

Wednesday, April 6th, 1932.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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 *Pattullo* was withdrawn:—

Whereas it has been reported in the public press that a Bill amending the Criminal Code, to abolish grand juries in British Columbia, had passed third reading in the Senate, and only required the Royal assent to become law:

And whereas it was further stated that the measure aforesaid was introduced at the request of the Attorney-General of this Province:

And whereas the grand jury has been part and parcel of our criminal jurisprudence for several centuries:

And whereas in peculiar degree there rests upon the elected representatives of the people responsibility for the protection of the life and liberty of the subject:

And whereas no intimation was given to this Legislative Assembly of the intention of the Government to recommend the abolition of the grand jury in British Columbia:

Therefore, this House regrets the action of the Honourable the Attorney-General in recommending to Ottawa the abolition of the grand jury in British Columbia without first consulting this Legislative Assembly.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax," a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,975 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General's Office, to 31st March, 1933.
41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$23,757 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, General Office, to 31st March, 1933.
42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,934 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Companies Branch, to 31st March, 1933.
43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, "Fire Marshal Act," to 31st March, 1933.
44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,111 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Municipal Branch, to 31st March, 1933.
45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,687 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Censor of Moving Pictures, to 31st March, 1933.
46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,505 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Sheriffs' Offices, to 31st March, 1933.
47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,195 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Administrator, Vancouver, to 31st March, 1933.
48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,080 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Official Guardian, to 31st March, 1933.
49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$133,291 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Land Registry Offices, to 31st March, 1933.
50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$64,933 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Supreme and County Courts, to 31st March, 1933.
51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$590,512 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1933.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$102,474 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, County Gaols, to 31st March, 1933.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,168 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Girls' Industrial School, to 31st March, 1933.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$193,179 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Game Branch, to 31st March, 1933.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$103,300 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Administration of Justice, to 31st March, 1933.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Coroners' Inquests and Inquiries, to 31st March, 1933.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Constitutional Litigation and General Law Costs, to 31st March, 1933.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Destruction of Predatory Animals and Birds (Salaries and Expenses), to 31st March, 1933.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in Canada, to 31st March, 1933.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Incidentals and Contingencies (not otherwise provided for), to 31st March, 1933.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, University of British Columbia, to 31st March, 1933.

171 (a). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Subsidy for operation of the Ladner-Woodward Ferry, to 31st March, 1933.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,098,682.75 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Account, Sinking Funds, to 31st March, 1933.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$352,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Account, Redemption of Debentures, to 31st March, 1933.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$907,200 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Account, Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company—Interest on Guaranteed Bonds due July 15th, 1932, and January 15th, 1933, to 31st March, 1933.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Capital Account, British Columbia House, London, England—Instalment on Mortgage, to 31st March, 1933.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Premier's Office to 31st March, 1932.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, to 31st March, 1932.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, District Agriculturists, to 31st March, 1932.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture, Bounties on and Extermination of Noxious Animals, to 31st March, 1932.

49 (b). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$350 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Insurance Office, to 31st March, 1932.

49 (c). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,700 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Security Frauds Prevention Office, to 31st March, 1932.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Provincial Police, to 31st March, 1932.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Summoning and Paying Witnesses, to 31st March, 1932.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Grand and Petit Jurors, to 31st March, 1932.
62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Prosecutions (Counsel fees, etc.), to 31st March, 1932.
62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Attorney-General, Contingencies arising out of Prosecutions, to 31st March, 1932.
- 70 (b). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Correspondence Courses, to 31st March, 1932.
- 75 (a). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$100,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, *Per Capita* Grants, to 31st March, 1932.
76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$27,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Teachers' Salaries, to 31st March, 1932.
81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Examination of Teachers and High School Entrance Classes, to 31st March, 1932.
83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Education, Summer Schools, to 31st March, 1932.
90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Inspector of Trust Companies, to 31st March, 1932.
94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Government Agents and Assessors, etc., to 31st March, 1932.
99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$150 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Incidentals and Contingencies, to 31st March, 1932.
- 104 (a). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$11,325.92 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Finance, Deferred Charges outstanding on Crown Lands in Coquitlam Drainage No. 1, to 31st March, 1932.
- 133 (b). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$404.18 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Lands, Commission on Sale of Reverted Lands in Peace River District, to 31st March, 1932.
148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Postal Branch, to 31st March, 1932.
157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Administration of "Infants Act," to 31st March, 1932.
162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$250 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Government House, to 31st March, 1932.
165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, In Aid of Destitute Poor and Sick, to 31st March, 1932.
167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Burial of Indigent Persons, to 31st March, 1932.
171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Assessment on Class 13 (The Crown), "Workmen's Compensation Act," to 31st March, 1932.
- 177 (a). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Provincial Secretary, Unemployment Relief, to 31st March, 1932.
184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$13,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Maintenance, Repairs to Government Buildings, and Rental of Offices (except Parliament Buildings and Government House), to 31st March, 1932.
- 186 (b). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Matsqui Dyking District, to 31st March, 1932.
- 186 (c). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dewdney Dyking Commission, to 31st March, 1932.

