

**Thursday, February 28, 1980**

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *David Smith*.

Mr. Speaker announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was about to enter the Chamber.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair, was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:

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

In closing this First Session of the Thirty-second Parliament, I am pleased to express my appreciation for the care and dedication you have shown in handling of all matters that were before you.

I am grateful that legislation has been enacted which, due to the sound economic policies of my government, has brought fiscal relief to our people through a substantial reduction in a number of taxes. The provincial sales tax has been brought to its lowest level in 26 years; the provincial personal income tax rate was reduced from 46 per cent to 44 per cent to become the second lowest in Canada; and the exemption level for the Corporation Capital Tax was raised to free 16,000 small businesses from its burden.

As this province enters a new decade, you have acted to allow the people to share in the wealth of its natural resources through individual ownership of the British Columbia Resources Investment Corporation. Apart from the free distribution of shares to all British Columbians, public offering in the marketplace has realized a record \$487.5 million to be used for further investment for the benefit of British Columbians in the development of the province. The success of this innovative new company has clearly demonstrated the extent of the commitment which exists in British Columbia to the principle of individual ownership.

For those British Columbians who own, or who are purchasing their own homes, you provided a \$100 increase in the Home-owners' Grant, plus a \$50 increase in the Renters' Tax Credit to help bring relief from the cost of municipal services. Additionally, my Minister of Municipal Affairs, through the province's Revenue Sharing Program, has distributed \$109.9 million in unconditional grants and \$31.8 million in conditional grants to municipalities which also assisted the home-owning taxpayers by keeping their tax level 34 per cent below that which would have been paid had those grants not been available.

Recognizing the changes forecast for a new decade you have taken positive steps to meet the needs of people who are becoming increasingly dependent on efficient and economically acceptable public transportation by approving the *Metro Transit Operating Company Act*.

You have also initiated changes to the province's automobile insurance program through the *Automobile Insurance Non-discrimination Act*. This program, known as FAIR, will prohibit coverages, premiums, tariffs, or rates that discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, or geographic location of the insured motorist.

I am also pleased to note the removal of the sales tax from vitamins, dietary items and diabetic and ostomy supplies.

In recognition of British Columbia's rapidly growing visitor and convention activities, you have agreed to assist the Cities of Vancouver and Victoria to develop major convention centres, and additionally, to assist Vancouver in the creation of a new facility for sports activities and other public uses.

You are also to be commended for your decision in the allotment of moneys for an intensified reforestation program and accelerated highway construction program.

In your concern for the preservation of agricultural land and to encourage the agricultural industry, I am pleased to note your decision to reduce by 50 per cent the assessment of farm and agricultural reserve land.

You also took note of the increasing costs of supplying services to our people, and moved in a progressive way in your Committee of Supply to set a limit on government spending.

These were but the highlights of an imaginative legislative program designed to meet the needs and wishes of the people, and I commend you for them.

Honourable Members, I now relieve you of your legislative duties, and I trust the blessing of Divine Providence will be with you as you shortly resume your duties.

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* (Provincial Secretary) then said:

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

It is His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

**20** Ms. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

With reference to the Provincial Rehabilitation and Employment Program (PREP)—

1. What are the names, salaries, previous occupations, and locations of the "Job Finders" in the program and the Provincial Co-ordinator?
2. What is the total number of administrative staff, excluding the Job Finders?
3. What is the total cost and the number of months covered for the program for 1977, 1978, and to date in 1979?

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* replied as follows:

"1. The names, salaries, previous occupations and locations of the 'Job Finders' in the program are as follows:

