937?

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

"1. See section 9, chapter 278, R.S.B.C. 1936, 'Fuel-oil Tax Act.'

"2. \$85,231.81."

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7th, 1938.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$883,079 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1940.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,120 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, General Office, to 31st March, 1940.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$82,935 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1940.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Reorganization of Employment Service, to 31st March, 1940.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$447,597 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1940.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Highway Signs, to 31st March, 1940.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, to 31st March, 1940.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,022 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1940.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Recoverable Expenditure, "Soldiers' Land Act, 1918"—Houses, South Vancouver, to 31st March, 1940.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1939.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Rebate on Stumping-powder, to 31st March, 1939.

25A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,708.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Special Grants in Aid of Exhibitions, to 31st March, 1939.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$575 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, to 31st March, 1939.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$365 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Securities Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Office, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1939.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1939.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1939.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1939.

45A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$375 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, In Aid of After-care of Youthful Offenders, to 31st March, 1939.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Salary Grants, to 31st March, 1939.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Erection of New Buildings, etc., to 31st March, 1939.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Examination of Teachers and High School Entrance Classes, to 31st March, 1939.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$22,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Conveying Children to Central Schools, to 31st March, 1939.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,990 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, School Libraries, to 31st March, 1939.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$810 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1939.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Controlling and Audit Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Postal Branch—Stamps, to 31st March, 1939.

84A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,032.85 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, City of Prince Rupert—Grant in lieu of local improvement taxes, to 31st March, 1939.

84B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,705.71 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905," to 31st March, 1939.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1939.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, General Office, to 31st March, 1939.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Factories Inspection, to 31st March, 1939.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Trade-schools Regulation, to 31st March, 1939.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1939.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,725 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Welfare Branch (including Administration of "Mothers' Pensions Act"), to 31st March, 1939.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Health and Welfare Services, to 31st March, 1939.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Mines Inspection Branch, to 31st March, 1939.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Advertising, Miscellaneous Bulletins, Incidentals, and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1939.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$430 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1939.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Museum, to 31st March, 1939.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,005.44 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Superannuation Act" and "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1939.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1939.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Destitute Poor and Sick, to 31st March, 1939.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,822.50 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Child Welfare Branch (including Administration of "Infants Act"), to 31st March, 1939.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Hospitals—Special Grants to Hospitals, to 31st March, 1939.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Industrial School for Girls, to 31st March, 1939.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Administration, to 31st March, 1939.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Resident Physicians, to 31st March, 1939.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Special Health and Welfare Services, to 31st March, 1939.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, The Provincial Infirmary, Marpole, to 31st March, 1939.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,400 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Board of Health, to 31st March, 1939.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,600 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance of Parliament Buildings and Grounds, to 31st March, 1939.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1939.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$187,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1939.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,275 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance and Repairs to Government Buildings and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1939.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1939.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Industrial and Tourist Development, to 31st March, 1939.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Trade Extension (including grants), to 31st March, 1939.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$310,055.08 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1938, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
November 29th, 1938.

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. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration 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. *Pattullo* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 7th, 1938.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

The debate continued.

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

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Estate of Henry Town, Deceased, late of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fire Departments Two-platoon Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

1. Were tenders called in 1935 for the building of the T.B. Hospital in Vancouver?
2. If so, were these tenders by advertisement; and, if not, what method was used?
3. Was application made on December 13th, 1935, by the firm of Baynes & Horie for a tendering form in order that they might tender on the said building?
4. Was said tendering form supplied?
5. If not, why not?
6. What was the cost of the said work?

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* (Minister of Public Works) replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Yes.

"3. Yes.

"4. No.

"5. There was not sufficient time to allow of preparing additional documents.

"6. Contract price, \$192,391; new tunnel, \$7,395; alterations to old building, \$11,888.25."

