

Wednesday, February 1st, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Brigadier *B. Purdy*.

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* rose on a point of personal privilege and asked leave of the House to read a statement.

Leave having been granted the statement was read.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, seconded by Mr. *Strachan*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the said statement and the letter of Mr. *Gibson* therein referred to be printed in the Votes and Proceedings, as follows:—

“ Room 249, Parliament Buildings,
“ Victoria, B.C., January 31st, 1961.

“ *The Honourable W. K. Kiernan*,
“ *Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources*,
“ *Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.*

“ *Dear Mr. Kiernan*,—I want to make it absolutely clear that my speech of recent date at the University of British Columbia was not intended in any way to discredit you personally, or to cast reflections upon the Civil Servants of British Columbia. If my talk to the students was so construed by you, I regret the impression created.

“ To-day, in the House, you quoted from a newspaper report of my speech to the students. The alleged quotations quoted by you were fragmentary and of necessity they failed to convey the full meaning or the intent of my remarks.

“ I can assure you, the members of the Legislative Assembly, and the people of this Province that I fully intend to set forth my views about this Government and its policies in my forthcoming speech in the House. I hope that I will be given the right to be heard.

“ Let them judge me after they have heard me.

“ Yours very truly,

“(Signed) J. Gordon Gibson,

“ Gordon Gibson, M.L.A.”

“ Legislative Assembly,

“ Victoria, B.C., February 1st, 1961.

“ *Statement to the Legislative Assembly re the Second Member
from North Vancouver*

“ *Mr. Speaker*,—Last evening in this Assembly the second member from North Vancouver read to this Assembly a letter of apology to myself and staff in relation to the member's remarks at the University of British Columbia.

“ In the same letter the member also asked that he be given the right to be heard. His closing statement in that letter was ‘ Let them judge me after they have heard me.’

“ I do not presume, Mr. Speaker, to in any way infringe on the prerogative of your high office or on this Legislative Assembly. My purpose in drawing to your attention the statements of the second member from North Vancouver was to protest in no uncertain fashion the tendency of some people in supposedly responsible positions as members of this Legislative Assembly making slanderous and untruthful statements and then attempting to laugh them off as just being politics.

“ I have not the slightest desire to in any way prevent the second member from North Vancouver from either sitting or speaking in this House. Even if it were in my power to do so, which I am sure it is not. My opinion is that my protest has been registered.

“ Without attempting to anticipate the action of yourself or this House in any way, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the second member for North Vancouver be heard in this House in due course and that no action be taken by this House that would so prevent the member from being heard.

“ I would further ask your consent that Mr. *Gibson's* letter of apology and my statement in reply thereto be recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of this Assembly.

“ Respectfully submitted,

“ (Signed) W. K. Kiernan,

“ *Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources.*”

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

The debate continued.

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

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. *R. W. Bonner* presented the Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 26th ultimo, as follows:—

REPORT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

February 1st, 1961.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Special Committee appointed on January 26th to prepare and report lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session begs to report and recommend that the personnel of the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be as follows:—

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Matthew* (Convener), *Brothers*, *Price*, *Shelford*, *Skillings*, *Speare*, *Tisdalle*, the Hon. *W. D. Black*, the Hon. *Buda H. Brown*, Messrs. *Dowding*, *Macdonald*, *Squire*, *Turner*, and *Macfarlane*.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND PRINTING.—Messrs. *Corbett* (Convener), *Brothers*, *Jefcoat*, *Murray*, *Skillings*, *Smith*, the Hon. *Buda H. Brown*, the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, Messrs. *Harding*, *Hobbs*, *Nimsick*, *Strachan*, and *Perrault*.

MINING AND RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Campbell* (Convener), *Bate*, *Brothers*, *Huhn*, *Little*, *Newton*, *Robinson*, the Hon. *W. N. Chant*, the Hon. *E. C. Westwood*, Messrs. *Calder*, *Cox*, *Hobbs*, *Nimsick*, and *Gibson*.