186 (d). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Municipality of Kent, to 31st March, 1932.

186 (e). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Dr. J. T. Atkinson, to 31st March, 1932.

186 (f). *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,287.67 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Works, Subsidy for operation of the Ladner-Woodward Ferry, to 31st March, 1932.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,750 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Railways, Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster, to 31st March, 1932.

Schedule A. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$65,650.58 be granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended March 31st, 1931, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,218,379.47 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1933.

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.20 a.m.

Thursday, April 7th, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. Mr. *Lougheed* presented a Return of all automobiles, motor-cycles, motor-boats, and outboard motors purchased for the use of the Department of Lands, or any official of the same, since August 20th, 1928.

To lie upon the table.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting Chiropractors."

The debate continued.

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—22.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Dick</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Maitland</i>		

NAYS—21.

Messieurs

<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Borden</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Michell</i>
<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>
<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Berry</i>			

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution Act'" was read a third time and passed.

On the consideration of the report on Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act,'" Mr. *MacNaughton* moved, by leave of the House, to amend as follows:—

To insert before the word "erasing," in the fourteenth line of section 4, the words "suspending the registration of any person, or of"; and to insert the word "of" before the word "restoring" in the last line of section 4.

Amendments agreed to.

Report as amended adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Kergin*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 19) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Government Liquor Act.'"

Bill (No. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act.'"

Bill (No. 43) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act.'"

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Jury Act.'"

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 6th, 1932.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

That a Return be laid upon the table of the House of all automobiles, motor-cycles, motor-boats, and outboard motors purchased for the use of the Department of Lands, or any official of the same, since August 20th, 1928, giving the make and type of automobile, motor-cycle, motor-boat, or outboard motor in each case, the cost of same, and the purpose for which each was purchased.

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

From whom was Portland cement, mentioned in answer to question regarding Nechako River Bridge, Votes and Proceedings of this House of March 22nd, 1932, purchased; and was such cement a product of British Columbia?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"A. P. Anderson, Prince George. No; of Canada."

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

1. Has any area of property been purchased in the vicinity of Douglas for highway purposes since August 20th, 1928? If yes, from whom was said property purchased, and at what price per acre?

2. What width is road allowance in this vicinity?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"1. Yes. Department purchased as follows: Richard Asbeck, \$500 per acre; L.L. & E. Mills, subdivided area at \$260 per lot.

"2. Width increases as road approaches International Boundary, where, at Peace Arch, it is approximately 300 feet wide."

Mr. *A. M. Manson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

Did the Department purchase a Deering tractor and grader for use in Vanderhoof or vicinity, since April 1st, 1929? If yes, what was the cost of said equipment delivered at Vanderhoof, and from whom was it purchased?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"Yes. \$4,430.50; Brown, Fraser & Co., Ltd."

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

1. Have any trucks been hired by the Department in the Alberni District from April 1st, 1931, to December 31st, 1931?

2. If so, from whom, and at what rental in each case?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. B. Matterson, \$7 per day; T. McDonald, \$7 per day; A. Egeland, \$4.50 per day; H. Roush, \$4 per day; Parksville Fuel and Cartage, \$3.50 per M.B.M.; A. Campbell, \$1.50 per M.B.M.; J. A. Hirst Transfer Co., lump sum for job, \$14."

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

1. Has a bridge been built over Englishman's River, Alberni Electoral District, since April 1st, 1931?

2. If yes, what was the cost of construction of said bridge and of fills necessary for same; what length of time was taken in construction of bridge and fills; how many men were employed; was lumber purchased for this purpose, and, if so, from whom and at what total cost?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$17,991.97; 126 days; 81 men. Lumber purchased from Sproat Lake Sawmills, Abernethy Timber Co., Straits Lumber Co., F. Cowley & Sons, Ford & Bernard; total cost of lumber, \$2,983.07."

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

Was any work done during 1931 on roads on Lot 10, Block 2, Map 2696, Comox District? If yes, what was nature of such work; how many men were employed; and what was total cost of same?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"Yes. In accordance with established practice and in response to request of owner, work comprising gravelling to the value of \$52.42 was done on road by two men. This work was paid for in full by the owner."

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

Were any General Road Foremen or Road Foremen employed during 1931 in Alberni and Comox Provincial Ridings? If yes, what were the names of such officials; where was each employed; for what periods in each case; and at what rate of remuneration?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"Only official employed was Assistant General Road Foreman D. R. McDonald, Comox Riding, whole year; see Public Accounts for remuneration."