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

1. When completed, what will be the mileage of the highway from the international line at Paterson to the connecting point with the Trans-Provincial Highway at Rossland?
2. During 1937, to what firm was a contract let for construction-work on the Rossland-Paterson Highway?
3. How much mileage was covered by the contract and what was the total cost of such mileage?
4. What was the mileage of new construction-work on this highway by the Provincial Government in 1938, and what was the cost?

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

- "1. 6.4 miles on present location.
- "2. General Construction Company.
- "3. Reconstruction from Paterson north, 2 miles; \$18,723.21.
- "4. 0.62 mile; construction by day-labour; amount authorized, \$17,000; work still in progress."

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 p.m.

Thursday, December 8th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
December 7th, 1938.

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. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.42 p.m.

Thursday, December 8th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Placer-mining Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting Credit Unions" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Persons employed by Municipalities and certain other Public Bodies" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Income Tax Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

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

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

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Residence and Responsibility Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act respecting the Transfer of Moneys at the Credit of the Superannuation Fund to Trustees, and the Transfer of Securities to the Sinking Funds of the Province" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Estate of Henry Town, Deceased, late of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended 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. MacDonald—Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Surveyors Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Gray—Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. Cameron, notice to ask leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was withdrawn, and the same *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 8th, 1938.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade Licences Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
December 8th, 1938.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 28th, and 29th days of November, and on the 1st, 5th, and 7th days of December be received and read a first time.

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

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

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

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

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

\$310,055.08 for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1938.

691,080.00 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1939.

28,765,457.49 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1940.

\$29,766,592.57

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

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

Mr. E. E. Winch asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What was the total cost of the Pattullo Bridge, including approaches?
2. What is the annual cost involved: (a) For interest on debt; and (b) Sinking Fund?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"1. \$3,999,276.84.

"2. (a) and (b). As permanent financing has not been completed, this question is not possible of definite answer at the present time."

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 5.48 p.m.

Thursday, December 8th, 1938.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act.'"

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.'"

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Surveyors Act.'"

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act.'"

Bill (No. 95) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade Licences Act'" was read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 7) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Persons employed by Municipalities and certain other Public Bodies" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Estate of Henry Town, Deceased, late of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting Credit Unions" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vital Statistics Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

E. W. HAMBER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" with amendments, enclosed herewith, and recommends the amendments to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
December 8th, 1938.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 2: To strike out the words "The 'Motor-vehicle Act,' being chapter 195 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936,'" and to substitute therefor the words "Said chapter 195."

To amend section 2 by adding the following words to section 74B as thereby enacted, namely: "The provisions of this section shall not apply in respect of any cause of action which arose prior to the date of this enactment."

To change number of present section 2 to section 3.

To insert the following as section 2:—

"2. Section 4 of the 'Motor-vehicle Act,' being chapter 195 of the 'Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1936,' is amended by inserting after the word 'municipality,' in the first line of clause (a) of subsection (4), the words 'or school district as defined in the "Public Schools Act."'"

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolutions and amendments reported.

Amendments introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendments and the Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle Act'" be referred to the Committee of the Whole forthwith.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Bill considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH.

Committee rose and reported progress, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. Is there an independent audited balance-sheet of the Potato Board for the past two years?

2. If so, has it ever been made public?

3. If the independent audit has not been made and the balance-sheets made public, why not?

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

"1. Information should be sought from the British Columbia Coast Vegetable Marketing Board, elected by producers of the product.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Responsibility of British Columbia Coast Vegetable Marketing Board, elected by producers of the product."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.08 a.m.

Friday, December 9th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon *H. W. G. Stocken*.

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

That the Municipal Committee be, and the same is, hereby authorized to hold sittings during the time that this House is in session this morning.

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

Whereas Mrs. *Helen Douglas Smith*, the honourable the second member for Vancouver-Burrard, has been unavoidably absent from attendance for a portion of this present Session while attending the Dominion Health Council at Ottawa:

Therefore be it *Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay the full sessional indemnity to the said Mrs. *Helen Douglas Smith* as if she had been present during each and every day of the Session.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* presented Volume III. of the Report of the Commissioner of the Coal and Petroleum Commission relating to Paragraph 3 of the terms of the Commission.