Name	Salary	Previous Occupation	Location
D. Abrahamson	\$1,575	Assistant Personnel Officer, Ministry of Transport	Penticton
R. Rasmussen	1,527	Civil Liberties Secretary	Vernon
D. J. Quellet	1,527	Building Security Officer, Public Works	Kelowna
S. Thornton	1,375	Job Experience and Training Co-ordinator, C.E.C.	Cranbrook
A. Walker	1,527	Branch Manager, C.E.C. Centre	Nelson
N. Turlock	1,527	Job Placement Officer, Search Outreach, C.E.C.	Prince George
W. Simpson	1,575	Financial Assistance Worker, MHR	Williams Lake
D. Sugimoto	1,419	Assistant Manager, Department Store	Prince George
K. Laing	1,527	District Manager, Investors Syndicate	Chilliwack
W. Thomas	1,527	Sales Manager	Abbotsford
E. Fox	1,575	Personnel Representative, T. Eaton Co.	Langley
W. Read	1,276	Assistant Loan Manager	Terrace
E. Devore	1,575	Financial Assistance Worker, MHR	Dawson Creek
S. Nickel	1,276	Sign Painter	Fort St. John
E. Agutter	1,527	Personnel Consultant	Kamloops
H. Castle	1,527	Community Service Officer, Probation Dept.	Campbell River
A. R. Brown	1,276	Assessor, Canada Taxation	Duncan
C. Comis	1,527	D.N.D., Alcohol and Drug Officer	Nanaimo
V. Hawkes	1,276	Summer Student, P.R.E.P.	Nanaimo
L. Campbell	1,575	Employment Co-ordinator	Victoria
E. Allan	1,455	Employment Counsellor, MHR	Victoria
P. D. E. Burton	1,344	Advertising Sales	Victoria
G. Owen	1,455	D.N.D. Staff Officer	Victoria
M. Creighton	1,344	Sales Manager, Department Store	Victoria
L. Roback	1,419	Clerk-Typist, MHR P.R.E.P.	Victoria
S. Piper	1,527	Federal/Provincial Sales Tax Consultant (own business) C.E.C.	New Westminster
M. Cohen	1,455	Special Service Worker, MHR	New Westminster
L. Dunn	1,455	Branch Manager, Finance Company	New Westminster
N. Garandza	1,527	Managing Director and Job Finder, Outreach Program, C.E.C.	Burnaby
S. Trapp	1,455	Clerk 3, MHR, P.R.E.P.	Burnaby
R. Davis	1,455	Investigation and Sales	Burnaby
D. Harrison	1,527	Placements Officer, Outreach Program	Burnaby
I. Land	1,527	Bank Manager, Royal Bank	North Vancouver
J. Haugo	1,575	Rehabilitation Officer 1, Woodlands	Surrey
J. Blackaby	1,527	Personnel Officer and Rehabilitation Consultant, W.C.B.	Richmond
H. Dutkowski	1,419	Assistant Employment Co-ordinator, Municipality of Surrey	Surrey
J. Loosemore	1,455	Employment Co-ordinator, V.R.B.	Surrey
J. Burke	1,455	Sales Manager	Surrey
R. Stew	1,455	Provincial Co-ordinator	Surrey
P. Brand	1,455	Teacher	Richmond
D. DeMarco	1,455	Placement Officer, Vancouver Opportunities Program	Vancouver
J. Vaughn	1,575	Employment Counsellor	Vancouver
N. Giles	1,276	Personnel Officer	Vancouver
J. Lee	1,455	Financial Aide Worker	Vancouver
A. Muehling	1,455	Personnel Officer	Vancouver
D. Shaw	1,455	Student, Youth Employment Program, Ministry of Labour	Vancouver
G. Wong	1,455	Insurance Salesman	Vancouver
J. Amos	1,455	Counsellor, Vancouver Job Development Society	Vancouver
D. Roemer	1,455	Carpenter	Vancouver
O. Whelan	1,375	Information Officer	Vancouver
J. Adamson	1,455	Restaurant Manager	Vancouver
G. Lucas	1,455	Auditor	Vancouver
B. Cline	1,375	Counsellor, C.N.I.B.	Vancouver
L. Ball	1,455	Student, Employment Program, Ministry of Labour	Vancouver
J. Pace	1,455	Financial Assistance Worker	Vancouver

NOTE—Due to regionalization of the P.R.E.P. program in March 1979, the Provincial Co-ordinator's position was eliminated.

"2. 27.

"3. From January 1, 1977 to March 31, 1979, inclusive, the cost was \$2,124,387."

**21** Ms. *Brown* asked the Hon. the Minister of Human Resources the following questions:

With reference to the number of social assistance recipients placed in employment—

1. Were any placements made in 1976, 1977, and 1978?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many persons were placed in each month in 1976, 1977, and 1978?
3. Were any of these placements made in ministries of the Provincial Government, and if so, how many, and in which ministries?
4. Were any of these placements made in ministries of the Federal Government, and if so, how many, and in which ministries?
5. Were any of the placements in private employment subsidized in any way by the Provincial or Federal Governments?
6. If the answer to No. 5 is yes, how many jobs were subsidized and what was the total cost to (a) the Provincial Government and (b) the Federal Government?
7. Were any of the placements made through Canada Manpower?
8. If the answer to No. 7 is yes, how many in each month?

