

**Friday, March 22nd, 1957.**

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TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Padre *F. H. Godfrey*.

Mr. Speaker made the following statement:—

*Honourable Members*,—This day is the seventy-eighth anniversary of the birth of the late member for the Electoral District of Burnaby.

You will note that there is a floral tribute at my desk, which is a symbol of our respect for and in memory of Ernie Winch. It may be that it will be thought in some places that we are stressing the loss that we have sustained unnecessarily, but that is not so. Complete dedication to a cause is given to few persons and it is well that we should keep green the memory of a man of whom it can be truly said that he gave all that he had to the cause of the down-trodden, the aged, and the infirm.

For your information, honourable members, at this time a similar floral tribute has been delivered to the family in Burnaby and I sincerely feel that I have correctly interpreted your wishes in this matter.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

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

Bill (No. 47) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act.'"

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Laws Declaratory Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tourist Accommodation Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of Children."

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to provide for Taxation of Land based on the Minerals therein."

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act.'"

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act respecting Special Regulations and Services for Local Areas."

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Asselstine*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to authorize and implement an Agreement between the Governments of Canada and the Province" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting Provincial Grants to Residential Home-owners" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pharmacy Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 22) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Physiotherapists and Massage Practitioners Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 25) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to create a Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce and to provide for the Investigation of Matters of Economic Importance, the Encouragement of Industry, the Collection and Publication of Statistics, and the Development of Trade" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Protection of Children Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'" was committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Credit Unions Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assessment Equalization Act, 1953,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'County Court Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to provide for the Incorporation of The Corporation of the City of White Rock" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to validate certain Municipal Agreements relating to Employee Superannuation" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Maple Ridge-Langley Ferry By-laws Validation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 88) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Nanaimo Water District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Power Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Cemeteries Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House reverted to the Order "Committee of Supply."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

283. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1958.

284. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,700 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, General Administration, to 31st March, 1958.

285. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants in Aid of Construction of Homes for Elderly Citizens, to 31st March, 1958.

286. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$140,630 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1958.

287. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Civil Service Gratuities under Sec. 76 of "Civil Service Act" and other Government Employees, to 31st March, 1958.

288. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Superannuation Branch, to 31st March, 1958.

289. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$48,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Grants *re* Retiring Allowances, to 31st March, 1958.

290 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,350,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1958.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$60,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Teachers' Pensions Act," to 31st March, 1958.

292. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Queen's Printer, to 31st March, 1958.

293. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,544 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1958.

294. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (the Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1958.

295. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Public Services Medical Plan, to 31st March, 1958.

296. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$50,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Contingencies, Incidentals, Entertainments, Grants, etc., to 31st March, 1958.

297. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Construction and other Grants to Charitable and Other Associations, to 31st March, 1958.

298. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Capital Improvement District Act," to 31st March, 1958.

299. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,442 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Collections Office, to 31st March, 1958.

300. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Farms, to 31st March, 1958.

301. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$134,778 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Headquarters, to 31st March, 1958.

302. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$489,795 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, School of Psychiatric Nursing, to 31st March, 1958.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$241,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Preventive Services (including Child Guidance Clinics), to 31st March, 1958.

304. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,190,587 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1958.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$215,954 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Mental Health Centre, to 31st March, 1958.

306. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Mental Health Care (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1958.

307. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,022,704 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Homes for the Aged, to 31st March, 1958.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$248,131 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, to 31st March, 1958.

309 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$72,912 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Provincial Elections Act," to 31st March, 1958.

310 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Inquiries Act," to 31st March, 1958.

311 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$62,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Statutory requirements pursuant to "Civil Service Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1958.

312. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Retiring Allowance, "Civil Service Act," Section 69, and other Government Employees, to 31st March, 1958.

313 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1958.

314. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1958.

278. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1958.

279. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$57,466 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1958.

280. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,620 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division, to 31st March, 1958.

281. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Grants and Subsidies, to 31st March, 1958.

282. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1958.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

REPORT NO. 19.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
March 21st, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has considered Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to give Relief to the Gibson Mining Company Limited (N.P.L.) in Liquidation" and recommends that the said Bill not be proceeded with for the following reason:—

That the Bill, if enacted, and if *intra vires* of this Legislature, which we doubt, would cause as great an injustice as the injustice the petitioner alleges has been done her by abrogating and confiscating rights and interests acquired by persons found by the highest Courts of the land to have been innocent of any wrongdoing.

However, your Committee further recommends that the deposit fee of \$300, paid by the promoters of the Bill, be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. MATTHEW, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

What, in the fiscal years 1952–53, 1953–54, 1954–55, and 1955–56, was the number of recipients and the total amount paid to the following: (a) Old Age Security supplementary bonus, (b) Old-age Assistance supplementary bonus, (c) blind persons' allowance, (d) disabled persons' allowance, and (e) mothers' allowance?

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

“Number of recipients (British Columbia responsibility) and total amount paid to the groups shown, 1952–53 to 1955–56:—

Fiscal Year.	O.A.S. Bonus.	O.A.A. Bonus.	Blind Persons' Allowances.	Disabled Persons' Allowances.	Mothers' Allowances.
Number at March 31st, 1952–53.....	26,471	5,947	434	-----	Mothers, 470 Mothers plus dependents, 1,548
Cost.....	\$2,985,735.42	\$640,897.41	*B.C., \$52,812.45 Total, \$215,824.10	-----	M.A., \$260,876.26 Supp. S.A., \$150,576.85
Number at March 31st, 1953–54.....	26,144	6,392	470	-----	Mothers, 426 Mothers plus dependents, 1,432
Cost.....	\$2,958,285.43	\$697,997.49	B.C. \$56,246.25 Total, \$231,210.55	-----	M.A., \$247,045.81 Supp. S.A., \$140,873.36
Number at March 31st, 1954–55.....	25,620	7,267	451	-----	Mothers, 393 Mothers plus dependents, 1,333
Cost.....	\$4,378,672.33	\$1,157,366.05	B.C. \$54,875.70 Total, \$225,707.54	-----	M.A., \$225,445.96 Supp. S.A., \$175,996.80
Number at March 31st, 1955–56.....	25,456	6,917	455	685	Mothers, 323 Mothers plus dependents, 1,084
Cost.....	\$4,294,911.58	\$1,130,803.99	B.C. \$53,780.50 Total, \$220,556.18	*B.C., \$114,006.55 Total, \$229,527.46	M.A., \$184,687.80 Supp. S.A., \$148,002.58

“Additional Information.

Fiscal Year.	Old-age Assistance (Allowance) Basic Pension.	Blind Persons' Allowances (Bonus Cases only).	Disabled Persons' Allowances (Bonus Cases only).
Number at March 31st, 1952–53.....	7,410	434	-----
Cost.....	\$1,679,487.55	\$49,889.60	-----
Number at March 31st, 1953–54.....	7,811	461	-----
Cost.....	\$1,827,198.88	\$52,460.00	-----
Number at March 31st, 1954–55.....	7,552	416	-----
Cost.....	\$1,833,507.08	\$74,775.06	-----
Number at March 31st, 1955–56.....	7,156	420	677
Cost.....	\$1,754,237.58	\$72,616.46	\$85,521.11

\* “B.C.” represents British Columbia share. “Total” represents total of British Columbia and Federal shares.”

Mr. *Robinson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. What do you mean by regional industrial development?
2. What is the advertising programme regarding industrial development?

The Hon. *E. C. Westwood* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Briefly stated, regional industrial development means the promotion, where possible, of new industries in areas throughout the Province where raw materials, transportation, labour force, and markets and other factors make it appear reasonable that industrial development would be successful.

“ 2. The advertising programme regarding industrial development is carried on through the media of suitable magazines and newspapers in Canada, United States, United Kingdom, and Europe; in the case of Europe, the advertising copy is in the language of the country concerned.”

Mr. *Robinson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. What was the total revenue from tourist travel in British Columbia last year?

2. What does the Federal Government allocate to carry on tourist promotional work?

The Hon. *E. C. Westwood* replied as follows:—

“ 1. The estimated total revenue from tourist travel in British Columbia last year is \$90,000,000.

“ 2. Total vote of the Federal Canadian Government Travel Bureau is not known; last year this agency spent \$1,000,000 in tourist promotional advertising; this year, it has announced plans to spend approximately \$1,300,000 for the same purpose.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. (a) Is it necessary for legless persons to personally import the two-seat special chairs which they require, and (b) are they required to pay Federal excise and sales tax plus Provincial sales tax on these importations?