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

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act respecting Credit Unions" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Settlement and Development Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Companies Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 94) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Land Surveyors Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Water Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act.'"

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time and, by leave of the House, committed forthwith, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" was again committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Whereas a Commission was appointed in 1922 to examine and report on all matters in connection with the fishing industry of British Columbia:

And whereas, amongst other things, the said Commission recommended that steps be taken to limit to some reasonable extent the licences granted to Japanese fishermen in order to safeguard the fishing industry for Canadian fishermen:

And whereas steps were taken in 1923 by the Dominion Government to implement this recommendation by the actual reduction of the number of fishing licences issued annually to Japanese fishermen:

And whereas during recent years no further steps have been taken to safeguard the industry for white Canadian fishermen, with the result that the said industry is now dominated by Japanese fishermen:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House regrets that the Dominion Government has not seen fit to carry out the said recommendation made by such Royal Commission, and thereby has failed to preserve the fishing industry for the Canadian fishermen.

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Federal Government.

A debate arose.

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

To strike out all the words after the word "fishermen" in the fifth line, and insert the following:—

"And whereas the Dominion Government having implemented this recommendation by an actual reduction of the number of fishing licences issued annually to Japanese fishermen in the year 1923 and succeeding years:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commend the Dominion Government for this action, and recommend to the Dominion Government a continuation of the policy of reduction of the number of Japanese fishing licences issued.

"And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Dominion Government."

The debate continued.

By leave of the House, the proposed amendment and the main motion were withdrawn.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Macintosh* on November 23rd, as follows:—

Whereas British Columbia is a part of the Dominion of Canada:

And whereas by agreement between the Dominion of Canada and Japan a quota of Japanese immigrants to Canada is provided for:

And whereas the said agreement is not in the best interest of the people of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urges upon the Government that it make further immediate representation to the Federal Government for the abrogation of the existing agreement in regard to immigration with Japan.

Mr. *Strachan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Forester*,—

To strike out all the words after the word "is" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the words "one of the most important Provinces of the Dominion of Canada:

"And whereas it is necessary for the social and economic welfare of our people that our population shall be ethnologically homogeneous:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House goes on record as being opposed to the immigration of any Japanese or Chinese into the Province of British Columbia, and commends the action of the Provincial Government in making representations to the Ottawa Government to this end."

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

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

December 8th, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee, authorized by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly dated November 17th, 1938, "to consider such matters affecting the agricultural industry as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and to report its findings to this House," held four sittings, at one of which the members of the Advisory Board of Farmers'

Institutes were present and submitted certain matters of concern to the farmers of British Columbia, as follows:—

(1.) Resolution of commendation and appreciation to the Government for opportunities afforded farmers to work out taxes on road maintenance and request that this policy be continued.

(2.) Resolution asking that the Department of Lands give consideration to a water conservation policy with a view to storing seasonable overflow for irrigation purposes.

(3.) A resolution recommending that the responsibility for maintenance of public schools should rest equally on all classes of the population, and urging the necessity for a revision of the present system of school taxation.

(4.) A resolution asking that the price of motor-car licences be drastically reduced.

(5.) A resolution urging assistance to settlers in the purchase of power-operated land-clearing machinery.

(6.) A resolution urging the elimination of the charge for surveying land for settlement—a charge at present borne by the applicant for such land.

All of which were referred to the several departments concerned for consideration.

Inquiry into disposal of grain screenings at terminal elevators disclosed that f.o.b. prices are reasonable, and that under the present permit system ample safeguards are afforded against the dissemination of noxious weeds in the handling of grain screenings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK PUTNAM, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

That this House learns with much regret of the death of James Schofield, a former member of this House, who served in the Legislature for twenty-seven years; and that the Clerk convey to Mrs. Schofield and members of his family the condolence and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

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

1. Has the Department knowledge of the costs of police services used for purposes of guarding all highways and bridges leading into Vancouver in order to prevent illegal entry of potatoes to this market?