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Carnell* (Convener), *Bruch*, *Huhn*, *Jefcoat*, *Newton*, *Shelford*, *Tisdalle*, the Hon. *F. X. Richter*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Harding*, *Rhodes*, *Mrs. Hagen*, and *Mr. McKay*.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Bruch* (Convener), *Carnell*, *Little*, *Matthew*, *Murray*, *Price*, *Skillings*, *Smith*, *Tisdalle*, *Eddie*, *Nimsick*, *Turner*, *Mrs. Mather*, and *Mr. Macfarlane*.

FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Murray* (Convener), *Campbell*, *Corbett*, *Jefcoat*, *Little*, *Newton*, *Shelford*, *Speare*, the Hon. *R. G. Williston*, Messrs. *Calder*, *Eddie*, *Gargrave*, *Squire*, and *Gibson*.

LABOUR.—Messrs. *Smith* (Convener), *Bate*, *Bruch*, *Campbell*, *Corbett*, *Huhn*, *Murray*, *Robinson*, the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, Messrs. *Cox*, *Eddie*, *Hobbs*, *Macdonald*, and *McKay*.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.—Messrs. *Speare* (Convener), *Bate*, *Carnell*, *Price*, *Robinson*, *Skillings*, the Hon. *Buda H. Brown*, the Hon. *E. C. F. Martin*, the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, Messrs. *Barrett*, *Dowding*, *Mrs. Hagen*, *Mrs. Mather*, and *Mr. Perrault*.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. BONNER, *Chairman*.

By leave of the House, the report was taken as read and received.

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

By leave of the House, the Hon. *W. D. Black* tabled the statement of the Capital Improvement District Commission relating to receipts and disbursements for the year ended March 31st, 1960.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

Honourable Members,—I should like to take this earliest opportunity of advising the House that certain remarks attributed to me in a news item appearing to-day in a local evening paper are not accurately reported. These inaccuracies have been brought to the attention of those concerned and I have no doubt they will be corrected.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Speaker*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 2nd, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. W. Behling*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* presented copy of Order in Council No. 2874, dated December 17th, 1959, amending regulations under the *Hospital 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 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 2nd, 1961

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

1. Have any land leases in excess of 160 acres been granted in the area north of Prince George?
2. If the answer to the above is yes, (a) to whom were these leases granted, (b) in what acreage in each case, (c) for what term in each case, (d) are the lessees in any case other than British or Canadian subjects and, if so, state nationality, and (e) by what authority were the leases granted?

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

With respect to the proposed new bridge on the Christina Lake-Kinnaird Highway:—

1. Have tenders been called?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, has the contract been awarded and, if so, to whom?
3. If the answer to No. 1 is no, when is it expected that tenders will be called?

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *E. C. Westwood*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

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

Mr. *Bate* presented the petition of the Seaboard Assurance Company to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Seaboard Assurance Company Act, 1953*.

Mr. *Bate* presented the petition of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, 1893.*

Mr. *Bate* presented the petition of Jack Pembroke, C.B.E., John M. Wells, Robert S. Whyte, James W. R. Seadle, Denison C. Stewart, Pearley R. Brissenden, Q.C., George C. van Roggen, The Royal Trust Company, and Okanagan Trust Company to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act Respecting The Royal Trust Company.*

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.23 p.m.

Friday, February 3rd, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. C. Hamill.*

On the motion of the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, Bill (No. 14) intituled *An Act Respecting Public Accommodation Practices* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

Mr. *Strachan* asked leave of the House to make a statement relating to the Speaker's decision of the 30th ultimo and matters of procedure arising therefrom.

Leave was granted and a statement made.

Mr. *Strachan* asked leave of the House to move, without notice, that the said statement be printed in the Journals.

Leave was not granted.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—the petition of the Seaboard Assurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Seaboard Assurance Company Act, 1953*.

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—the petition of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, 1893*.

On the motion of Mr. *Bate*—the petition of Jack Pembroke, C.B.E., John M. Wells, Robert S. Whyte, James W. R. Seattle, Denison C. Stewart, Pearley R. Brissenden, Q.C., George C. van Roggen, The Royal Trust Company, and Okanagan Trust Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act Respecting The Royal Trust Company*.

Mr. *Speare* presented the petition of Williams Lake Stampede Association for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate Williams Lake Stampede Association*.