2. Are imported Braille books for the blind subject to Federal excise and sales tax plus Provincial sales tax?

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

“ 1. Special chairs for legless persons would be exempt from tax under section 5 (f) of the Act, as they are considered to be ‘ equipment designed solely for the use of cripples or chronic invalids.’

“ 2. The Act does not provide any exemption for imported Braille books for the blind.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following question:—

How many persons in British Columbia were in receipt of assistance allowances paid by the Provincial Government in the fiscal year 1955–56 in each of the following classifications: (a) Old-age Assistance allowances, (b) blind persons' allowances, (c) Old Age Security recipients of cost-of-living bonus, (d) Old-age Assistance recipients of cost-of-living bonus, (e) blind persons' cost-of-living bonus, (f) disabled persons' allowances, and (g) disabled persons' cost-of-living bonus?

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

“As at March 31st, 1956: (a) 7,156, (b) 455, (c) 25,456, (d) 6,917, (e) 420, (f) 685, and (g) 677.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. How many residents of British Columbia are in receipt of the Federal Old Age Security pension (if the information is available to the Minister)?

2. How many residents of British Columbia in receipt of the Federal Old Age Security pension receive any cost-of-living bonus from the Province?

3. How many receive (a) \$2.50 or less per month, (b) more than \$2.50 but not more than \$5 per month, (c) more than \$5 but not more than \$7.50 per month, (d) more than \$7.50 but not more than \$10 per month, (e) more than \$10 but not more than \$12.50 per month, (f) more than \$12.50 but not more than \$15 per month, (g) more than \$15 but not more than \$17.50 per month, and (h) more than \$17.50 per month?

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

“ 1. As at February 28th, 1957, 99,300.

“ 2. As at March 8th, 1957, 26,481.

“ 3. \$2.50 or less, 76; \$2.51 to \$5, 205; \$5.01 to \$7.50, 260; \$7.51 to \$10, 333; \$10.01 to \$12.50, 1,039; \$12.51 to \$15, 1,137; \$15.01 to \$17.50, 1,498; \$17.51 to \$20, 21,933; total, 26,481.”

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. How many residents of British Columbia in the 65- to 69-year age-group are in receipt of Federal old-age assistance (if the information is available to the Minister)?

2. How many residents of British Columbia in receipt of Federal old-age assistance receive any cost-of-living bonus from the Province?

3. How many receive (a) \$2.50 or less per month, (b) more than \$2.50 but not more than \$5 per month, (c) more than \$5 but not more than \$7.50 per month, (d) more than \$7.50 but not more than \$10 per month, (e) more than \$10 but not more than \$12.50 per month, (f) more than \$12.50 but not more than \$15 per month, (g) more than \$15 but not more than \$17.50 per month, and (h) more than \$17.50 per month?

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

“ 1. As at March 8th, 1957, 6,735.

“ 2. As at March 8th, 1957, 6,540.

“ 3. \$2.50 or less, nil; \$2.51 to \$5, 23; \$5.01 to \$7.50, 23; \$7.51 to \$10, 850; \$10.01 to \$12.50, 415; \$12.51 to \$15, 426; \$15.01 to \$17.50, 320; \$17.51 to \$20, 4,501; total, 6,540.”

*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 5.22 p.m.

**Monday, March 25th, 1957.**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order “Public Bills and Orders.”



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

F. M. Ross,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Linda Marion Winch," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*March 22nd, 1957.*

*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 provide for the Payment of a Grant to Linda Marion Winch," 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 following Bills were introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day:—

On the motion of the Hon. *L. Wicks*—Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act, 1956.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Eddie*—Bill (No. 97) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Labour Relations Act.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Gargrave*—Bill (No. 98) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trade-unions Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Medical Services Association of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company and certain Wholly Owned Subsidiaries."

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to validate the Articles of Association and the By-laws of Point Grey Golf and Country Club Limited and Point Grey Golf and Country Club."

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.'"

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company Act, 1945.'"

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of The City of Victoria."

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Powell River-Vancouver Ferry Connections Act.'"

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 21) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Pharmacy Act.’”

Bill (No. 29) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Public Schools Act.’”

Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Protection of Children Act.’”

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 47) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Police and Prisons Regulation Act.’”

Bill (No. 46) intituled “An Act respecting the Department of Recreation and Conservation.”

Bill (No. 48) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Wives’ and Children’s Maintenance Act.’”

Bill (No. 72) intituled “An Act respecting Special Regulations and Services for Local Areas.”

Bill (No. 76) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Motor Carrier Act.’”

Bill (No. 79) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hospital Act.’”

Bill (No. 77) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1954,’” was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House reverted to the Order “Committee of Supply.”

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

317. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,680 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Minister’s Office, to 31st March, 1958.

318. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$147,008 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1958.

319. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$735,246 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1958.

320. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$76,644 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1958.

321. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,446,425 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government Buildings (Maintenance) (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1958.

322. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$390,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rentals, to 31st March, 1958.

323. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$42,822 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gas Division, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1958.

324. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,111 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Steam-boiler Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1958.

325. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1958.

326. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$114,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1958.

329. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,428 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1958.

330. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$29,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, General Administration, to 31st March, 1958.

331. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,232 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Fisheries Branch, to 31st March, 1958.

332. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$260,106 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Game Branch, Administration Division, to 31st March, 1958.

333. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$225,216 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Game Branch, Fisheries Management Division, to 31st March, 1958.

334. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,391 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Game Branch, Game Management Division, to 31st March, 1958.

335. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$128,708 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Game Branch, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds, to 31st March, 1958.

336. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$228,987 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Tourist Traffic, to 31st March, 1958.

337. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,960 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Photographic Branch, to 31st March, 1958.

338. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$924,452 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Recreation and Conservation, Provincial Parks, to 31st March, 1958.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,050 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1958.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$41,054 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, General Administration, to 31st March, 1958.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,720 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Agent-General's Office and B.C. House, London, England, to 31st March, 1958.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$112,436 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Bureau of Economics and Statistics, to 31st March, 1958.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$146,516 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Mechanical Tabulation Division, to 31st March, 1958.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,173 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Industrial and Trade Office, to 31st March, 1958.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1958.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Advertising and Publicity, to 31st March, 1958.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Provincial Exhibits, British Columbia Building, to 31st March, 1958.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$195,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Industrial Development, Trade, and Commerce, Grant to British Columbia Research Council, to 31st March, 1958.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,193,851 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Policing by Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to 31st March, 1958.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grants in Aid of Local Governments, to 31st March, 1958.

315. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$95,084 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Public Utilities Act" and "Cemeteries Act," to 31st March, 1958.

316. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$239,124 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Utilities Commission, "Motor Carrier Act," to 31st March, 1958.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.  
Report to be considered at the next sitting.  
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

#### REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 25th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee met representatives from the Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes and heard the presentation of a list of resolutions as submitted by it. Careful consideration was given to these resolutions and—

- (1) Recommends that, due to the steady encroachment of urban dwellings and industry into the better farm lands of this Province, the Government make a further study into the scale of values for assessment of farm lands on the basis of productivity or rental value of the land rather than on the basis of real-estate value with the view in mind that farm lands be preserved for farming purposes:

- (2) Due to the fact that the "Milk Act" is now before the Court and that the Federation of Agriculture has retained an economist to study the whole question of milk prices, this Resolution be tabled until the Court's decision has been reached:
- (3) Your Committee recommends that the Provincial Government be urged to make it possible for the British Columbia Power Commission to undertake such power projects as will enable them to provide adequate rural electrification throughout the Province at reasonable cost to the consumer:
- (4) This Committee is of the opinion that adequate low-rate insurance is already available for all farm tractors in British Columbia through regular licensed insurance companies:
- (5) Your Committee feels that the matters as stated in this Resolution are not entirely factual and, therefore, recommends that it be tabled:
- (6) Your Committee recommends that the Provincial Government pursue further the possibility of clearing the land for agricultural purposes to induce more settlement of our agricultural areas:
- (7) Your Committee recommends that the Department of Forests and the Department of Mines be asked to give consideration to the location of private logging and mining roads so that these roads may, where practical, be located to the best advantage for future development of the area:
- (8) Due to the steady deterioration of conditions in the field of agriculture, this Committee commends the Provincial Government for its action in contesting the increase in freight rates, the economic inquiry into the Interior vegetable industry, and the Royal Commission examination of the tree-fruit industry. The beneficial findings of the Royal Commission on the dairy industry were noted and it was recommended that these actions be continued and broadened with further representations to the Federal Government in those fields that are primarily under Federal jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

L. H. SHANTZ, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

REPORT NO. 20.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 25th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments, including deletions and additions, and with respect to the repeal of section 398 of the 'Vancouver Charter' and the re-enactment thereof with amendments and the addition of section 279A, your Committee recommends that advertising, as required by the Standing Orders, be dispensed with.