2. If yes, what was the total cost of such services last year?

3. If yes, what Department was responsible for payment of such costs?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Approximately \$14,000.

“3. Legal Department.”

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

1. Has the Coast Vegetable Marketing Board or the Department of Agriculture received at any time requests for an independent audit of the Board's books? If yes, has such an audit been made?

2. What was the total cost of police and inspectors at the various bridges to enforce the regulations during the past year to: (a) The Coast Vegetable Marketing Board; and (b) other departments?

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

“1. Responsibility of B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board, elected by producers.

“2. Law enforcement under Attorney-General's Department. Approximately \$14,000.”

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

1. Is a mining school being opened in the Hope Mining District to teach lode-mining to students?
2. Who will be in charge of the operation?
3. Has the Government taken over the old Dawson Mine, at present known as the Kettle Valley Gold Mines, for this or any other purpose?
4. Is there a mill on the property, and what is its capacity?
5. Was this property examined in 1936 by Professor Scholfield?
6. If yes, was it favourable or otherwise? What was his report on the mill?
7. Has an option been taken on the Aurum Mine?
8. Is it contemplated to mill ore from the Aurum at the Dawson Mill?
9. What will it cost to put the Dawson Mill in shape, and at whose cost?
10. What arrangements, if any, have been made with the Kettle Valley Railway to supply transportation to the Dawson Mine?

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

- “ 1. No information.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 3. No.
- “ 4. Yes. 25 tons.
- “ 5 to 10. No information.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

Friday, December 9th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 93) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Water Act ’ ” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Legal Professions Act ’ ” was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Municipal Act ’ ” was committed, reported complete with amendment, considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *E. E. Winch* on November 23rd, as follows:—

Whereas the Twenty-sixth Report of the Medical Inspection of Schools states there are 675 retarded and underprivileged children now attending school (exclusive of 450 attending special classes in Vancouver); and

Whereas it is not feasible to economically provide adequate facilities for the supervision and training of such children in schools and districts where only a few reside; and

Whereas it is essential to the best interests of the children and society in general that such children shall, so far as possible, be equipped during their formative years to adapt themselves to school and, later, adult life, and thereby enable them to become social assets instead of liabilities:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the desirability of recommending that the Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education obtain special statistical reports from School Medical Officers,

School Boards, Public Health Officers, and Social Service Officials relative to the nature and prevalence of mental and physical handicap among children of school and pre-school age for the purpose of devising ways and means to provide suitable and adequate facilities for special treatment, training, and education of such children, in order to assist them toward a self-supporting status in adult life.

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

To strike out all the words after the word "Vancouver" in the third line, and to insert in lieu thereof the following:—

"Whereas the Government is already doing its best to provide for the supervision and training of such retarded and underprivileged children:

"And whereas yearly reports thereon are furnished through the School Medical Officers, School Boards, Public Health and Social Service Officials, and the Public Health Nurses:

"And whereas the Government, being cognizant of the difficulties to be overcome owing to the great extent of territory, the sparseness of population, and the lack of facilities in districts where only a few persons reside, is already taking into consideration the adoption of a policy that will permit of a thorough personal examination of isolated schools and resident pupils:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House endorses the efforts of the Government in this regard and approves of the extension of the service from time to time as funds become available for the purpose."

The debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Bruhn* on November 30th, as follows:—

Whereas it is becoming more and more difficult, particularly for old persons, to be absorbed into useful, productive life of the Dominion, making it difficult for them to maintain themselves in comfort and decency:

And whereas Canada is a country richly endowed with natural resources capable of maintaining our population in a reasonably high standard of living:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House would welcome a declaration of policy by this Government recommending to the Dominion Government that the Dominion Government adopt a policy which will lower the present pensionable age-limit for old-age pensioners from 70 years to 65 years, to the end that the older generation may be retired earlier from industrial employment and thereby create opportunity for the younger generation to be usefully and gainfully employed; and that such a policy be assisted by compulsory contribution by all employed persons between the ages of 20 years and 65 years.

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Federal Government.

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

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line, and to insert the following in lieu thereof: "it is becoming increasingly difficult for elderly persons to find employment:

"And whereas a large number of persons of all ages still seek profitable employment:

"And whereas the Government of British Columbia has urged upon the Federal Government the desirability of reducing the age at which old-age pensions shall become payable:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends the Government for the above-mentioned representations to the Federal Government.

"And be it further Resolved, That this House recommends to the Dominion Government that legislation be enacted to provide for: (1) A reduction of the age of eligibility for old-age pensions as soon as may be possible; and (2) the regulations under the 'Old-age Pension Act' be modified to eliminate existing hardships encountered by the aged people in obtaining pensions; and (3) initiate a national compulsory contributory insurance scheme for retirement allowances."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Maitland* on November 30th, as follows:—

Whereas it is essential that the Trans-Canada Highway be a National Canadian Highway uniformly maintained throughout Canada:

And whereas a large section of the said highway has been built in British Columbia by the Federal Government as part of the said National Highway:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the whole of the construction and future maintenance of the Trans-Canada Highway be paid for by the Federal Government.

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Federal Government.

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

To strike out all the words after the word "Whereas" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the words "the construction and maintenance of national highways is of primary importance to the various Provinces and to the Dominion of Canada as a whole:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that national highways should be constructed and maintained by the Dominion Government, or, in the alternative, in co-operation with the Provincial Governments."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mrs. *Steeves* on November 30th, as follows:—

Whereas the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia raised the attendance fees for students from \$150 to \$175, thereby making university education prohibitive for a large section of our youth:

And whereas the estimates and accounts of the University are not open to the senate of that body, nor to the public of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly regrets that the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia took the action of raising the attendance fees.

And be it further Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the question of how the University can be made to serve the cause of democratic education more adequately in the future.

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

To strike out all the words after the figures "\$175" in the second line, and to insert in lieu thereof the following:—

"And whereas under the 'British Columbia University Act' the management, administration, and control of the affairs of the University are vested in the Board of Governors:

"And whereas the accounts of University expenditure are audited yearly by a Government Auditor and copies of the Auditor's report are on file at the University and may be examined at any time by members of the University Senate:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That, while the members of the Legislature sympathize with the financial difficulties of the students, this House does not deem it advisable to attempt to dictate University policy or to interfere in the internal administration of the University."

The debate continued.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Mr. *Eyres* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macintosh*,—

Whereas the dairy and poultry industries of this Province are struggling with the problem of the high cost of production:

And whereas one of the factors in such high cost of production is the excessive freight rate on feed-grain and mill-feeds from the Prairie Provinces to points in British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature the question of the excessive freight rates on feed-grains and mill-feeds from the Prairie Provinces to points

in British Columbia is a matter fully worthy of the immediate, earnest, and sympathetic consideration of this Government, and that this Government urge the Federal Government to take immediate action to correct same.

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

To strike out all the words after the words "British Columbia" in the fourth line, and insert the following:—

"And whereas the Government of British Columbia has successively made representations in respect of high freight rates:

"And whereas specifically upon representations made to the Dominion Government lower freight rates were secured on fire-burnt barley, oats, rye, bran, chop feeds, mill-feed, oat hulls, middlings, screenings, and shorts under Tariff No. 145, effective as from June 24th, 1938, thereby extending the advantage of lower cost of feedstuffs to the dairymen and poultrymen of the Lower Mainland:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House commends this action.