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

1. Has a bridge been built over Rogers Creek, Alberni Electoral District, since April 1st, 1931?

2. If yes, what was the cost of construction of said bridge and of fills necessary for same; what length of time was taken in construction of bridge and fills; how many men were employed; was lumber purchased for this purpose, and, if so, from whom and at what total cost?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. \$8,013.13; 80 days; 71 men. Lumber purchased from Alberni Pacific Lumber Co., Sproat Lake Sawmills, Walker Lumber Co.; total cost of lumber, \$1,432.28."

Mr. *A. M. Manson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following question:—

Did the Department construct a building, since April 1st, 1931, to house equipment at Vanderhoof? If yes, was galvanized sheeting used in construction of said building; what was the total cost of such galvanized sheeting, and from whom was it purchased; and what was the total cost of said building?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"Galvanized-iron equipment-shed, Vanderhoof, commenced October, 1930. Sheeting cost \$1,355.77 and purchased from Taylor Bros., Vanderhoof. Total cost of building, \$3,605."

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

Have any Sheriffs' offices been closed, or has notice of such closing been given to any Sheriffs, since April 1st, 1931; and, if yes, in what cases?

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

"Yes; the Sheriffs at Golden and Grand Forks."

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

1. Have any trucks been hired by the Department in the Comox District from April 1st, 1931, to December 31st, 1931?

2. If so, from whom, and at what rental in each case?

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. Trucks at \$5.50 per day rented from I. Piercy, G. Henderson, J. Parnell, J. Howes, W. J. Arthurs, C. Piket, G. A. Browning, H. Twidle, J. Piercy, J. Piket, T. Piercy, R. H. Leighton, A. Clarke, H. Bersey, and G. Hutchings. Trucks at \$4.50 per day rented from J. Parnell, J. Howes, W. J. Arthurs, H. Twidle, A. Clarke, Grant Bros., R. Yeatman, Jas. Ward, G. Geidt, F. Masters, G. Rennie, K. McKenzie, H. Morrison, S. McLeod, L. Geidt, and D. Ryan."

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

Is there a Game Commissioner for the Province; and, if yes, who is the present incumbent of the office; when was he appointed; and by whom were these duties previously carried out?

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

"Yes; A. Bryan Williams; appointed April 1st, 1929. Administration of Act formerly carried out by Game Conservation Board and the Superintendent of Provincial Police acting *ex officio* as Game Warden for the Province."

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 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, April 7th, 1932.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Mr. *Sutherland*, seconded by Mr. *Kergin*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Return be laid upon the table of the House of all premises purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise acquired by the Department of Public Works for the use or accommodation of Engineers, District Engineers, General Road Foremen, Road Foremen, or other officials since August 20th, 1928, together with the cost to the Department of all such premises, and the names and occupations of officials for whose use or accommodation such premises were acquired.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved* unanimously,—

That this Legislature desires to express the deep satisfaction and pleasure of the people of the Province of British Columbia in connection with the convening of the Imperial Conference at Ottawa in July of this year, and extends to the distinguished members thereof a cordial welcome to this Dominion of our great Empire.

Representative as it will be of all parts of His Majesty's Dominions and Possessions, the deliberations and interchange of views at the Conference must naturally result in a fuller understanding of each other's problems, a more intimate acquaintance between the syndicate or community of nations known as the British Empire, and a cementing, through personal contact, of the bonds which hold together that vast mass of peoples who look to one flag as the symbol of true liberty, right, and justice.

Looking at this approaching Conference from a practical or economic point of view, no doubt it will disclose valuable opportunities of trade within the Empire which have not been apparent in the past, and which will prove mutually advantageous in the future.

From a sense of national sentiment, the people of our Dominion must deeply appreciate the honour of the selection of Canada as the meeting-place of what cannot be else than an historic gathering. It is hoped that the objects of the Conference will be fully attained, and the resultant effects enure to the benefit of all concerned.

As the honoured guests of Canada, it may be taken as assured that no attention will be lacking on the part of the hosts—that is, the people of this broad Dominion—to make the visit of those guests pleasant and happy to them, and that they will carry home a lasting and bright memory of their sojourn among us.

In this connection, and in order to make that sojourn perfect, this Legislature, on behalf of the people of British Columbia, extends a cordial invitation to the distinguished delegates to visit this Province before dispersing to their respective countries.

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

That a Return be laid upon the table of the House of all premises purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise acquired by the Department of Finance since August 20th, 1928, for the use or accommodation of any officials of the Department, and the names and occupations of officials for whose use or accommodation such premises were acquired.