Mr. *Speare* presented the petition of H. R. Slade, Gordon Frith, Sister Mary Loretto, Harry B. Devine, J. S. McGraw, Ray A. Williams, Charles T. Lavery, Hugh A. Lousley, and Harry Baxendale for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate the Hospital Administrators Association of British Columbia*.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and, on the motion of Mr. *Speare*, the following petitions were *Ordered* to be received:—

The petition of Williams Lake Stampede Association for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate Williams Lake Stampede Association*.

The petition of H. R. Slade, Gordon Frith, Sister Mary Loretto, Harry B. Devine, J. S. McGraw, Ray A. Williams, Charles T. Lavery, Hugh A. Lousley, and Harry Baxendale for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate the Hospital Administrators Association of British Columbia*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, seconded by the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

That the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education be appointed to examine and inquire into arrangements made between funeral directors or their agents or representatives and members of the public for the prepayment of funeral expenses and to report to the Legislature its observations thereon and its recommendations with regard to the public policy to be adopted with reference to such arrangements, the desirability of legislation providing for the regulation of them, and, if it is proposed that legislation be enacted, the proposed substance of the legislation.

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* moved, seconded by the Hon. *L. R. Peterson*,—

That the Select Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Education be appointed to examine and inquire into arrangements made between funeral directors or their agents or representatives and members of the public for the prepayment of funeral expenses and to report to the Legislature its observations thereon and its recommendations with regard to the public policy to be adopted

with reference to such arrangements, the desirability of legislation providing for the regulation of them, and, if it is proposed that legislation be enacted, the proposed substance of the legislation.

The motion was agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. R. W. Bonner, seconded by the Hon. L. R. Peterson, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

Be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Labour be appointed to examine and inquire into the subject of the effect of the operation of the *Mechanics' Lien Act* upon the business, efficiency, and prosperity of those persons, corporations, firms, and organizations engaged in or having business transactions in connection with the construction industry of the Province, upon the economy of the Province, and in particular upon the welfare of residents of the Province who build or have built for them homes or other structures, and to report to the Legislature its observations and its recommendations with regard to the desirability of the amendment of the *Mechanics' Lien Act* to restrict its application to the protection of workmen and garagemen or otherwise.

The Hon. R. W. Bonner moved, seconded by the Hon. L. R. Peterson,—

Be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Labour be appointed to examine and inquire into the subject of the effect of the operation of the *Mechanics' Lien Act* upon the business, efficiency, and prosperity of those persons, corporations, firms, and organizations engaged in or having business transactions in connection with the construction industry of the Province, upon the economy of the Province, and in particular upon the welfare of residents of the Province who build or have built for them homes or other structures, and to report to the Legislature its observations and its recommendations with regard to the desirability of the amendment of the *Mechanics' Lien Act* to restrict its application to the protection of workmen and garagemen or otherwise.

The motion was agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. R. G. Williston, seconded by the Hon. E. C. Westwood, it was *Ordered*,—

That the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

Resolved, That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries, as recommended in the report of this Committee, read and received by this House on March 16th, 1960, to again consider the problem of special bidding practices for timber sales in over-committed public working circles and the legislation enacted therefor and to consider matters which may be related to this problem in fully committed public working circles and to hear such persons as may wish to make representations on this and related matters.

The Hon. R. G. Williston moved, seconded by the Hon. E. C. Westwood,—

Resolved, That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries, as recommended in the report of this Committee, read and received by this House on March 16th, 1960, to again consider the problem of special bidding practices for timber sales in over-committed public working circles and the

legislation enacted therefor and to consider matters which may be related to this problem in fully committed public working circles and to hear such persons as may wish to make representations on this and related matters.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. *Brothers* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Is the Province of British Columbia considering the development of the Columbia River basin by means of the so-called Dorr Diversion?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, then (a) how many acres of land will be inundated at maximum storage level, (b) how many acres of presently used arable land will be inundated at maximum storage level, (c) how many acres of potentially usable arable land will be inundated at maximum storage level, (d) how many persons will be displaced at maximum storage level, (e) how many homes will have to be purchased to store water at its maximum height, and (f) what is the estimated cost of purchasing private property and homes to store water at its maximum height?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2. See No. 1.”