"And be it further Resolved, That the matter of freight rates is one which requires continuous consideration by the Government and public bodies generally."

Mr. *Maitland* rose to a point of order on the amendment.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was in order.

Mr. *Maitland* 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>Henniger</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Crone</i>			

NAYS—8.

Messieurs

<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Maitland</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>

PAIRS:

Mrs. Smith

Mr. Telford

Debate resumed.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*, seconded by Mr. *Henniger*, it was Resolved,—

Whereas there is more over-hospitalization in British Columbia than anywhere in the Dominion:

And whereas hospitals throughout the country are in urgent need of funds for various articles of equipment:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly go on record as being in favour of sweepstakes, conducted by either the Dominion or any Provincial Government, 25 per cent. of the gross proceeds of which shall be allocated to a fund to be set up for the purpose of

building new hospitals, purchase of equipment for, and the general solvency of, established hospitals.

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

Whereas neither Dominion nor Provincial Old-age Pension Acts require as a qualification for pension proof of the inability of children to contribute to the support of their aged parents:

And whereas resort or refusal to resort to the provisions of the "Parents' Maintenance Act" has resulted in family disagreement or non-receipt of the pension, or both:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature consideration of the provisions of the "Parents' Maintenance Act" when dealing with applications for pension is not in accordance with the spirit and intent of the Dominion and Provincial Old-age Pension Acts.

A debate arose.

By leave of the House, the motion was withdrawn.

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

E. W. HAMBER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Loans under 'The Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938' of the Dominion" with amendments, enclosed herewith, and recommends the amendments to the Legislative Assembly.

(ENCLOSURE.)

To amend as follows:—

Section 6, clause (b), last line: To strike out the words "in favour of the Minister," and substitute therefor the words "or upon the revenues derived therefrom."

Section 4: To insert after the word "Majesty," in the fifth line, the words "in the right of Canada and in favour of His Majesty in the right of the Province or in favour of His Majesty in either right"; and by inserting after the word "loan," in the eighth line, the words "and a charge upon the revenues derived therefrom."

Government House,

December 9th, 1938.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Loans under 'The Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938' of the Dominion," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolutions and amendments reported.

Amendments introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendments and the Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act respecting Loans under 'The Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938' of the Dominion" be referred to the Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill complete with amendments.

Bill considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Shepherd*, the following notice of motion was withdrawn:—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return by the Minister of Labour of all correspondence between the Minister of Labour and various tomato-canning interests, relative to a recent reduction in the minimum rate of wages of cannery workers in that industry.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Macintosh* on November 23rd, as follows:—

Whereas British Columbia is a part of the Dominion of Canada:

And whereas by agreement between the Dominion of Canada and Japan a quota of Japanese immigrants to Canada is provided for:

And whereas the said agreement is not in the best interest of the people of British Columbia:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urges upon the Government that it make further immediate representation to the Federal Government for the abrogation of the existing agreement in regard to immigration with Japan.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Strachan* on the 9th instant, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after "is" in the first line, and to insert the words "one of the most important Provinces of the Dominion of Canada:

"And whereas it is necessary for the social and economic welfare of our people that our population shall be ethnologically homogeneous:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That this House goes on record as being opposed to the immigration of any Japanese or Chinese into the Province of British Columbia, and commends the action of the Provincial Government in making representations to the Ottawa Government to this end."

Mr. *Maitland* rose to a point of order on the amendment.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

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

The House divided.

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

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Forester</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Gray</i>

NAYS—14.