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, the amendment moved by the Hon. *W. K. Kiernan* to the following motion:—

Whereas procedure used in many public abattoirs and slaughter-places in British Columbia in killing food animals and fowls is not now consistent with proven humane and modern methods:

And whereas information is available on these methods now in use the world over:

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the Government should consider the advisability of introducing legislation, at the earliest possible date, to ensure that when animals and fowls are slaughtered commercially for food, humane methods are used.

Standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Haggen*, was withdrawn and the following substituted therefor:—

“ To strike out all words after ‘ House ’ in the second line of the second paragraph and insert the following: ‘ The Government of Canada be requested to give consideration to amending the Criminal Code so as to prohibit slaughter of food animals in packing houses without stunning prior to bleeding, and to give due consideration to the religious requirements of ethnic groups in Canada.’ ”

The Hon. *L. Wicks* presented the Annual Report of the operations and activities of the Railway Department for the Year\* ended December 31st, 1956.

The Hon. *L. Wicks* presented the Fortieth Report of the Workmen’s Compensation Board of the Province of British Columbia for the Year ended December 31st, 1956.

Pursuant to Order, the Hon. the Minister of Finance presented a Return of copies of all communications, papers, and documents between all branches of the British Columbia Government and any person or organization or company pertaining to the Rocky Mountain Trench development scheme referred to by the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests.

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

1. What, to date, is the cost of the highway bridge improvements at the immediate south end of Pattullo Bridge; were tenders called for this work; and, if so, were any extras paid and how much?

2. What, to date, is the cost of the cloverleaf highway work at the immediate north end of the Lions Gate Bridge; were tenders called for this work; and, if so, were extras paid and how much; when is the job to be completed?

3. What is (was) the cost of the concrete bridge over the Capilano River; were tenders called for this work; and, if so, were extras paid and how much?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. \$24,419.99; traffic signal and channelization, fiscal year 1952–53; channelization done by Departmental forces; traffic signals installed by commercial firm, no tenders called.

“ 2. \$322,896.89; yes; yes, \$3,224.90; March 8th, 1957.

“ 3. \$453,159.65; yes; yes, \$9,295.16.”

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

1. What is the total sum in contracts let on the Kitimat–Terrace Highway?

2. How much money has been expended on this road to date?

3. What is now the expected date for completion of this highway?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. \$2,689,587.24, plus Hirsch Creek Bridge, \$149,892.49; total to date, \$2,839,-479.73.
- “ 2. \$757,515.66 in progress payments, January 21st, 1957.
- “ 3. Late 1957.”

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

1. How many dairy-farm inspectors are employed?
2. What is their monthly cost in wages, cars, and expenses?
3. How many are technically trained men?
4. In how many cases have inspectors ordered milk off the whole-milk market?
5. Of those so ordered, how many have been reinstated?
6. Were they reinstated on appeal or were plant improvements effected?
7. How many registered producers are there and how many registered distributors?

The Hon. *W. R. T. Chetwynd* replied as follows:—

- “ 1. Six.
- “ 2. (a) Wages \$250 per man, and (b) car and other expenses, \$156.38 per man to December 31st, 1956.
- “ 3. All men chosen for actual farm experience; each inspector received an intensive course of training and instruction; all operate under supervision and guidance of a Departmental Veterinary Inspector.
- “ 4. In the Milk Board areas, from January 1st to December 31st, 1956, 590 licences to ship to the fluid market were suspended because of the unsatisfactory condition of premises where the milk was produced and for other reasons.
- “ 5. January 1st to December 31st, 1956, 86 reinstated.
- “ 6. All reinstated only when reinspection showed necessary improvements effected. (NOTE.—As at December 31st, 1956, 458 licences to ship milk to the fluid market had been cancelled and 46 were under suspension; it is estimated that at least 75 per cent of the producers and producer-vendors shipping milk to the fluid market undertook minor or major improvements to dairy barnyards, etc., or in methods of handling, cooling, and storing milk, all of which contributed to the present high standard of the milk being sold in British Columbia.)
- “ 7. At December 31st, 1956, 3,066 registered producers and 77 registered distributors.”

Mr. *Strachan* asked the Hon. the Minister of Education the following questions:—

1. What was the total expenditure made in the Province for education in the years 1954 and 1956 respectively?
2. What portion of the above sums were expended on (a) ordinary expenditures and (b) capital expenditure?
3. What portion of the sums mentioned in No. 1 were contributed by (a) the Provincial Government and (b) the city and district municipalities?

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

- “ 1. 1954, \$54,478,136, and 1956, \$69,231,799.
- “ 2. 1954, (a) \$46,919,093 and (b) \$7,559,043; 1956, (a) \$57,744,997 and (b) \$11,486,802.
- “ 3. 1954, (a) \$19,149,756 and (b) \$35,568,131; 1956, (a) \$27,035,507 and (b) \$22,820,672.”



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

In reference to the Stewart-Cassiar Road:—

1. What total payments on this project have now been made to the firm of Wade & Wells Limited?
2. What additional sums in total have been paid by the Government on this project?
3. Since March 2nd, 1956, what sums have been paid, to whom, and for what purpose in respect to this road?
4. What is the present stage of engineering surveys on this road and is there a target date for completion?
5. How much was spent by the Government in 1956 in grading and gravelling the portion of this road already constructed?
6. Has the Government been officially advised that the Federal Government will contribute to the cost of the road?

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

“ 1. \$651,862.06.

“ 2. \$1,574,913.44.

“ 3. Pathfinder Engineering, surveys, \$330,862.42; G. Willcock, caretaker, \$756.12; Fred Loucks, transportation of equipment, \$7,504.20; Wade & Wells, purchase of equipment, \$34,070.50; Cassiar Asbestos Corporation, gravelling, grading, etc., \$10,156.98; Christy's, lumber, \$491.40; British Yukon Navigation Company, freight, \$4,000; and Highway Department, wages, materials, and equipment rentals, \$19,011.62.

“ 4. Eighty miles south from constructed road at north end of Dease Lake; also 15 miles north of American Creek in the vicinity of Stewart; no target date set for completion of surveys as surveys will depend upon construction.

“ 5. \$10,172.98.

“ 6. Yes.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 26th, 1957.**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. E. N. James.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. W. D. Black, seconded by the Hon. R. W. Bonner, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

That whereas the Hon. William Ralph Talbot Chetwynd, member for Cariboo, has been unable to attend all the meetings of the present Session owing to illness:

And whereas the Hon. Mr. Chetwynd has for many years been a member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and it is just and reasonable that he should be paid the full sessional allowance and expenses:



Therefore be it Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay to the Hon. Mr. *Chetwynd* the full allowances and expenses to which he would have been entitled had he attended all sittings of the Session.

Motion moved and agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. D. Black*, seconded by the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving, without notice, of the following motion:—

That whereas *Harold Earl Roche*, member for North Peace River, has been unable to attend all the meetings of the present Session owing to illness:

And whereas Mr. *Roche* is a member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and it is just and reasonable that he should be paid the full sessional allowance and expenses:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to pay to *Harold Earl Roche* the full allowances and expenses to which he would have been entitled had he attended all sittings of the Session.

Motion moved and agreed to.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Order "Public Bills and Orders."

On the motion of Mr. *Squire*, Bill (No. 99) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hours of Work Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting after to-day.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 91) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mineral Act.'"

The debate continued.

The Bill was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting after to-day.

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

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act, 1956.'"

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Linda Marion Winch."

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1954,'" was again committed, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting after to-day.

The following Bills were committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Hospital Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 82) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1956.'"

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Strathcona Park Act.'"

Bill (No. 84) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Laws Declaratory Act.'"

Bill (No. 85) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Insurance Act.'"

Bill (No. 86) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Innkeepers Act.'"