Mr. *King* moved, seconded by Mr. *MacPherson*,—

That a Return be laid upon the table of the House of all automobiles, motor-cycles, motor-boats, and outboard motors purchased for the use of Engineers, District Engineers, General Road Foremen, Road Foremen, or other officials of the Public Works Department since August 20th, 1928, giving the make and type of automobile, motor-cycle, motor-boat, or outboard motor in each case, together with the occupation and location of official for whom each was provided, and the cost in each case.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Gillis*, seconded by Mr. *MacPherson*, it was *Resolved*,—

That a Return be laid upon the table of the House of all changes made in the location of stores of the Liquor Control Board since January 1st, 1931; the reason for the change in each case; the cost of property and buildings in the case of such new premises as may be the property of the Liquor Control Board; the amount of rental or lease in the case of new premises rented or leased, together with the names of the owners of such premises; the amount of rental or lease of premises which they have replaced and the owners of same; and the number and location of all Liquor Control Board Stores which have been opened since January 1st, 1931.

Pursuant to which Order the Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented a Return.

On the motion of Mr. *Spencer*, seconded by Mr. *Hayward*, it was *Resolved*,—

Whereas present-day methods of distribution have changed entirely the system of employment for the workers, by reason of improved transportation and communication and increased use of labour-saving machinery:

And whereas there has been no adjustment of employment to meet such changed conditions, as a consequence whereof unemployment has now become a world-wide fixture, with no appreciable steps having been taken to restore the equilibrium between distribution and employment for the masses at a fair living wage:

And whereas such consequent unemployment brings upon the people suffering, despair, and panic, which in turn gives way to stagnation, bankruptcy, and crime in ever-increasing proportions:

And whereas it is of the first importance, in order to avoid nation-wide economical catastrophes and ruin, that efficient measures be adopted at the earliest moment leading to a solution of the unemployment problem which now confronts every world country:

And whereas a remedying of the present obsolete system of distributing the available work of the nations amongst a portion only of the workers would seem to be the only practical effectual method of rectifying the situation:

And whereas the means to such end can be accomplished by the inauguration of a system of shorter shifts, to be brought about by the establishment of shorter periods of labour for the workers in each shift, whether by the hour-day or by the week-day, in such certain trades and industries as may be economically amenable thereto without impairment of efficiency:

And whereas, in order to be effectual, the adoption of such a system should be nation-wide:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature do petition the Government of Canada to forthwith establish a Commission to enter upon a rapid survey and consideration of all matters germane to the preamble hereof, and to report findings thereon at the earliest possible date; and that immediately upon the filing of said report a conference be convened of representatives of the Provincial Governments of Canada for the purpose of agreeing upon the legislation to be uniformly enacted with a view to bringing into legal effect the recommendations of such Commission.

And be it further Resolved, That the Government of Canada be requested to consider the advisability of suggesting to the Governments of the other countries of North America that they follow the same procedure with a view to making the said system of redistribution of labour uniform throughout the North American Continent.

And be it further Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a copy of the Resolution hereinbefore set out be transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State for Canada or other proper official at Ottawa for presentation to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada.

Mr. Uphill moved, seconded by Mr. Hanna,—

That whereas section 98 of the Criminal Code of Canada was first formulated as an Order in Council during the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919, and for the purpose of rendering such strikes unlawful; later on, three years after the end of the Great War, it was incorporated into the "War Measures Act," and in 1927 it was made a part of the Criminal Code:

And whereas the constitutionality of this section is in grave doubt:

And whereas measures providing for the repeal of this section 98 have been repeatedly enacted by the House of Commons of Canada, which were vetoed by the Senate of Canada:

And whereas the repeal of this section 98 has been called for by many organizations and public bodies in Canada, such as the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada; the Trades and Labour Council of Toronto and of Hamilton; the United Farmers of Alberta in their annual convention; the students' body of University of Toronto assembled in Hart House, etc.:

And whereas in the midst of the present period of severe economic and political crisis this section has been enforced for the first time against leaders of the working-class of Canada, resulting in their conviction:

And whereas a very wide interpretation can be placed upon this section, by which it can be made applicable to trade-unions or any progressive organization which challenges the efficacy of modern society:

And whereas the presumption of guilt of the accused until he proves his innocence is contrary to established judicial procedure, and is inimical to fair trial and the rights of the accused person:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House petition the Government of Canada to enact legislation by which section 98 will be removed from the Criminal Code and the Statutes of Canada, and by which all persons held in custody under the provisions of this section will be given their freedom.

A debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—10.

Messieurs

Uphill
King
Hanna

Pearson
MacPherson
Gillis

Kergin
Sutherland

Manson, A. M.
Gray

NAYS—33.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Wrinch</i>			

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to give further Power to Courts with respect to the Recovery of Money secured by Mortgage and Similar Matters," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 7th, 1932.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to give further Power to Courts with respect to the Recovery of Money secured by Mortgage and Similar Matters," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 7th, 1932.

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

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 7th, 1932.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting Unemployment Relief," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax."