Messieurs

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

PAIRS:

<i>Bull</i>	<i>Uphill</i>
<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Telford</i>

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

Whereas the Western Canada Telephone Company was incorporated March 17th, 1916, by special Act of Parliament of the Dominion of Canada; and

Whereas section 11 of said Act authorized the inclusion of the B.C. Telephone Company; and

Whereas section 15 of said Act gave the right to change the name of said Company, which right was exercised and sanctioned by the Secretary of State on November 29th, 1919; and

Whereas section 16, clause (k), of said Act gives to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada sole right to set and revise tolls and charges, thereby removing same from jurisdiction of the Province; and

Whereas said Company operates without competition some sixty-four telephone exchanges in forty-seven cities and towns in British Columbia, including the metropolitan area of Vancouver and Victoria, and owns and operates extensive long-distance systems, including four submarine cables from the Mainland to Vancouver Island, thereby making its administration, operation, and charges of vital concern to British Columbia citizens; and

Whereas the business of the B.C. Telephone Company is mainly in British Columbia, and the said Company, under section 17 of said Act, cannot construct, operate, or maintain lines of telephone in the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba without first having obtained consent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of the Province in which it is proposed to construct, operate, or maintain a line of telephones; and

Whereas we believe it is in the interests of the Province and its citizens that the Province should be in position to exercise jurisdiction over the B.C. Telephone Company:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the said Act of the Dominion of Canada (chapter 66, 6-7, George V., 1916) should be repealed.

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

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—8.

Messieurs

Guthrie
Cameron

Shepherd
Winch, E. E.

Steeves, Mrs.
Winch, H. E.

Gillis
Perry

NAYS—35.

Messieurs

Henniger
Bull
Braden
Johnston
Hunter
Finland
Macintosh
King
Crone

LeBourdais
Straith
Paton
Bruhn
Maitland
Anscorn
Putnam
Kenney
Burns

Leary
MacDonald
Hart
Pattullo
Wisner
Weir
Strachan
Bryan
Forester

Connelly
Murray
Tupper
Carson
Asselstine
MacPherson
Pearson
Gray

PAIRS:

Mrs. Smith

Mr. Telford

Mr. Macintosh moved, seconded by Mr. Finland,—

Whereas it is in the public interest that all expenditures of public money for the construction or repair of public works and roads, and for supplies to relief camps, forestry camps, and all similar undertakings, should be by public tender:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House all such expenditures should be made only after public tenders have been called therefor, and that such tenders should be opened in public.

A debate arose.

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

To strike out all words after the word “undertakings” in the third line, and insert the following “shall be made in such manner as will assure the greatest possible value for these expenditures:

“Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House public tenders should be called for such expenditures, so far as may be possible and the welfare of the public service will permit.”

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

That a Return be made of all correspondence between the Hon. the Commissioner of Fisheries and all persons applying for licences to operate reduction plants during the seasons 1937 and 1938.

On the motion of Mr. *Hunter*, seconded by Mr. *Finland*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas the prevalence of tuberculosis amongst the Indian population in the Province of British Columbia is causing much concern:

And whereas the Indians of our Province are wards of the Dominion:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature urge on this Government the importance of further and continued negotiations with the Dominion Government with a view to better control of the situation.

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

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

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Friday, December 9th, 1938.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

1. What machinery has the General Construction Company, Ltd., rented from the Provincial Government for use on Project No. 16 during the year 1936?
2. What rental was paid for use of the machinery during that year to the Government?
3. What is the value of the machinery used?

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

“1. Two power-shovels; one hoist; one rock-crusher; two power-graders; four trucks; three tractors; three pull-graders; two stationary engines.

“2. \$5,795.56.

“3. \$24,650.”

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

1. What machinery has the General Construction Company, Ltd., rented from the Provincial Government for use on Project No. 16 during the year 1937?
2. What rental was paid for use of the machinery during that year to the Government?
3. What is the value of the machinery used?

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

"1. One hoist; two rock-crushers; two power-graders; two trucks; two stationary engines; one tractor; one pull-grader; one elevator and bin.

"2. Rentals are still a matter of negotiation.

"3. \$22,300."

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

1. What machinery has the General Construction Company, Ltd., rented from the Provincial Government for use on Project No. 16 during the year 1938?
2. What rental was paid for use of the machinery during that year to the Government?
3. What is the value of the machinery used?