Bill (No. 87) intituled "An Act to provide for Taxation of Land based on the Minerals therein."

Bill (No. 89) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Public Utilities Act.'"

Bill (No. 90) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Tourist Accommodation Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 92) intituled "An Act respecting the Adoption of Children."

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Medical Services Association of British Columbia."

Bill (No. 53) intituled "An Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company and certain Wholly Owned Subsidiaries."

Bill (No. 54) intituled "An Act to validate the Articles of Association and the By-laws of Point Grey Golf and Country Club Limited and Point Grey Golf and Country Club."

Bill (No. 55) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shaughnessy Heights Building Restriction Act, 1922.'"

Bill (No. 56) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company Act, 1945.'"

Bill (No. 57) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of The City of Victoria."

Bill (No. 58) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Powell River-Vancouver Ferry Connections Act.'"

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House reverted to the Order "Committee of Supply."

Order for Committee of Supply called.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

340. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$67,500,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, to 31st March, 1958.

341. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,047,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Forest-development Roads, to 31st March, 1958.

342. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Park Development, to 31st March, 1958.

343. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$120,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Forestry Administration Buildings and Property, to 31st March, 1958.

344. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,375,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Mining-roads, to 31st March, 1958.

345. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,540,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Construction of Provincial Buildings, to 31st March, 1958.

346. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$542,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Okanagan Flood-control, to 31st March, 1958.

347. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$297,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Water Investigations and Power Studies, to 31st March, 1958.

348. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Iron-ore Surveys, to 31st March, 1958.

349. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Renovations to British Columbia House, London, to 31st March, 1958.

350. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Game Conservation Projects, to 31st March, 1958.

351. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$360,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Development and Construction of Housing Projects, to 31st March, 1958.

352. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Assistance to Improvement Districts under "Water Act," to 31st March, 1958.

353. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$21,104,422 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Debt Redemption, to 31st March, 1958.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Markets Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,138 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Southern Okanagan Lands Project, to 31st March, 1957.

37A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, "Horned Cattle Purchases Act," to 31st March, 1957.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,050 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Office, to 31st March, 1957.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,760 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Motor-vehicle Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$46,896 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Policing by Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to 31st March, 1957.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Doukhobor Affairs, to 31st March, 1957.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$205,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Oakalla Prison Farm, to 31st March, 1957.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Women's Gaol, to 31st March, 1957.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Prince George Men's Gaol, to 31st March, 1957.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Kamloops Gaol, to 31st March, 1957.

66A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$107,400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Pre-release Forest Camps, to 31st March, 1957.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$45,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Temporary Assistance, Gaols, to 31st March, 1957.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, Fisheries Management Division, to 31st March, 1957.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Alcoholic Treatment, to 31st March, 1957.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1957.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Temporary Assistance (other than Gaols), to 31st March, 1957.

87 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Magistrates Act," to 31st March, 1957.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,827 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, General Administration, to 31st March, 1957.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,070 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Curriculum Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, High Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1957.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,970 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Elementary Correspondence School, to 31st March, 1957.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Inspection of Schools and School Services, to 31st March, 1957.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,110 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Jericho Hill School, to 31st March, 1957.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Federal-Provincial Training Programmes, to 31st March, 1957.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Incidentals, Grants, and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1957.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Agent-General's Office and British Columbia House, London, England, to 31st March, 1957.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Real Property Taxation Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$400 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Assessment Equalization Act," to 31st March, 1957.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Housing Commissioner, to 31st March, 1957.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Purchasing Commission, to 31st March, 1957.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents, etc., to 31st March, 1957.

145 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$900,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Highway Development Act" (Payment of Revenue under "Gasoline Tax Act" to Highway Development Fund), to 31st March, 1957.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Grants in Aid of Local Government, to 31st March, 1957.

149A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Flood Relief Act," to 31st March, 1957.

149B (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$200 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Interest on Official Guardian Deposits, to 31st March, 1957.

149C (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Municipal Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1957.

149D (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Unclaimed Money Deposits Act," to 31st March, 1957.

149E (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$850,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Water Act," to 31st March, 1957.

149F (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$566,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Toll Bridges and Highways Authority Act," to 31st March, 1957.

149G (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, "Centennial Celebration Act," to 31st March, 1957.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,922 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Public Health Branch, General Public Health (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1957.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Office of the Deputy Minister, to 31st March, 1957.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Director of Welfare, to 31st March, 1957.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Burial of Indigents, to 31st March, 1957.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Administration and Operation of Project and Pavilion for Japanese at New Denver, to 31st March, 1957.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$300,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Medical Services, Drugs, etc., to 31st March, 1957.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$180,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Child Welfare Division, Maintenance of Dependent Children and Grants to Homes, to 31st March, 1957.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,702 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Industrial School for Girls, to 31st March, 1957.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Health and Welfare, Social Welfare Branch, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1957.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$236,741 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, General Administration, to 31st March, 1957.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$525,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Roads, Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, etc., to 31st March, 1957.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,200,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Snow-removal, to 31st March, 1957.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Local Highways within Municipal Limits, to 31st March, 1957.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$53,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Highways, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1957.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,382 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Labour, Apprenticeship Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$600 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Inspection Division, to 31st March, 1957.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Special Commitments, to 31st March, 1957.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,800 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Surveys and Mapping Branch, Legal Surveys Division, to 31st March, 1957.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$94,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Lands Service, Hydraulic Surveys, to 31st March, 1957.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$19,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Expenses, to 31st March, 1957.

261 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$260,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Fire Suppression, to 31st March, 1957.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Scaling Fund, to 31st March, 1957.

266. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$37,049 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands and Forests, Forest Service, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1957.

267. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,856 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

268. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, General Administration, to 31st March, 1957.

279. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Mines, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1957.

283. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,100 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1957.

284. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Regional Planning Division, to 31st March, 1957.

286. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Municipal Affairs, Revision of Municipal Legislation, to 31st March, 1957.

288. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,250 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Minister's Office, to 31st March, 1957.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Service Commission, to 31st March, 1957.

295 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$160,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Civil Service Superannuation Act," Government Contributions to Superannuation Fund, to 31st March, 1957.



298. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1957.

299. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (the Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1957.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$235,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Hospitals, to 31st March, 1957.

310. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Provincial Mental Health Services, Mental Health Care (Federal Programme), to 31st March, 1957.

312. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Civil Defence, Standardization of Hose-couplings, to 31st March, 1957.

313 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$643,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Provincial Elections Act," to 31st March, 1957.

314 (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$40,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Public Inquiries Act," to 31st March, 1957.

317. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1957.

317A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Capital Improvement District Act," to 31st March, 1957.

317B (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$30,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, "Members of Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act," to 31st March, 1957.

322. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,300 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, General Administration, to 31st March, 1957.

323. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1957.

324. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government House (Maintenance), to 31st March, 1957.

325. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$226,366 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Government Buildings (Maintenance) (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1957.

326. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$20,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Rentals, to 31st March, 1957.

327. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Gas Division, to 31st March, 1957.

329. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Electrical Energy Inspection, to 31st March, 1957.



330. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,605 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Temporary Assistance, to 31st March, 1957.

345. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$16,500 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Park Development, to 31st March, 1957.

350. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,070 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Renovations to British Columbia House, London, to 31st March, 1957.

352A (Statutory). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, "University Endowment Lands Administration Act," to 31st March, 1957.

352B. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Expenditure out of Income, Supplementary Sinking Fund, to 31st March, 1957.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$336,515.75 be granted to Her Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1956, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditure.

The Committee reported the Resolutions.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended and the reports of Resolutions from the Committee of Supply on the 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, and 26th days of March, 1957, were taken as read and received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the Rules were suspended and the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply were read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

On the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance, seconded by the Hon. the Attorney-General, the question was put and agreed to—

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means.

Order for Committee of Ways and Means called.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That towards the making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Public Service of the Province, there be granted from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the following sums:—

- (1) \$336,515.75 to make good certain sums expended for the fiscal year ended the 31st day of March, 1956.
- (2) \$24,756,314.50 to supplement the moneys otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1957.
- (3) \$287,599,740.50 towards defraying the several charges and expenses for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1958.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Resolution read a second time, taken as read, and agreed to.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance presented Bill (No. 75) 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. 75) 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, the Rules were suspended, and the Bill read a second time and committed, reported complete without amendment, report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 27th, 1957.**

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *H. C. Satre*.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *W. A. C. Bennett*, the House proceeded to the Orders of the Day, "Public Bills and Orders."