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Were any members of the field staff of the Lands Service of the Department of Lands and Forests required to work overtime in (a) 1958, (b) 1959, and (c) 1960 and, if so, what was the total number of hours worked?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, were these employees paid overtime and, if so, at what rate?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is in the negative, were the employees given compensatory time off?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a), (b), and (c) Yes; weather conditions and other physical circumstances actually determine and control the periods during which survey work can be carried out; as a result, hours of work in the field vary considerably; no attempt is made to maintain an exact record of overtime on an hourly basis.

“ 2. No.

“ 3. Yes; compensatory time off for overtime is allowed partially in the field and partially at headquarters at the close of the field season.”

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

With reference to the Public Works Department in Langford:—

1. Were any complaints lodged with the Department between January 1st, 1959, and December 31st, 1960, alleging misuse of Public Works material by members of the staff in Langford?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the substance of the allegations and (b) what action, if any, was taken by the Department?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Not applicable.”

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Were any members of the field staff of the Forest Service of the Department of Lands and Forests required to work overtime in (a) 1958, (b) 1959, and (c) 1960 and, if so, what was the total number of hours worked?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, were these employees paid overtime and, if so, at what rate?

3. If the answer to No. 2 is in the negative, were the employees given compensatory time off?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a), (b), and (c) Yes; weather conditions and other physical circumstances actually determine and control the periods during which fire suppression, survey, and engineering work must be carried out. As a result, hours of work in the field vary considerably and no precise records of hours worked outside of the normal working-day are maintained for monthly-rate employees. Casual employees on fire suppression, road construction, and reforestation projects are hired on an hourly basis and paid for the hours worked and any overtime is not distinguishable. The official scaling staff work load is determined by the demands of the forest industry. Where overtime and week-end work is required, it is normally compensated for by equivalent time off and no central records are kept of this. During peak periods and in certain locations where equivalent time off is impractical, an overtime payroll is raised. The figures for such were (a) 1958, 216 hours; (b) 1959, 2,064 hours; and (c) 1960, 1,392 hours.

“ 2. Yes; where overtime was paid as indicated above, it was on a straight-time basis.

“ 3. Yes; monthly-rate employees in sentence 2, section 1, above are allowed compensatory time off.”

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

With respect to the Jericho Hill School for deaf and blind children:—

1. Is an automatic sprinkler system installed in this school?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is no, is such an installation planned and what is the estimated date of installation?

3. Have any new buildings been commenced or completed during 1960 and, if so, for what purposes?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Not applicable.

“ 3. No.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Monday, February 6th, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Eric A. Hornby*.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* (Minister of Public Works) presented the Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1960.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *E. C. Westwood* (Minister of Commercial Transport) presented a Memorandum of Agreement made the 31st day of January, 1961, between the Westcoast Transmission Company Limited, of the first part, and Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of British Columbia represented by the Minister of Commercial Transport, of the second part.

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Have any services been performed or supplied by C. D. Schultz to projects under the jurisdiction of the Department of Lands and Forests since May 29th, 1958?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, what specific services were performed or supplied and what, if any, payment was made to Mr. Schultz?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. No.
- “ 2. See No. 1.”

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

What was the total number of persons employed by the Department of Public Works on the following dates: (a) July 31st, 1960, (b) August 31st, 1960, (c) September 30th, 1960, (d) October 31st, 1960, (e) November 30th, 1960, and (f) December 31st, 1960?

The Hon. *W. N. Chant* replied as follows:—

“(a) 813, (b) 817, (c) 820, (d) 784, (e) 776, and (f) 781.”

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 5.37 p.m.

Monday, February 6th, 1961

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *F. X. Richter*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.41 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7th, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father *Michael O'Connell*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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 5.20 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7th, 1961

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* (Minister of Finance) presented the annual return for the calendar year 1960 submitted in accordance with section 53 of the *Administration Act*, R.S.B.C. 1960.

The Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* (Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources) presented the return pursuant to section 125 (2) of the *Placer-mining Act*, chapter 285, *Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960*.