The Hon. *Grace McCarthy* replied as follows:

"1. Yes.

"2.

	1976	1977	1978
January .....		1,080	761
February .....		1,199	642
March .....		1,365	875
April .....		1,163	763
May .....		1,195	939
June .....		1,306	907
July .....		915	686
August .....	952*	1,127	629
September .....	1,164	938	712
October .....	1,019	725	755
November .....	1,418	861	736
December .....	937	580	529
Totals .....	5,490	12,454	8,934

\* P.R.E.P. began May 1976, and statistics were not available until July/August 1976.

"3. Yes.

1976		1977	
Highways .....	304	Highways .....	119
Human Resources .....	6	Human Resources .....	14
Forests .....	5	Forests .....	11
Health .....	5	Health .....	1
Provincial Secretary .....	5	Consumer Affairs .....	1
Transport and Communications ..	2	Transport and Communications ..	1
Housing .....	1	Various Ministries .....	93
Mines and Petroleum Resources ..	1	Labour .....	2
Public Works .....	1	Parks .....	3
Recreation and Travel .....	1	Public Works .....	3
		Environment .....	1
Total .....	331	Total .....	249

1978	
Human Resources .....	44
Forests .....	25
Transportation, Communications and Highways .....	16
Health .....	10
Attorney-General .....	8
Provincial Secretary .....	8
Consumer and Corporate Affairs .....	4
Education and School Boards .....	4
Agriculture .....	1
Environment .....	1
Finance .....	1
Lands, Parks and Housing .....	1
Municipal Affairs .....	1
Tourism .....	1
B.C.B.C. ....	1
Societies .....	33
Total .....	159

## "4. Yes.

1976		1977	
Defence .....	32	Defence .....	58
Health and Welfare .....	7	Health and Welfare .....	2
Post Office .....	3	Post Office .....	3
Transport .....	2	Transport .....	1
U.I.C. ....	2	C.E.I.C. ....	12
Manpower .....	1	Justice .....	5
Public Works .....	1	Education .....	2
Revenue (taxation excise) .....	1	Revenue .....	1
Total .....	49	Indian Affairs .....	1
		Total .....	85

1978	
Defence .....	20
Health and Welfare .....	3
Post Office .....	54
Transport and Communications .....	3
C.E.I.C. ....	26
Public Works .....	3
Revenue (Taxation) .....	5
Corrections .....	1
Canada Works .....	23
RCMP .....	1
Trade and Commerce .....	1
Grain Elevator .....	2
Total .....	142

## "5. Yes.

## "6.

	1976	1977	1978
Subsidized Federal .....	282	723	241
Subsidized Provincial .....		18	41
Totals .....	282	741	282

Federal costs .....	\$480,362	\$1,198,146	\$250,239
Provincial costs .....	1,100	58,650	35,789

NOTE—The data sought in this question is not normally required P.R.E.P. statistical records. The figures quoted were obtained by the individual P.R.E.P. offices in a process of tracing back through client placement

files for the period indicated. Therefore, the quotations are made subject to claim of accuracy only to the point allowed by this method.

"7. Yes.

"8.

	1976	1977	1978
January .....		210	147
February .....		173	96
March .....		243	114
April .....		193	141
May .....		198	146
June .....		220	124
July .....		97	121
August .....	197*	143	111
September .....	168	94	150
October .....	126	100	135
November .....	235	125	132
December .....	179	114	126
Totals .....	905	1,910	1,543

\* P.R.E.P. began in May 1976, and statistics were not available until July/August 1976."

**24** Mr. *Hall* asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary and Minister of Government Services the following question:

With reference to staff members employed in the Premier's Office, the Executive Council and Intergovernmental Relations Office, and the offices of Ministers of the Crown—

What are the names of each person employed, their positions, and present annual rate of salary or other stipend?

The Hon. *E. M. Wolfe* replied as follows:

"The following persons are employed as of July 31, 1979:

	Salary per Annum*
	\$
<i>Premier's Office</i>	
Tozer, W. A. R., Executive Assistant—Premier .....	36,432
Gray, Mrs. H. M., Secretary to Premier .....	18,960
Paulsen, Mrs. P. M., Administrative Officer 2 .....	22,428
Highton, Mrs. D. R. W., Clerk Steno 4 .....	14,568
Chan, Mrs. L. M., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,200
Hansen, Mrs. D. E., Office Assistant 2 .....	13,200
Hayes, Miss E. A., Office Assistant 2 .....	12,270
Chui, Miss V., Office Assistant 2—Temporary .....	11,940
Collins, D. J., Clerk Steno 3—Temporary .....	12,660
<i>Executive Council Offices</i>	
Smith, M. H., Deputy Minister .....	47,380
Arnett, J. L., Program Manager 2 .....	28,860
Brown, D. P., Communications Planning Adviser .....	36,432
Greig, R. L., Assistant Communications Planning Adviser .....	17,496
Burnes, Miss I. J., Public Information Officer .....	16,500
Cowan, Miss S. C., Clerk 4 .....	14,184
MacKay, Mrs. A., Clerk Steno 4 .....	13,860
Gamache, J., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,200

\* Subject to increment adjustment.

	Salary per Annum*
	\$
<i>Intergovernmental Relations Office</i>	
Campbell, D. R. J., Director .....	36,432
Archibald, G. C., Research Officer 3 .....	25,540
Axford, D. C., Research Officer 4 .....	27,960
Hick, W. A., Research Officer 2 .....	19,584
Rutkauskas, Miss L., Clerk 5 .....	17,040
Ward, Miss K. L., Clerk Steno 5 .....	13,860
Wilkinson, Mrs. K. M., Clerk Steno 4 .....	14,568
Reser, D. C., Office Assistant 2 .....	12,240
Inman, S. G., Office Assistant 1—Temporary .....	10,356
<i>Ministry of Agriculture</i>	
Burleau, J. M., Secretary to Minister .....	17,832
Gray, M. A., Clerk Steno 4 .....	13,860
Hardie, D. L., Office Assistant 2 .....	11,352
<i>Ministry of Attorney-General</i>	
Ferguson, B. J. C., Secretary to Minister .....	18,660
Dogue, S. M., Clerk Steno 5 .....	15,276
Hughes, C. L., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,524
Feldmann, D., Office Assistant 2 .....	12,720
<i>Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs</i>	
Orrick, R., Executive Assistant .....	18,504
Hanley, E. J., Secretary to Minister .....	17,280
McDonald, V. A., Secretary to Minister .....	17,280
<i>Ministry of Deregulation</i>	
Gwynne, M., Executive Assistant .....	22,860
Boyde, A. K., Secretary to Minister .....	17,796
Hall, D., Secretary to Minister .....	17,280
Vessey, E. M., Clerk Stenographer 3 .....	12,660
<i>Ministry of Economic Development</i>	
Temple, C. L., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Marshall, S. K., Secretary to Minister .....	18,660
Dallaway, L. M., Clerk Steno 4 .....	13,860
MacArthur, D., Clerk Steno 3 .....	12,660
<i>Ministry of Education, Science and Technology</i>	
Mitchell, G., Executive Assistant .....	25,800
Rozzano, J. M., Secretary to Minister .....	17,280
Russell, T. P., Office Assistant 2 .....	12,720
Walts, L. J., Office Assistant 2 .....	12,240
Vertes-Helfrich, J. M., Office Assistant 2 .....	11,613
<i>Ministry of Environment</i>	
Stark, P. A., Liaison Co-ordinator .....	25,800
Moskwa, S., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
McBeth, J. L., Executive Secretary .....	14,076
Tait, L. J., Secretary .....	18,660
Davies, S., Clerk Steno 4 .....	13,200
Barni, D., Office Assistant 2—Temporary .....	12,408
Adrian, V. L., Office Assistant 2—Temporary .....	11,940
<i>Ministry of Finance</i>	
Ewing, R. H., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Griffith, J. E., Secretary to Minister .....	18,660
Zimmerman, S. D., Clerk Steno 4 .....	14,568
Griffin, J. C., Office Assistant 2 .....	12,240

\* Subject to increment adjustment.