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" was read a second time.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Price*, the Rules were suspended, the Bill committed forthwith and reported complete with amendments.

By leave of the House, the Rules were suspended, the Bill considered as reported, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gregory*, it was *Ordered* that Standing Order No. 16 (3) be suspended to permit introduction without notice of a motion that "the division in the Committee stage of Bill (No. 50) intituled 'An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" be recorded in the Journals of the House."

Motion moved and agreed to.

The division was recorded accordingly as follows:—

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Mr. *Uphill* moved that Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Charter'" be amended as follows:—

By adding new section 206A as follows:—

“206A. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the ‘Sunday Observance Act’ or in any other Statute or law of the Province, where a by-law passed under subsection (2) hereof is in force and subject to its provisions, it shall be lawful for any person between half-past one and six o’clock in the afternoon of the Lord’s Day, commonly called Sunday, to provide for or engage in any public game or sport for gain, or for any prize or reward, or to be present at any performance of such public game or sport at which any fee is charged, directly or indirectly, either for admission to such performance, or to any place within which the same is provided, or for any service or privilege thereat, that is specified in such by-law and which, but for this section, would be lawful under section 6 of ‘The Lord’s Day Act (Canada),’ or to do or engage any other person to do any work, business, or labour in connection with any such public game or sport which but for this section would be unlawful under section 4 of ‘The Lord’s Day Act (Canada).’

“(2) (a) The Council may pass a by-law declaring subsection (1) to be in force throughout the city or in such part or parts thereof as may be specified in the by-law; and upon such by-law coming into force, subsection (1) shall apply throughout the city or in such specified part or parts as the case may be.

“(b) The application of subsection (1) shall be limited to such public games or sports as are specified in the by-law.

“(c) The by-law shall not specify horse-racing as a public game or sport.

“(d) Where subsection (1) applies in specified parts of the city, the limitation authorized by clause (b) hereof may differ in different parts.

“(e) The by-law may reduce the period of time between half-past one and six o’clock mentioned in subsection (1).

“(f) The by-law shall provide for the regulation and control of the public games and sports specified in it, and may provide for the regulation and control of any matter or thing in connection with such public games and sports.

“(g) (i) No by-law passed under this section shall be repealed until the following question has been submitted to the electors: ‘Are you in favour of the repeal of the by-law passed under the authority of the “Vancouver Charter” that regulates public games and sports for gain on the Lord’s Day?’

“(ii) The Council may submit the question set out above to the electors at any annual election.

“(iii) Upon the presentation of a petition requesting that the by-law passed under this section be repealed, signed by at least ten per centum of the electors of the municipality, the Council shall, at the next annual election, submit to the electors the question set out in subclause (i).

“(h) Any petition mentioned in clause (g) (iii) above shall be deemed to be presented when it is lodged with the City Clerk, and the sufficiency of the petition shall be determined by him, and his certificate as to its sufficiency shall be conclusive for all purposes: Provided, however, that a petition that is lodged with the City Clerk in the months of November or December shall be deemed to be presented in the month of February next following.”

A debate arose.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—12.

Messieurs

Sharp  
Gregory  
Gibbs

Eddie  
Gargrave  
Dowding

Uphill  
Nimsick  
Harding

Turner  
Shelford  
Price

## NAYS—33.

## Messieurs

<i>Lundell</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Williston</i>	<i>Massey</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>Bate</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Shirreff</i>	<i>Shantz</i>	<i>Bonner</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Squire</i>	<i>Reid</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Newton</i>	<i>Corbett</i>	<i>Carnell</i>	<i>Peterson</i>
<i>Richter</i>	<i>Sommers</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Martin</i>
<i>Tisdalle</i>	<i>Brown, Mrs.</i>	<i>Steaey</i>	<i>Gaglardi</i>
<i>Bruch</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Murray</i>	<i>Wicks</i>
<i>Haggen, Mrs.</i>			

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia" was considered as reported, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Petroleum and Natural Gas Act, 1954,'" was considered as reported, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 93) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Annual Holidays Act, 1956,'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 96) intituled "An Act to provide for the Payment of a Grant to Linda Marion Winch" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving without notice of the following motion:—

"That in considering Bill (No. 66) intituled 'An Act respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles and respecting Highway Traffic' in Committee, the provisions of Standing Order No. 84 be suspended to permit the passing of sections in groups, provided there is no dissent."

Motion moved and agreed to.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act respecting the Operation of Motor-vehicles and respecting Highway Traffic" was committed, reported complete with amendment.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, the Rules were suspended and the Bill considered as reported, read a third time and passed.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. *R. W. Bonner*, seconded by the Hon. *W. D. Black*, it was *Ordered* that the Rules be suspended to permit the moving without notice of the following motion:—

"That in considering Bill (No. 24) intituled 'An Act respecting Municipalities' in Committee, the provisions of Standing Order No. 84 be suspended to permit the passing of sections in groups, provided there is no dissent."

Motion moved and agreed to.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting Municipalities" was committed.

Committee reported progress.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

In answer to clause 5 of Question 96 standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Nimsick*, as follows:—

5. What is the flight log of the aeroplanes showing destination and passengers from January 1st, 1956, to December 31st, 1956?

The Minister of Highways stated that in his opinion the reply should be in the form of a Return and that he had no objection to laying such Return upon the table of the House and thereupon presented such Return.

Mr. *Smith* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 27th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Your Committee held several meetings to peruse the accounts and are pleased to advise that all accounts examined were found in order.

Your Committee requests permission to have the following documents destroyed as submitted by Mr. Willard Ireland pertaining to the Departments Register:—

Attorney-General: Supreme and County Court, Penticton, Vernon; Land Registry Office, Nelson; Motor-vehicle Branch.

Education: Provincial Museum; Division of Tests, Standards, and Research; Public Library Commission; Text-book Branch; Elementary Correspondence School; Community Programmes Branch.

Finance.

Health and Welfare: Child Welfare Division; Medical Services Division; Health Branch—Central Office, Local Health Units, Division of Laboratories, Division of Venereal Disease Control, Division of Vital Statistics.

Labour: Rental Control Branch.

Provincial Secretary: Provincial Mental Health Services; Registrar of Voters; Civil Service Commission.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. SMITH, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

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

Mr. *Shirreff* presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Labour, as follows:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 27th, 1957.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Whereas the Select Standing Committee on Labour was directed by this House to make certain inquiries into problems of welfare, health, and housing as they pertain to the Indian population of British Columbia, giving particular attention to the matter of vocational, technical, and apprenticeship training of our native people:

And whereas your Committee on Labour has met six times during the current Session to consider these matters, and has heard witnesses and testimony concerning these problems from various informed individuals:

And whereas the Committee notes in the 1956 Annual Report of the Provincial Advisory Committee on Indian Affairs, which was tabled in the present Session of the Legislature, that additional health services are continuing to be made available to Indian reserves by arrangement with the Federal Government:

And whereas your Committee notes in this same report that a pilot study is now being undertaken by the Provincial Government of the Okanagan and Lytton Indian Agencies with the view to determining, in conjunction with the Federal Government, as to how increased welfare services can be made available to Indians living on reserves in British Columbia:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the attention of the Federal and Provincial Governments now be directed to increasing facilities and assistance to Indians for vocational, technical, and apprenticeship training, with special emphasis being placed on nursing, business, automotive training, and building construction courses which will in time, it is considered, result in improved conditions on Indian reserves and in the integration of native people into an industrial economy.

Your Committee also recommends that where willingness and aptitude are evident, Indians should be encouraged to take vocational training and every encouragement should be given to Indians to benefit from the same educational facilities which are available to other residents of British Columbia.

The Committee also recommends that notices of vocational training programmes be sent directly to Indian Superintendents of all Indian Agencies in British Columbia and that suitable literature be distributed directly to Indian Band Councils giving information and guidance for would-be applicants for such training. That increased Federal financial assistance be given to those Indians attending vocational training centres who are not in receipt of benefits under Schedule M of the existing Federal-Provincial Agreement whereby those unable to pay their own expenses are given financial assistance for board and travelling expenses.

That vocational training be made more readily available to Indian women and suitable courses for them be included in any new vocational training centres planned in the Province.