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

And then the House adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8th, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. E. H. Cameron*.

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

The debate continued.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Matthew*, the House proceeded to the Order "Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees."

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

REPORT NO. 1

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1961.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 2

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1961.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of H. R. Slade, Gordon Frith, Sister Mary Loretto, Harry B. Devine, J. S. McGraw, Ray A. Williams, Charles T. Lavery, Hugh A. Lousley, and Harry Baxendale for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate the Hospital Administrators Association of British Columbia* have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1961.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter* have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 4

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1961.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Williams Lake Stampede Association, of Williams Lake, British Columbia, for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Incorporate Williams Lake Stampede Association* have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 5

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1961.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the Seaboard Assurance Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Seaboard Assurance Company Act, 1953*, have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 6

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1961.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, 1893*, have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

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

REPORT NO. 7

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
February 7th, 1961.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in respect to the petition of Jack Pembroke, C.B.E., John M. Wells, Robert S. Whyte, James W. R. Scatle, Denison C. Stewart, Pearley R. Brissenden, Q.C., George C. van Roggen, The Royal Trust Company, and Okanagan Trust Company for leave to introduce a Private Bill intituled *An Act Respecting The Royal Trust Company* have been complied with, and your Committee recommends that the petitioners be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Matthew*, with the unanimous consent of the House, the Rules were suspended to permit the introduction of Private Bills without notice.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 50) intituled *An Act Relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.*

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 51) intituled *An Act to Incorporate the Hospital Administrators Association of British Columbia.*

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 52) intituled *An Act to Amend the Vancouver Charter.*

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 53) intituled *An Act to Incorporate Williams Lake Stampede Association.*

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 54) intituled *An Act to Amend the Seaboard Assurance Company Act, 1953.*

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 55) intituled *An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, 1893.*

On the motion of Mr. *Matthew*—Bill (No. 56) intituled *An Act Respecting The Royal Trust Company.*

By leave of the House, the Hon. R. G. *Williston* presented a copy of the treaty between Canada and the United States of America relating to co-operative development of the water resources of the Columbia River basin.

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following question:—

Have any instructions been issued by the Department of Education to the effect that no new pupils are to be added to correspondence school rolls until after April 1st, 1961, or any other date?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“No.”

Mrs. *Haggen* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

With respect to kindergartens in the Province:—

1. Were any public school boards refused authority to open kindergartens in 1960?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, how many proposed kindergartens did this involve?

3. How many kindergartens were in operation in the Province as of December 31st, 1960?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

“1. No applications received.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. Last date available is September 30th, 1960, when classes enrolling 3,517 pupils in forty-four schools were reported.”

Mr. *Dowding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health Services and Hospital Insurance the following questions:—

1. During the year 1960 did any psychiatrists resign from the Mental Health Services?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) what was the total number of resignations, (b) in which departments did the resignations take place, and (c) what reasons, if any, were given for the resignations in each case?

The Hon. *E. C. F. Martin* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) One, (b) Mental Health Centre, and (c) personal reasons.”

Mr. *Nimsick* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

1. Were any aeroplanes used by the Government for the purpose of water bombing forest fires in the Province during 1960?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) were any of these aeroplanes owned by the Government, (b) were any of these aeroplanes owned by private individuals or companies, and (c) what are their names and how much was paid in each case?

3. What was the total cost for this method of fighting fire during 1960?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. (a) No, (b) yes, and (c) Skyways Air Services Limited, \$256,597.70; B.C. Airlines Limited, \$30,059.45; West Coast Airlines Limited, \$6,226; Husky Aircraft Limited, \$12,067.06; Pacific Western Airlines Limited, \$2,559; Airspray Limited, \$55,144; Celgar Limited, \$577; and Forest Industrial Tankers, \$4,400.

“3. \$367,630.21.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Thursday, February 9th, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *B. J. Molloy*.

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

The debate continued.

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

That the following words be added to the motion:—

“ This Legislature regrets that the Speech from the Throne gave no indication that the Government is aware of the inadequacy of the *Workmen's Compensation Act* to fulfil the purpose for which it was instituted in respect to (1) the problem of silicosis, (2) adjustment of pensions allotted between 1943 and 1952, and (3) pensions for widows of recipients of permanent total disability pensions.”