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

"1. One power-shovel, one power-grader, and two pull-graders.

"2. Adjustment to be made upon completion of work.

"3. \$3,050."

QUARTER TO NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

- (No. 1) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 2) An Act to amend the "Stock-brands Act."
- (No. 4) An Act to authorize the Transfer by the Province of the Old Fraser River Bridge.
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Apprenticeship Act."
- (No. 6) An Act to amend the "Trade-schools Regulation Act."
- (No. 7) An Act to amend the "Married Women's Property Act."
- (No. 8) An Act to amend "The Sisters of Charity Act, 1892."
- (No. 9) An Act to amend the "Engineering Act."
- (No. 11) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to aid the South Westminster Dyking District in respect of certain Dyking Debentures.
- (No. 13) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 14) An Act respecting the Withdrawal of certain Lands from Sale, Lease, Licence, Settlement, Occupancy, or Entry.
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Fire Departments Two-platoon Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Department of Mines Act."
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Department of Trade and Industry Act."
- (No. 23) An Act to amend the "Horse-breeders' Registration and Lien Act."
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Noxious Weeds Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Plant Protection Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Coal-mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 29) An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities.
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Commodities Retail Sales Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend the "Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934."
- (No. 32) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Collection Agents' Licensing Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Food Products Minimum Loss Act."

- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Greater Vancouver Water District Act."
(No. 37) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
(No. 38) An Act to amend the "Marriage Act."
(No. 39) An Act to amend the "Statute of Limitations."
(No. 40) An Act to amend the "Contributory Negligence Act."
(No. 41) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
(No. 42) An Act to amend the "Mechanics' Lien Act."
(No. 44) An Act to amend the "Court of Appeal Act."
(No. 45) An Act to amend the "Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act."
(No. 46) An Act to amend the "British Columbia University Act."
(No. 49) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act."
(No. 50) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
(No. 51) An Act to amend "'The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,' and amending Acts."
(No. 52) An Act to amend "The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver Incorporation Act."
(No. 61) An Act to amend the "Income Tax Act."
(No. 63) An Act to amend the "Placer-mining Act."
(No. 64) An Act respecting Loans under "The Municipal Improvements Assistance Act, 1938" of the Dominion.
(No. 65) An Act to amend the "Mineral Act."
(No. 66) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
(No. 67) An Act respecting Credit Unions.
(No. 68) An Act to amend the "British Columbia Loan Act, 1936."
(No. 69) An Act respecting the Superannuation of Persons employed by Municipalities and certain other Public Bodies.
(No. 73) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
(No. 74) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
(No. 75) An Act to amend the "Residence and Responsibility Act."
(No. 76) An Act to amend the "Venereal Diseases Suppression Act."
(No. 77) An Act to amend the "Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act."
(No. 78) An Act to amend the "Vital Statistics Act."
(No. 79) An Act to provide for the Distribution of the Estate of Henry Town, Deceased, late of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia.
(No. 81) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."
(No. 82) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
(No. 83) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
(No. 84) An Act respecting the Transfer of Moneys at the Credit of the Superannuation Fund to Trustees, and the Transfer of Securities to the Sinking Funds of the Province.
(No. 85) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
(No. 86) An Act to amend the "Land Settlement and Development Act."
(No. 88) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."
(No. 89) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
(No. 91) An Act to amend the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act."
(No. 92) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
(No. 93) An Act to amend the "Water Act."
(No. 94) An Act to amend the "Land Surveyors Act."
(No. 95) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
(No. 96) An Act to amend the "Trade Licences Act."

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I have followed closely the deliberations of this Assembly during the course of the Session, and wish to express appreciation of the careful consideration which you have given to the many matters that have been placed before you.

I feel sure that the various and important measures which have been enacted will inure to the welfare of the people of British Columbia.

I thank you for the generous supply granted for the Public Service.

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Speaker*.

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