That it is the opinion of the Committee that the Federal Government be requested to pursue an effective promotional programme of vocational apprenticeship training amongst the Indians of this Province.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. A. SHIRREFF, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

Mr. Speaker presented the Annual Report for 1956 on behalf of the Provincial Library, Provincial Archives, and Central Microfilm Bureau.

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the president, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the following questions:—

1. Were the condensed financial statements, 1956, filed with the Legislature by the president the only statements prepared and submitted to the president by the auditors?

2. If so, why were the detailed statements similar to those filed with the Legislature in 1956 not prepared for submission to the president?

3. If not, it is requested that the complete statements as submitted by the auditors be filed with the Legislature.

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

“ 1. No.

“ 2. Detailed statements were prepared and submitted to the president.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the Hon. the Minister of Health and Welfare the following questions:—

1. In the year 1956, what is the total of all hospital deficits reported to the Minister of Health and Welfare?
2. Have special grants been made to any hospital boards to cover deficits and, if so, state which, and amount?
3. Have any hospital boards advised the Minister of a decline in standards made necessary by the wage-freeze order and, if so, what hospital boards have so advised?

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

“ 1. Not all hospitals have yet filed preliminary financial reports for 1956, and relatively few have forwarded their financial statements after audit; it is, therefore, not possible to provide this information.

“ 2. No.

“ 3. Not aware of any hospital board advising that standards would decline below those approved at the time present control policies instituted.”

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

In the case of the recent increase in liquor prices:—

1. What was the increased cost per bottle to the Liquor Control Board resulting from distillers' price increase for each of the following brands: (a) Aristocrat, (b) Crown Royal, (c) B.C. Double Distilled, (d) Seagrams 83, and (e) Royal Calvert?

2. How much was the Liquor Control Board's selling price of each of those brands increased following the distillers' increase?

3. When was the strength of liquor sold in Government liquor stores reduced to 30 under proof and why was it reduced?

4. Did the Liquor Control Board import a quantity of vodka in connection with the visit of a group of Russian dignitaries in 1956 and, if so, on whose instructions was it imported, what was its strength, and at what price was it sold per bottle?

5. Why does the Liquor Control Board not regularly offer vodka for sale to the patrons?

6. Would the Board import vodka if requested by a regular patron?

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

“ 1 and 2. Distillers' price increases were absorbed in general revision of selling prices of lines enumerated, except Royal Calvert, which is not listed in this Province.

“ 3. December 17th, 1942, by the Dominion Government; prior to this date the strength of a number of brands was 30 under proof.

“ 4. Yes, at the request of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster; strength and selling price in conformity with established practice.

“ 5. Vodka is not listed by the Liquor Control Board.

“ 6. Answered by No. 4.”

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

1. What election expenses were declared by the central committees of (a) the Social Credit Party, (b) the Liberal Party, (c) the Progressive Conservative Party, and (d) the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, pursuant to section 177 of the “ Provincial Elections Act ” ?

2. What election expenses were declared by the candidates representing (a) the Social Credit Party, (b) the Liberal Party, (c) the Progressive Conservative Party, and (d) the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in the respective electoral districts, pursuant to section 175 of the “ Provincial Elections Act ” ?



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

“ 1. Social Credit, \$118,618; C.C.F., \$12,837.29; Liberal, \$35,019.92; Labour Progressive Party, \$2,364.92; Progressive Conservative, \$10,538.68.

“ 2. Return of candidates' expenses, general election, 1956:—

Electoral District.	Social Credit.	C.C.F.	Labour Progressive.	Liberal.	Progressive Conservative.	Others.
Alberni .....	\$675.63	\$616.84	-----	\$1,630.67	-----	-----
Atlin .....	1,501.00	-----	-----	959.70	-----	-----
Burnaby .....	{459.91	634.39	-----	993.20	\$450.13	-----
	{459.91	634.39	-----	993.20	545.00	-----
Cariboo .....	508.88	428.60	-----	1,069.03	-----	-----
Chilliwack .....	1,662.72	1,815.00	-----	3,376.37	598.18	-----
Columbia .....	316.85	150.00	-----	1,125.00	-----	-----
Comox .....	1,694.65	752.00	-----	1,312.64	-----	-----
Cowichan-Newcastle .....	1,142.84	792.06	-----	549.67	-----	-----
Cranbrook .....	549.82	557.47	-----	968.00	-----	-----
Delta .....	{717.00	851.66	\$103.27	1,100.00	-----	-----
	{717.00	851.66	93.26	1,100.00	-----	-----
Dewdney .....	4,251.75	3,217.15	-----	1,756.00	-----	-----
Esquimalt .....	1,010.05	724.52	-----	325.00	458.82	-----
Fernie .....	402.95	-----	-----	886.20	-----	\$1,450.00*
Fort George .....	935.00	1,334.82	-----	1,713.85	-----	-----
Grand Forks- Greenwood .....	846.79	308.86	-----	1,482.00	-----	-----
Kamloops .....	2,663.86	199.68	-----	2,511.09	-----	-----
Kaslo-Slocan .....	343.00	415.23	-----	605.78	-----	-----
Lillooet .....	2,345.60	203.04	-----	982.94	-----	-----
Mackenzie .....	1,504.00	1,720.87	-----	1,217.58	500.00	-----
Nanaimo and The Islands .....	2,132.98	860.28	-----	1,677.40	-----	272.25†
Nelson-Creston .....	622.05	607.50	93.56	2,123.68	-----	-----
New Westminster .....	1,093.63	669.43	-----	2,252.38	-----	643.72†
North Okanagan .....	495.12	491.43	146.04	1,615.69	-----	-----
North Peace Ricer .....	1,085.03	584.63	-----	1,381.77	-----	878.00‡
North Vancouver .....	{486.42	395.50	93.00	1,920.17	3,427.17	838.00†
	{486.43	395.50	93.00	1,920.18	-----	53.00
Oak Bay .....	2,521.12	231.93	-----	3,580.86	3,546.40	-----
Omineca .....	262.85	193.94	-----	1,057.94	-----	-----
Prince Rupert .....	872.01	612.08	-----	1,444.61	-----	-----
Revelstoke .....	223.00	360.45	-----	928.54	-----	-----
Rossland-Trail .....	2,769.00	753.46	-----	2,197.15	395.73	-----
Saanich .....	855.58	1,486.58	-----	1,807.92	1,445.72	-----
Salmon Arm .....	545.72	641.13	-----	1,242.80	(not filed)	-----
Similkameen .....	932.47	980.59	-----	839.50	278.33	-----
Skeena .....	751.89	702.85	-----	1,983.27	-----	-----
South Okanagan .....	1,136.89	627.72	-----	1,423.91	750.89	-----
South Peace River .....	973.21	1,959.39	-----	1,523.15	-----	-----
Vancouver-Burrard .....	{1,264.63	566.50	93.16	2,555.72	855.00	369.00†
	{1,264.62	566.50	150.00	2,555.73	855.00	-----
Vancouver Centre .....	{3,900.00	741.33	127.21	3,138.74	570.00	-----
	{3,900.00	741.33	127.21	3,138.74	-----	-----
Vancouver East .....	{444.75	1,205.54	-----	2,176.60	500.00	-----
	{444.75	1,205.54	-----	2,176.60	500.00	-----
	{2,100.00	109.00	5.00	3,507.96	541.00	953.98†
Vancouver-Pt. Grey .....	{2,100.00	109.00	-----	3,507.96	541.00	-----
	{2,100.00	109.00	-----	3,507.97	541.00	-----
	{1,266.38	235.62	187.37	2,144.71	1,484.14	-----
Victoria City .....	{1,500.00	235.62	187.37	2,144.71	-----	-----
	{1,500.00	265.33	187.37	2,144.72	-----	-----
Yale .....	523.75	287.77	-----	959.12	554.40	-----

\* \* Labour. † Independent. ‡ People.”



Mr. *Shelford* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

With respect to the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway:—

1. (a) What mileage of new construction was completed to Department standards in the Fort George District east of Prince George in each of the years 1955 and 1956, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile?

2. (a) What was the total mileage constructed in the Fort George District west of Prince George in each of the years 1954, 1955, and 1956, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

3. (a) What mileage was constructed to standard requirements in the Omineca East District in each of the years 1954, 1955, and 1956, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

4. (a) What mileage was constructed to standard requirements in the Omineca West District in each of the years 1954, 1955, and 1956, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

5. (a) What mileage was constructed to standard requirements in the Skeena District in each of the years 1954, 1955, and 1956, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

6. (a) What mileage was constructed to standard requirements in the Prince Rupert District in each of the years 1954, 1955, and 1956, and (b) what was the cost in each case per mile, exclusive of paving costs?