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Lister</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Gray</i>

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Teachers' Pensions Act'" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

Bill read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 11 p.m.

Friday, April 8th, 1932.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Liability of Municipalities to indemnify certain Public Institutions with respect to the Inmates treated or confined therein," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 8th, 1932.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Liability of Municipalities to indemnify certain Public Institutions with respect to the Inmates treated or confined therein," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 8th, 1932.

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. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mothers' Pensions Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented a Return in answer to the following question standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Kergin*:—

Has any amount been incurred as expenses by any member of the Liquor Control Board since August 1st, 1930? If yes, what was the total amount to date of such expenses in the case of each member of said Board?

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act respecting Drugless Physicians."

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Pearson</i>	<i>Dick</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>			

NAYS—24.

Messieurs

<i>Carson</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Alward</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>

Bill (No. 61) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Agricultural Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting Unemployment Relief" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

The report on Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

April 8th, 1932.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Poolcy* presented a Return in answer to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Mr. *Gillis*:—

1. Who were employed by the Government as Crown Prosecutors during 1931, and what was the remuneration in each case?

2. Were other lawyers employed by the Government during 1931? If yes, how much was each paid?

Mr. *Gray* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following questions:—

1. Have any well-drilling operations been carried on by the Government or under governmental direction?

2. If so, where; upon whose property; and at what cost in each case?

3. Have any other means been employed to locate water for domestic or irrigation purposes?

4. If so, what method has been followed?

5. What person or persons have been employed by the Government in an endeavour to locate supplies of water, and what remuneration did each receive?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a) Pine View, Prince George District; (b) Crown; (c) \$1,077.45.

"3. Yes.

"4. Water-divining.

"5. (a) Miss Penrose and H. M. Mathews; (b) \$701.60 and \$75 respectively."

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 5.10 p.m.

Friday, April 8th, 1932.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$114,520 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation to 31st March, 1933.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

That the reports of the Committee of Supply of the 24th, 29th, 30th, and 31st March, and of the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th April be received and adopted.

That the Resolutions therein reported be read a first time now and taken as read.

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

That this House doth agree with the said Committee in the said Resolutions.

Order called for Committee of Ways and Means.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

\$65,650.58 for the financial year ended March 31st, 1931.

314,652.77 for the financial year ended March 31st, 1932.

24,693,671.60 for the financial year ending March 31st, 1933.

The Committee reported the Resolution.

Resolution considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to prepare and bring in Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

(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, Bill read a second time and committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 8th, 1932.

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. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fuel-oil Tax Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

On the second reading of Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Liability of Municipalities to indemnify certain Public Institutions with respect to the Inmates treated or confined therein" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mothers' Pensions Act'" a debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Savings and Loan Associations Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax'" was committed.

Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was committed.
Reported complete with amendments.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was committed.
Progress reported.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act respecting Unemployment Relief" was committed.
Reported complete without amendment.
Report adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

On the motion of Mr. *Gray*, seconded by Mr. *MacPherson*, it was *Resolved* unanimously,—

That this House, having in mind the vital importance to the British Empire, to the Dominion of Canada, and to our own Province of British Columbia, of the Imperial Conference which will convene at Ottawa in July next, Resolves, That an humble petition be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that by the unanimous suggestion of this Legislature a respectful request be submitted to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada, that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be invited to attend the opening of the deliberations of said Imperial Conference, that by his presence its success, which is of such deep significance to our Empire, may be assured.

The report on Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was adopted.
Bill read a third time and passed.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 10.23 p.m.

Monday, April 11th, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

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

William H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, announced the title to the following Bill:—

(No. 45) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."

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

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

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

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor then left the House, and Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The Hon. Mr. *Lougheed* presented the Annual Reports of the Lands and Survey Branches of the Department of Lands for the years ending respectively December 31st, 1930, and December 31st, 1931; and the Annual Report of the Forest Branch, Department of Lands, for the Year ended December 31st, 1931.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Liability of Municipalities to indemnify certain Public Institutions with respect to the Inmates treated or confined therein."

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>

NAYS—11.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

*Bruhn**Pearson*

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mothers' Pensions Act.'"

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

<i>Carson</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Borden</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Gray</i>

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
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To be committed at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Revenue Tax'" was read a second time.

To be committed at the next sitting.

On the motion for the second reading of Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" a debate arose.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Beatty</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Alvard</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	

NAYS—12.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Borden</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Hayward</i>

PAIRS :

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Walkem</i>	<i>Gillis</i>

To be committed at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,

April 11th, 1932.

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

Resolution and Bill reported.

Report adopted.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
April 11th, 1932.*

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

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

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

Have any number of yards of gravel been used in the Deep Cove area, North Saanich District, since April 1st, 1931; and, if yes, was such gravel taken from road allowance or otherwise, from whom was it purchased, and at what price per yard?