	Salary per Annum*
	\$
<i>Ministry of Forests</i>	
MacLaren, J., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Smith, L. K., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Landucci, V., Secretary to Minister .....	18,660
MacIntyre, M., Clerk Steno 4 .....	14,184
<i>Ministry of Health</i>	
Gran, C. M., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Lord, B., Administrative Assistant .....	19,500
Ross-Jones, D. I., Secretary to Minister .....	17,796
Seidel, M. M. E., Clerk Steno 4 .....	14,568
Robinson, N. A., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,332
<i>Ministry of Highways, Transportation and Communications</i>	
Ketchum, J., Administrative Officer 1 .....	20,280
Sproule, F. H., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Coates, M., Secretary to Minister .....	17,796
Rutherford, F. J., Clerk Steno 4 .....	13,524
Wilson, J. M., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,860
Mah, M., Office Assistant 1 .....	11,352
<i>Ministry of Human Resources</i>	
Lenko, G., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Shandley, P. R., Secretary to Minister .....	18,660
Wilkinson, A. R., Secretary to Minister .....	17,760
Wilson, O., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,200
Proudfoot, P. A., Office Assistant 2 .....	11,820
Gay, L. I., Office Assistant 2 .....	11,352
<i>Ministry of Labour</i>	
McPhee, D. G., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Brandie, L. J., Secretary to Minister .....	18,660
McIntosh, C. R., Clerk Steno 4 .....	13,524
Cameron, M. J., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,860
Underwood, C., Office Assistant 2 .....	11,352
<i>Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing</i>	
Eraut, C. B., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
MacArthur, N. I., Secretary to Minister .....	18,660
Symons, P., Clerk Steno 4 .....	13,860
Lindballe, D., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,200
Lightburn, S., Office Assistant 2 .....	12,720
<i>Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources</i>	
Battison, B. C., Executive Assistant .....	18,504
Owen, M. F., Secretary to Minister .....	17,796
Brox, S. J., Clerk Steno 4 .....	13,860
<i>Ministry of Municipal Affairs</i>	
Lidstone, D. F., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Sage, D. A., Secretary to Minister .....	18,660
Whalley, C. R., Clerk Steno 4 .....	14,184
White, E., Office Assistant 2 .....	13,308
Severson, C. M., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,860

\* Subject to increment adjustment.



<i>Ministry of Provincial Secretary and Government Services</i>	Salary per Annum* \$
Guthrie, J. A., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Schneider, S. M., Executive Assistant .....	19,500
Lauckner, E. V., Secretary to Minister .....	18,660
Patrauchuk, D. A., Clerk 6 .....	17,040
Scott, M. K., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,860
Wesley, P., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,860
Guild, S. D., Office Assistant 2 .....	12,960
 <i>Ministry of Tourism and Small Business Development</i>	
Sheppard, M. F., Secretary to Minister .....	19,860
Rosenke, B. A., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,860
Larsen, A. E., Clerk Steno 3 .....	13,524

\* Subject to increment adjustment."

**18** Mr. *Barnes* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:

1. When making application for BRIC shares, an applicant must produce two identifying documents, such as driver's licence, birth certificate, or social insurance number. Are applicants required to produce proof of Canadian citizenship at the time of application?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, then could the Premier advise the House whether or not the banks and credit unions, etc., who are acting as agents for B.C. Resources Investment Corporation, are paid their \$5.00 per application fee for qualified applicants only, or are they paid for all applications received, whether they are later proven to be Canadian citizens or not?

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* replied as follows:

"1. No.

"2. The financial institutions are paid \$2.50 for taking the application. In addition, they are paid \$2.50 for issuing the shares. Should an incorrect certification as to Canadian citizenship be discovered prior to delivery of the shares, the financial institutions would be paid only \$2.50 as they would be notified not to distribute the shares."

**29** Mr. *Barber* asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:

With reference to the 25 cents per share paid to agents selling BRIC shares, what was the total amount paid to (a) chartered banks, (b) investment houses, (c) credit unions, and (d) other agencies?

The Hon. *W. R. Bennett* replied as follows:

"The payments of the 25 cents per share to agents selling BRIC shares are in the process of being made. They were payable when the shares were delivered and the agents submitted a final report. The first payments were made in November 1979 and are expected to be completed in March 1980."

**30** Mr. Barber asked the Hon. the Premier the following question:

With reference to the \$5 fee per application for lots of 5 BCRIC bearer shares, what was the total amount paid to (a) chartered banks, (b) investment houses, (c) credit unions, and (d) other agencies?

The Hon. W. R. Bennett replied as follows:

"The \$5.00 fee per application for lots of 5 BRIC bearer shares was payable in two instalments, \$2.50 for each application processed and \$2.50 for each lot delivered. The first instalment was paid in July 1979 as follows:

(a) Chartered banks .....	\$3,029,855.00
(b) Investment houses .....	348,412.50
(c) Credit unions .....	859,882.50
(d) Other .....	Nil
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$4,238,150.00</b>

The payments of the second instalments began in November 1979 and will be completed in March 1980."

The House prorogued at 10.15 a.m.

H. W. SCHROEDER, *Speaker*