7. How many miles of reconstruction to standard requirements is contemplated for the year 1957 in the following districts: (a) Fort George District east of Prince George, (b) Fort George District west of Prince George, (c) Omineca East, (d) Omineca West, (e) Skeena, and (f) Prince Rupert?

8. How many miles of paving is contemplated for the year 1957 in the following districts: (a) Fort George District east of Prince George, (b) Fort George District west of Prince George, (c) Omineca East, (d) Omineca West, (e) Skeena, and (f) Prince Rupert?

The Hon. *P. A. Gaglardi* replied as follows:—

“ 1. Fort George District, east of Prince George: 1955, (a) day-labour, 2 miles, and (b) \$19,350; contract, 7.53 miles (clearing only); 1956, (a) day-labour, 7.5 miles, and (b) \$16,840; contract, 11.85 miles, and (b) work incomplete.

“ 2. Fort George District, west of Prince George: 1954, (a) day-labour, 1.4 miles, and (b) \$58,570; 1955, (a) day-labour, 1.4 miles, and (b) \$55,714; contract, 3.01 miles, and (b) \$70,272; 1956, (a) day-labour, 3.5 miles, and (b) \$17,000; contract, 10.04 miles, and (b) work incomplete.

“ 3. Omineca East District: 1954, (a) day-labour, 7.6 miles, and (b) \$17,107; 1955, (a) day-labour, 15 miles, and (b) \$13,383; 1956, (a) day-labour, 25.4 miles, and (b) \$21,033.

“ 4. Omineca West District: 1954, (a) day-labour, 7.2 miles, and (b) \$19,166; 1955, (a) day-labour, 14.3 miles, and (b) \$19,580; 1956, (a) day-labour, 18.8 miles and (b) \$39,442.

“ 5. Skeena (East) District: 1954, (a) day-labour, 12.3 miles, and (b) \$12,000; 1955, (a) day-labour, 2.5 miles, and (b) \$17,200; 1956, (a) day-labour, 15.5 miles, and (b) \$29,606. Skeena (West) District: 1954, (a) day-labour, 1.7 miles, and (b) \$42,353; 1955, (a) day-labour, 0.1 mile, and (b) \$36,000; 1956, (a) day-labour, 6.75 miles, and (b) \$9,967. In 1955 and 1956 rip-rap on Skeena-Kwinitsa section cost a total of \$96,769.

“ 6. Prince Rupert District: 1954, day-labour, rock fill at Galloway Rapids Bridge and new junction to Port Edwards, total cost, \$60,730; 1955, (a) *nil*; 1956, (a) *nil*.

"7. Construction and reconstruction planned, 1957 (contract and day-labour): (a) Fort George District east of Prince George, 10.5 miles; (b) Fort George District west of Prince George, 1.3 miles; (c) Omineca East, 13 miles; (d) Omineca West, 24 miles; (e) Skeena East, 6 miles; Skeena West, 12 miles; (f) Prince Rupert, not surveyed.

"8. Paving planned in 1957: Information not available for public release at this time."

Mr. *Gregory* asked the Hon. the Minister of Highways the following questions:—

In respect to ferries operated by the Department:—

1. How many ferries are operated and where located?
2. Which are free and which apply tolls?
3. In the case of toll ferries in the last year for which figures are available, which operate (a) at a profit, (b) at a loss, and what was the profit or loss in each case?
4. In the case of free ferries, what was the cost of operation at each point in the latest year for which figures are available?

The Hon. *P. A. Gagliardi* replied as follows:—

"Answers to the attached questions are given in the 1955-56 edition of the Minister of Highways Report.

"1. All ferries and locations are listed with traffic returns on page N 88.

"2. All toll ferries operated by the Department are listed with revenue on page N 95.

"3. Revenue from toll ferries is shown on page N 95; operational costs are shown under Statement of Expenditure in each district; calculated from these figures the Ladner Ferry returned a profit of \$6,496.81. The following ferries operated at the losses shown (these figures do not include depreciation or interest): Agassiz (loss, \$76,115.91), Upper Arrow Lake (loss, \$87,171.94), Denman Island (loss, \$18,892.56), Kelowna (loss, \$36,403.26), Kootenay Lake (loss, \$905.16), North Bend (loss, \$20,220.56).

"4. Operating costs of free ferries were as follows: Upper Nass, \$1,618.62; Kitsault, \$149.81; Gravelle, \$4,355.32; Macalister, \$6,387.70; Soda Creek, \$9,484.04; Herrling Island, \$20.92; Barnston Island, \$31,693.05; Hansard, \$3,956.85; Isle Pierre, \$5,407.27; Black Pool, \$4,374.81; Monte Creek, \$4,075.62; McLure, \$3,978.49; Little Fort, \$4,347.59; Arrow Park, \$19,539.34; Needles, \$21,110.78; Pavilion, \$3,317.43; Big Bar, \$6,330.89; High Bar, \$4,100.75; Nelson, \$45,369.88; Harrop, \$18,648.19; Creston, \$14,344.64; Nick's Island, \$8,584.64; Glade, \$11,445.60; Francois Lake, \$42,678.79; Clayhurst, \$24,553.90; Hudson Hope, \$1,559.10; Twelve Mile, \$22,527.04; Twenty-four Mile, \$18,927.52; Castlegar, \$49,689.98; Renata, \$3,341.30; Sorrento, \$15,611.42; Cedarvale, \$5,913.52; Copper River, \$4,894.63; Kitwanga, \$5,031.56; Usk, \$5,547.96; and Lytton, \$6,309.83."

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the president, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the following questions:—

1. Did the general manager or the auditors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway prepare statements for the years 1954, 1955, and 1956 showing the expense incurred by the railway from the following causes: (a) Derailments, (b) rock-slides, (c) flooding and washouts, and (d) construction of highways?

2. If so, it is requested that such summaries be filed with the Legislature; if not, it is requested that the summaries be prepared and filed with the Legislature.

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

"1. No; not required under uniform classification of accounts.

"2. Detailed cost record not maintained or available."

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

1. In connection with the operations of Westcoast Transmission Company, what daily volume of gas has been contracted for export to the American fish interests at the export gate at Sumas and what period does the contract cover?

2. Is the contract price per 1,000 cubic feet to the American interests 22¼ cents, dropping at full flow to 22 cents, and, if not, what is the contract price?

3. What daily volume of gas is contracted to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company for delivery to its Fraser Valley gate and what period does the contract cover?

4. Is the contract price to the British Columbia Electric Railway per 1,000 cubic feet over 30 cents, and, if not, what is the contract price?

5. Will the effect of these divergent prices be that British Columbia Peace River gas will be delivered to the industrial area of Tacoma at prices lower than to the Vancouver, B.C., area?

6. Has the original refusal of the American authorities to approve the first application of the fish authorities resulted in a reduction in price by Westcoast Transmission from 30 cents at the International gate to 22 cents?

7. Has this enforced reduction resulted in a reduction in quoted well-head prices to gas-suppliers by Westcoast Transmission Company to approximately 6 cents per 1,000 cubic feet?

8. From what companies has Westcoast contracted well-head gas in British Columbia and what is the contracted well-head price in each instance?

9. Under well-head contracts now being written by Westcoast Transmission, will Provincial Government revenue, upon full flow of the pipe-line, total as much as \$2,000,000 annually?

10. Is Westcoast Transmission a private carrier and has it the right to refuse its facilities except under contract?

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

“1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10. Since Westcoast Transmission Company comes under control of Department of Transport, Ottawa, and does not come within jurisdiction of Minister of Mines, particulars as requested in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 are not available.

“9. Crown royalty on natural gas is arrived at by formula as set out in section 81 of the Act; at this time the volume, which is governed by the two factors, market and permissive M.P.R., is an unknown quantity and no accurate answer can be given as to royalty returns until these factors are known.”