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie, Acting Minister of Public Works, replied as follows:—

"Yes. Gravel used in Deep Cove area taken from private property, where title contained no special reservation, as follows: Purchased from S. Roberts, agent for Road Foreman Horth, owner, 142 cubic yards at 15 cents; and purchased from S. Roberts, owner, 1,545 cubic yards at 10 cents."

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

Does the Liquor Control Board maintain an office in the Pacific Building, Vancouver? If yes, what rental is paid, and what has been the total cost of maintenance of such office since August 1st, 1930?

The Hon. Mr. Pooley replied as follows:—

"Yes. \$60 per month. Total cost of maintenance as follows: Rent, \$1,192.50; stenographer, \$412; telephone, \$160; light, etc., \$38; total, \$1,802.50."

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 9 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 6.25 p.m.

Monday, April 11th, 1932.

NINE O'CLOCK P.M.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Mothers' Pensions Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 67) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Special Revenue Tax Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fuel-oil Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Radium Act.'"

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act.'"

Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Medical Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The report on Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Savings and Loan Associations Act'" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Superannuation Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 66) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Liability of Municipalities to indemnify certain Public Institutions with respect to the Inmates treated or confined therein" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns herewith Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act'" with amendments, enclosed herewith, and recommends the amendments to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

April 11th, 1932.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 2, lines 9 and 10: To strike out the words "degree of fault of the first-mentioned person," and to substitute therefor the words "total fault."

Section 2, lines 13 and 14: To strike out the words "degree of fault of that other person," and to substitute therefor the words "total fault."

Section 3, line 8: To strike out the words "degree of fault of the first-mentioned person," and to substitute therefor the words "total fault."

Section 3, lines 11 and 12: To strike out the words "degree of fault of that other person," and to substitute therefor the words "total fault."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendments to Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolutions and amendments reported.

Amendments introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendments and the Bill (No. 62) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Contributory Negligence Act'" be referred to the Committee of the Whole forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 11.22 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12th, 1932.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Liability of Municipalities to indemnify certain Public Institutions with respect to the Inmates treated or confined therein," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 12th, 1932.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 4, subsection (1): To add to the subsection the words "but this subsection shall not apply in respect of a patient the cost of whose maintenance is paid by the Government of the Dominion."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Liability of

Municipalities to indemnify certain Public Institutions with respect to the Inmates treated or confined therein," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.

Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act respecting the Liability of Municipalities to indemnify certain Public Institutions with respect to the Inmates treated or confined therein."

The said Bill, together with the amendment, was committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. King on April 7th, as follows:—

That a Return be laid upon the table of the House of all automobiles, motor-cycles, motor-boats, and outboard motors purchased for the use of Engineers, District Engineers, General Road Foremen, Road Foremen, or other officials of the Public Works Department since August 20th, 1928, giving the make and type of automobile, motor-cycle, motor-boat, or outboard motor in each case, together with the occupation and location of official for whom each was provided, and the cost in each case.

Motion agreed to.

Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to give further Power to Courts with respect to the Recovery of Money secured by Mortgage and Similar Matters" was read a second time and committed.

Reported complete with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting Chiropractors" was committed.

The Committee rose without report.

The reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 35) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game Act.'"

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act.'"

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

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Shops Regulation Act.'"

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act.'"

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Savings and Loan Associations Act'" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Fuel-oil Tax Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Radium Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was committed.

Reported complete without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
April 12th, 1932.

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.
By leave of the House, Bill read a second time.
To be committed at the next sitting.

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

J. W. FORDHAM JOHNSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment to Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax," enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 12th, 1932.

(ENCLOSURE.)

Section 4: To strike out clause (*h*), and to substitute therefor the following:—

"(*h*.) All pensions or allowances granted under the 'Mothers' Pensions Act' or the 'Old-age Pension Act,' or under the 'Pensions Act' of the Dominion, or any Act respecting the granting of war disability pensions."

Section 5, subsection (1), clause (*a*), line 1: To insert after the word "person" the words "whose wife or husband resides in Canada."

Section 5, subsection (1): To add to the subsection the following clause:—

"(*e*.) Any amount, not exceeding five per centum of the net taxable income of any taxpayer, which has been actually paid by way of donation to, and receipted for as such by, any charitable organization in the Province operated exclusively as such and not operated for the benefit or private gain or profit of any person, member, or shareholder thereof."

Section 22, subsection (3), line 6: To strike out the word "taxpayer's," and to substitute therefor the word "employer's."

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax," a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported.
Amendment introduced and read a first and second time.

Ordered, That the amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax."

The Hon. Mr. *McKenzie* presented Bulletin No. 1, 1932, "Lode-gold Deposits in British Columbia."