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—20

Messieurs

<i>McKay</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Squire</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>

NAYS—30

Messieurs

<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Little</i>		

The debate continued on the main motion.

The motion was agreed to on the following division:—

YEAS—31

Messieurs

<i>Robinson</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Little</i>	<i>Campbell</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Jefcoat</i>	<i>Westwood</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Huhn</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Brothers</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Speare</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Shelford</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Richter</i>
<i>Price</i>	<i>Skillings</i>	<i>Murray</i>	

NAYS—20

Messieurs

<i>McKay</i>	<i>Calder</i>	<i>Macfarlane</i>	<i>Squire</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Cox</i>	<i>Perrault</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>Dowding</i>	<i>Nimsick</i>	<i>Harding</i>
<i>Mather, Mrs.</i>	<i>Gargrave</i>	<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>	<i>Strachan</i>
<i>Rhodes</i>	<i>Barrett</i>	<i>Macdonald</i>	<i>Turner</i>

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

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

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

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

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

1. What was the total number of staff employed at the corrections office as at December 31st, 1960?
2. What was the total number of staff employed in gaol services as at December 31st, 1960?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Eleven full time and one part time.
- “ 2. Eight hundred and seventy-four full time and nine part time.”

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

1. What was the total number of staff employed at Haney Correctional Institute and forestry camps effective December 31st, 1960?
2. What was the total number of inmates in Haney Correctional Institute and forestry camps effective December 31st, 1960?
3. What was the total number of graduate social workers employed at Haney Correctional Institute as at December 31st, 1960?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Three hundred and forty-one.
- “ 2. Seven hundred and one.
- “ 3. Seven.”

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

1. Do any Magistrates in the Province hold law degrees and, if so, how many?
2. What is the total number of Magistrates in the Province?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1 and 2. There are 216 Police and Stipendiary Magistrates in the Province, of whom forty-three are lawyers. The Provincial population in the areas, including two magisterial districts, directly served by lawyer Magistrates is approximately 1,100,000 based on municipal statistics estimated for 1959.”

Mr. *Gibson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

With respect to tree-farm licences:—

1. Since July 1st, 1960, what is the acreage involved in tree-farm licences granted to (a) MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Company and (b) Canadian Forest Products Company?

2. What content of cruised timber is involved in the above tree-farm licences?

3. What is the annual permissible cut involved in these tree-farm licences?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

“ 1. (a) The application of the Powell River Company Limited, now merged with MacMillan & Bloedel Limited and known as MacMillan, Bloedel & Powell River Limited, was approved July 22nd, 1960, subject to a satisfactory working plan being submitted within twelve months; productive forest acreage is tentatively estimated to be 937,000 acres. (b) Canadian Forest Products Limited Tree-farm Licence No. 37 has a productive forest acreage of 228,706 acres; this tree-farm licence was signed on December 28th, 1960.

“ 2. It is tentatively estimated that the MacMillan, Bloedel & Powell River Limited unit would contain 3,035 million cubic feet of merchantable timber; the Canadian Forest Products Limited tree-farm licence contains 1,126,870 thousand cubic feet of merchantable timber.

“ 3. It is tentatively estimated that the MacMillan, Bloedel & Powell River Limited unit would have an allowable annual cut of 43,550 thousand cubic feet; the allowable annual cut approved for the first working plan period of the Canadian Forest Products Limited tree-farm licence is 20,400 thousand cubic feet.”

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

1. What was the total number of staff employed at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31st, 1960?

2. What was the total number of prisoners held at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31st, 1960?

3. What was the total number of guards employed at Oakalla Prison Farm as at December 31st, 1960?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Three hundred and ninety-one full time and seven part time.

“ 2. Nine hundred and seventy-one.

“ 3. All staff at Oakalla Prison Farm are trained as guards and all have custodial responsibilities.”