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

1. How long is the proposed route of the Paulson–Blueberry Highway?

2. How many miles, if any, are presently under contract?

3. When is it anticipated that these contracts will be concluded?

4. How many miles, if any, of construction of this highway will be put up for tender in the 1957–58 fiscal year?

5. Is any date anticipated at this time for completion of this highway, including hard surfacing?

The Hon. *P. A. Gagliardi* replied as follows:—

“1. Christina Creek–Kinnaird, 48.14 miles.

“2. Presently under contract, 18.61 miles.

“3. Project 668, June 30th, 1957; Project 776, October 31st, 1957; and Project 777, October 31st, 1957.

“4. 1957–58 fiscal year, 8.76 miles.

“5. 1959.”

Mr. Gibbs asked the Hon. the Premier and Chairman of the British Columbia Toll Highways and Bridges Authority the following questions:—

1. What provision is made for depreciation of bridges purchased or built by the Authority?

2. If provision is made, what is the rate per annum applied to the capital cost of each of the bridges?

3. If provision is not made, why not?

4. Is it the purpose of the Chairman to file with the Legislature at this present Session complete detailed financial statements of the operations of the Authority for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1956?

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

“ 1. None.

“ 2. *Nil*.

“ 3. Depreciation charges are only applicable when it is desired to show the effective capital value of an asset. The ‘Toll Highways and Bridges Authority Act,’ section 18, provides, however, for the recovery of capital charges on toll-bridges with a view to the ultimate removal of toll charges. The financial statements reflect this principle and show only the residual capital outlay after application of operational and subsidy credits. Sinking funds provide for the extinguishment of borrowings.

“ 4. *See Public Accounts.*”

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

With reference to the answer given on March 8th, 1957, to Question No. 61:—

1. Are the Middle Arm Bridge and the bridge from Lulu Island to Sea Island one and the same?

2. Has the Government of British Columbia been offered any financial assistance by the Federal Government toward the cost of the Lulu Island–Sea Island Bridge?

3. If so, what offer was made, has the offer been accepted, and, if not, why not?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Yes.

“ 3. Pursuant to a Provincial Government request for a one-half participation by the Federal Government in the cost of a bridge between Lulu Island and Sea Island, an offer to pay one-third of the cost of the bridge up to a maximum of \$400,000 was received. Claim for financial participation deferred until bridge completed and aggregate cost determined.”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the president, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the following questions:—

1. Did the general manager, staff accountant, or the auditors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway prepare a statement showing the cost for the years 1954, 1955, and 1956 of the following: (a) Rail replacements, (b) locomotive replacements, and (c) car replacements?

2. If so, it is requested that such statements be filed with the Legislature; if not, it is requested that such statements be prepared and filed with the Legislature.

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) Rail replacements: 1954, \$1,014,615; 1955, \$830,221; 1956, \$934,870. (b) Locomotive replacements: 1954, \$773,160; 1955, *nil*; 1956, \$791,290. (c) Car replacements: 1954, 1955, and 1956, *nil*.”

Mr. Gibbs asked the president, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the following question:—

To what Capital Accounts, or to what Operating Expense Accounts, and what was the aggregate amount charged to such accounts in the years 1954, 1955, and 1956 for the following expenditures: (a) Rail replacements; (b) locomotive replacements; (c) other equipment replacements; (d) interest, direct debt of the Province; (e) interest, direct debt of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway (guaranteed); and (f) sinking fund requirements, Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

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

“(a) Rail replacements—			
Year.	Capital.	Operating Expenses.	Total.
1954.....	\$996,509	\$18,106	\$1,014,615
1955.....	804,950	25,271	830,221
1956.....	917,435	17,435	934,870
“(b) Locomotive replacements—			
1954.....		773,160	
1955.....		Nil	
1956.....		791,290	
“(c) Other equipment—			
1954.....		Nil	
1955.....		Nil	
1956.....		Nil	
“(d) Interest, direct debt of the Province—			
1954.....		Nil	
1955.....		Nil	
1956.....		Nil	
“(e) Interest, direct debt of Pacific Great Eastern Railway (guaranteed)—			
1954.....		25,689.12	
1955.....		178,245.78	
1956.....		692,644.98	
“(f) Sinking fund requirements, Account 704, Capital and other Reserve Funds—			
1954.....		Nil	
1955.....		91,434.90	
1956.....		130,225.61 ”	

Mr. Gibbs asked the president, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the following questions:—

1. What was the car rental *per diem* in 1954?
2. If any changes in car rental *per diem* have occurred since 1954, state date when each change occurred and the car rental *per diem* made effective on those dates.

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

- “1. \$2.40.
- “2. *Per diem* rate increased to \$2.75, effective January 1st, 1957.”

Mr. Gibbs asked the president, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the following question:—

What is the maximum freight tonnage haulable per locomotive, and what was the average freight tonnage hauled per train in 1954, 1955, and 1956?

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

“Maximum freight tonnage per locomotive, 750 tons north and 850 tons south. Average freight tonnage hauled per train: 1954, 984; 1955, 1,009; and 1956, 906.”

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

1. Was a petition of right filed on behalf of one Jack Zucco on or about November 21st, 1956?
2. Did the Provincial Secretary acknowledge receipt of the petition of right on or about November 21st, 1956, in a letter promising that the petition would receive "immediate attention"?
3. Has the petition been endorsed "let right be done," and, if so, when was it so endorsed?
4. If the petition has not been so endorsed, has a decision been reached?
5. If no decision has been reached, what is the reason for the length of time required to reach a decision?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Yes.
- " 3. No.
- " 4. No.
- " 5. Under advisement."

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the president, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the following question:—

What are the specific rates of depreciation and to what specific assets do such rates apply in calculating the amount \$492,000 provided in 1956 for depreciation?

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

"Tunnels and subways, 0.7 per cent; bridges, trestles, and culverts, 1.2 per cent; ties and right-of-way fences, 4 per cent; rails, 1.9 per cent; work equipment, other track material, water and fuel stations, 2.5 per cent; shops and engine-houses, station and office buildings, 1.6 per cent; wharves, docks, right-of-way buildings, 2 per cent; telephone and telegraph lines, 2.9 per cent; roadway machines, 5 per cent; locomotives and freight-cars, 3 per cent; passenger-cars, 2.3 per cent; miscellaneous equipment, 8 per cent; and shop machinery, 6 per cent. The above rates apply to capital cost, less estimated salvage value. These are the same rates as used by the Canadian National Railways."

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

1. Were the aeroplanes under the authority of the Department of Highways used for other than Government business during the year 1956?
2. If so, give details as to the personnel and purpose of each such trip.
3. Were all the passengers carried on these planes during 1956 travelling on Government business?
4. If not, (a) what are the names of these passengers, (b) for what reasons were they travelling, and (c) in case of accident would the Government be liable in any way for these passengers?
5. What is the flight log of the aeroplanes showing destination and passengers from January 1st, 1956, to December 31st, 1956?

The Hon. *P. A. Gagliardi* replied as follows:—

- " 1. No.
- " 2. Answered by No. 1.
- " 3. Yes.
- " 4. Answered by No. 3.
- " 5. Filed as a Return by direction of the Minister."

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the president, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the following question:—

What was the average car-days for each of the months of June, July, August, September, October, and November in each of the years 1954, 1955, and 1956?

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

	1954.	1955.	1956.
“ June .....	16.29	14.34	14.73
July .....	15.47	16.86	14.19
August .....	15.61	14.15	15.32
September .....	13.49	11.86	14.06
October .....	14.10	13.05	15.56
November .....	13.45	14.59	14.87 ”

Mr. *Gibbs* asked the president, Pacific Great Eastern Railway, the following question:—

What was the freight revenue in each of the months of June, July, August, September, October, and November in each of the years 1954, 1955, and 1956?

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

	1954.	1955.	1956.
“ June .....	\$348,432	\$502,165	\$698,495
July .....	453,342	444,049	769,185
August .....	457,009	593,702	804,083
September .....	437,783	575,266	621,051
October .....	419,105	618,367	746,271
November .....	476,584	532,653	802,677 ”

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

1. Have any trade-unions been denied certification pursuant to the “ Labour Relations Act ” because they did not meet the requirements of the “ Fair Employment Practices Act ” ?

2. If so, what unions were denied certification and in what respect or respects did each fail to meet the requirements of the “ Fair Employment Practices Act ” ?

The Hon. *L. Wicks* replied as follows:—

“ 1. See pages 5 and 6 of the Department of Labour Summary of Activities for the week ended March 10th, 1956, Vol. 3, No. 10.

“ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

*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.