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

1. Have any amounts been collected under the provisions of the "Fuel-oil Tax Act," assented to March 25th, 1930?

2. If yes, what is the total thereof?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

Mr. *MacPherson* asked the Hon. the Minister of Railways the following question:—

Have any sums been borrowed on account of Pacific Great Eastern Railway during 1930 and 1931; and, if so, has any amount of such borrowings been applied to deficits and to new construction, not including maintenance; and, if yes, what amount in each case?

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

"Yes. Total of sums borrowed during 1930 and 1931, \$1,201,000; applied to deficits, \$121,596.41; applied to Capital Account, \$1,067,899.79; in accordance with the provisions of the Act."

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

1. What is the total of the revenue for the fiscal year 1931-32, from all sources, to March 31st, 1932?

2. What is the total expenditure for the fiscal year 1931-32?

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

"1 and 2. At present date complete returns of revenue and expenditure have not been received from all agencies."

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 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12th, 1932.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Uphill* moved, seconded by Mr. *King*,—

Resolved, That this House approves in principle the operation of sweepstakes based on the main English turf events under the supervision of a non-partisan board of management, to be appointed by the Government and responsible to a member of the Government, to be operated within the borders of the Province, for the purpose of raising funds to give employment, and more particularly the building through Northern British Columbia of highways, and that steps be taken to legalize such sweepstake operations under the Government.

The Hon. Mr. *Pooley* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, and directed that it be dropped from the Order Paper.

Mr. *Uphill* moved, seconded by Mr. *King*,—

Whereas in answer to a question standing in the name of Mr. Uphill and replied to by the Hon. Mr. Pooley on March 30th, 1931, said question appearing upon page 141, Journals of the Legislative Assembly, British Columbia, together with the answer to same, this House was informed that one W. J. Baird had resigned as a member of the Moving Picture Appeal Board:

And whereas it was stated in this House by the Hon. the Attorney-General on Thursday evening, April 7th last, that said W. J. Baird was a member of the Moving Picture Appeal Board:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Return be laid upon the table of this House, giving the names of all persons appointed to said Board, all persons resigning from said Board, the dates of such appointments and resignations, and the total remuneration received by each such person.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to such Order of the House, the Hon. Mr. *Pooley* presented a Return.

Mr. *Twigg* moved that the Order for Committee on Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act respecting Chiropractors" be restored to the Order Paper forthwith.

Mr. *A. M. Manson* rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order, and held that it could not be made unless in the meantime the Rules were suspended by the unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. *Twigg* thereupon moved that the Order for Committee on the said Bill be restored to the Order Paper for the next sitting of the House.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—19.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>King</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Mackenzie, R.</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>	

NAYS—20.

Messieurs

<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Borden</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Walkem</i>
<i>Hanna</i>	<i>Kirk</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>	<i>Michell</i>
<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Wrinck</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Schofield</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Beatty</i>

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Radium Act'" was read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Revenue Act'" was read a third time and passed.

The reports on the following Bills were adopted, and the Bills read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 49) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Savings and Loan Associations Act.'"

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Bill (No. 69) intituled "An Act to give further Power to Courts with respect to the Recovery of Money secured by Mortgage and Similar Matters."

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax" was again committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was committed.

Reported complete with amendments.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Mr. *Twigg* presented the Report of the Select Special Committee on Unemployment Relief, appointed by Resolution on February 24th, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

April 11th, 1932.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee, appointed by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly dated the 24th day of February, 1932, which Resolution is as follows:—

"Whereas an acute condition of unemployment, consequent on the commercial and industrial depression, has been, and is to some extent still, prevalent:

"And whereas the Federal Government, together with the various Provincial Administrations, have been engaged in co-operation toward meeting the situation:

"And whereas it is desirable and expedient that a full inquiry be made as to the said prevailing condition, together with the steps taken to cope with the same so far as the Province of British Columbia is concerned:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. *Twigg*, *Loutet*, *Berry*, *Lister*, *Kirk*, *Alward*, *Beatty*, *Pattullo*, *A. M. Manson*, *Sutherland*, *Pearson*, and *Rutledge*, be appointed to inquire into all matters, questions, and things appertaining to the said situation, together with the administration thereof and connected therewith within British Columbia, and particularly with reference to the receipt and disbursement of all moneys received from the Dominion Government, showing how disbursed, that is to say, showing such disbursement as made directly by the Province, or, if in municipal areas, by the municipal authorities on receipt of the moneys from the Province, with all books, documents, and correspondence relating thereto, with respect to unemployment relief, direct and indirect.

"That the said Committee inquire into and examine all the phases of the administration of unemployment relief, direct and indirect, including the construction, equipment, cost, and management of unemployment camps, with data as to rates of pay, number of persons afforded relief, direct and indirect, with power to summon witnesses and take their evidence under oath, to require the production of papers, documents, vouchers, correspondence, and books relating in any way to the subject-matter of the inquiry; to report its findings and with power to make recommendations thereon to this House,"—

begs leave to report as follows:—

1. Your Committee held twenty-one sessions and examined a great number of witnesses whose evidence is contained in some 1,200 pages of a typewritten report. Exhibits to the number of 110, containing numerous and voluminous documents, were filed and examined.