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

Since August 1st, 1952:—

1. Have any permits been issued for the building of (a) distilleries and (b) breweries?

2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, in each case of distilleries and breweries (a) to whom was permit granted or approved, (b) what was the location of each enterprise, and (c) what was the stated value of each plant constructed?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ 1. No building permits are issued by the Department of the Attorney-General.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What was the total number of staff of the probation office as at December 31st, 1960?
2. What was the total number of Probation Officers—Grade 1 employed in the probation office as at December 31st, 1960?
3. What was the total number of Probation Officers—Grade 2 employed in the probation office as at December 31st, 1960?
4. What was the total case load carried by the above probation officers?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Fifty-three full time and fourteen part time.
- “ 2. Ten.
- “ 3. Twenty-nine.
- “ 4. One thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine.”

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

1. Are any Federal parole cases carried by Provincial Government probation officers?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, does the Federal Government reimburse the Provincial Government for these services?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Twenty-five.
- “ 2. No.”

Mr. *Harding* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests the following questions:—

With respect to forest surveys for rights-of-way for pipe-lines:—

1. Were any contracts let or were any companies asked to undertake forest surveys during 1960?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is in the affirmative, what were the names of all companies concerned and in what areas are such surveys proceeding?

The Hon. *R. G. Williston* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. No; timber cut or destroyed on a pipe-line right-of-way granted over Crown land is paid for at a stumpage rate set by the Minister of Lands and Forests and billing is on the basis of an acceptable timber cruise which is the responsibility of the pipe-line company and at the company's expense.
- “ 2. See No. 1.”

Mr. *Barrett* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following question:—

What was the total number of employees in narcotic drug treatment as at December 31st, 1960?

The Hon. *R. W. Bonner* replied as follows:—

“ Thirteen full time and one part time.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, February 10th, 1961

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. *D. B. Sparling*.

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

That the Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 1959/60 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, pursuant to the provisions of the *Audit Act*, chapter 22, R.S.B.C. 1960, and the Province of British Columbia balance-sheet as at December 31st, 1960.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith:—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1962;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1961;

Schedule A. Sums required by Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1960, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 8th, 1961.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

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

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act, 1948*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 10th, 1961.

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. 20) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act, 1948*, 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 after to-day.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act, 1958*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 10th, 1961.

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. 21) intituled *An Act to Amend the Gasoline Tax Act, 1958*, 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 after to-day.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Motive-fuel Use Tax Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 10th, 1961.

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. 19) intituled *An Act to Amend the Motive-fuel Use 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 after to-day.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Logging Tax Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 10th, 1961.

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. 18) intituled *An Act to Amend the Logging 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 after to-day.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Assessment Equalization Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 10th, 1961.

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. 22) intituled *An Act to Amend the Assessment Equalization 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 after to-day.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act Respecting Public Bodies Financial Information*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 10th, 1961.

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. 23) intituled *An Act Respecting Public Bodies Financial Information*, 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 after to-day.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Amend the Taxation Act*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 10th, 1961.

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. 24) intituled *An Act to Amend the Taxation 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 after to-day.

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

GEORGE R. PEARKES,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled *An Act to Authorize the Payment of Advances to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company Pending Receipt of Federal Grant*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 7th, 1961.

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. 15) intituled *An Act to Authorize the Payment of Advances to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company Pending Receipt of Federal Grant*, 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 after to-day.

By leave of the House, the Hon. *R. G. Williston* presented a memorandum with respect to Timber Sale X49437, applied for June 30th, 1950, by A. Scheller, dated February 10th, 1961, and copies of letters in connection therewith, dated respectively June 6th, 1956, August 22nd, 1956, December 1st, 1950, and January 3rd, 1957.

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

1. Were any cases presented to the Workmen's Compensation Counsellor during the year 1960?
2. If the answer to No. 1 is yes, (a) how many cases were presented and (b) what was the final result of these cases?

The Hon. *L. R. Peterson* replied as follows:—

" 1. Yes.

" 2. (a) Three hundred and ninety-eight and (b) the Compensation Counsellor's duties are to assist the persons who have problems under the *Workmen's Compensation Act*; he is not required to have knowledge of the final disposition of their cases."

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Monday, February 13th, 1961

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Capt. *Donald Graham*.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

ONE MINUTE PAST SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.19 p.m.