2. The matters inquired into divide themselves into two main divisions:—

I. What has been done in regard to unemployment to the date of this Report.

II. What suggestions have been made as to a solution of the unemployment difficulties in British Columbia.

I.

3. The first division would naturally relate to the arrangements entered into by the Province touching on the question of unemployment, and these can be more clearly understood if discussed under the following main heads: (A) Provincial undertakings; (B) Municipal undertakings; (C) Direct relief.

4. Before dealing with the first main head, a brief review of the circumstances leading to the 1931 arrangements is desirable. In 1930 it was recognized throughout the Dominion of Canada that a general state of unemployment was prevalent, and in consequence the "Unemployment Relief Act, 1930," was passed by the Parliament of Canada in the Second Session of that year, whereby the sum of \$20,000,000 was appropriated for relief.

On the 14th day of October, 1930, and the 5th day of March, 1931, respectively, agreements were entered into between the Province and the Dominion whereby the latter agreed to advance the sum of \$1,100,000, which was to be expended on relief in accordance with the terms of the agreements which were subsequently validated by Act of the Legislature of the Province, being chapter 65 of the Statutes of 1931.

In order to provide machinery to carry out the intention of the legislation and of the agreements, the Province appointed a Committee consisting of Hon. W. A. McKenzie, Hon. S. L. Howe, Hon. R. W. Bruhn, and Hon. J. W. Jones, which was known as the Committee of the

Executive Council on Unemployment Relief, and which was charged with the duty of organizing, controlling, and managing unemployment relief in the Province.

In the Session of the Dominion Parliament of 1931 further moneys were granted towards the relief of unemployment throughout Canada, and it is more particularly in connection with the distribution of these moneys and the relations which grew up and existed between the Dominion, the Province, and the Municipalities, relative thereto, that your Committee feels it is most concerned.

Negotiations between representatives of the Dominion and Province were opened in the month of June and culminated in an agreement dated August 19th, 1931; the details of this agreement will be dealt with under the main headings above mentioned—namely, Provincial undertakings, municipal undertakings, and direct relief.

5. Although the inquiry divides itself naturally under the headings of Provincial undertakings, municipal undertakings, and direct relief, and is dealt with in detail in the succeeding pages, there are certain salient facts which might be set out at this stage and explained in detail under the heads relating to each:—

(a.) Provincial programme recommended by the Province (inclusive of Trans-Canada Highway)—\$6,675,000, to be borne equally by Dominion and Province.	
Amount finally approved by Dominion	\$3,250,000.00
Share of Dominion (50 per cent.)	\$1,625,000.00
Share of Province (50 per cent.)	1,625,000.00
(b.) Programme originally proposed by Municipalities—\$6,214,507.	
Of this, \$5,410,293 was submitted to the Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labour for the Dominion, on or about September 23rd, 1931; the amount tentatively approved by him on that occasion was \$2,895,000.	
The Municipal programme was finally approved by the Dominion at....	2,749,971.00
Total of all works approved by Dominion, both Provincial and Municipal	
	<u>\$5,999,971.00</u>
(c.) No limit was placed upon expenditures under the heading of Direct Relief. In unorganized territory the Dominion agreed to pay 50 per cent. and the Province 50 per cent. In Municipalities the Dominion, Province, and Municipalities each bore one-third of the expense, except in the case of transients and single men, such expenditure being borne by the Dominion and Province in equal shares.	
(d.) Up to and inclusive of March 20th, 1932, the Province had expended on Provincial works the sum of	
	<u>\$2,986,081.68</u>
The Dominion's share of this was	\$1,493,040.84
Up to and inclusive of March 20th, 1932, the Province had expended on Direct Relief in unorganized territory the sum of	\$466,980.99
The Dominion's share of this was	
	\$233,489.78
Up to and inclusive of March 20th, 1932, the Province had expended on Municipal Direct Relief (<i>less</i> the Municipal share) the sum of	\$478,450.84
The Dominion's share of this was	
	<u>\$239,225.35</u>
Total Dominion's share of Provincial works and Direct Relief	
	<u>\$1,965,755.97</u>

(e.) Amount received from Dominion on loan to the Province for Provincial works	\$1,300,000.00
Amount advanced on account of Dominion's share of Provincial works	500,000.00
Amount paid by Dominion on account of Direct Relief	114,631.97
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Total received from Dominion on Provincial works and Direct Relief	\$1,914,631.97
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As the Dominion is providing the funds for the entire amount involved, the amount still payable by the Dominion is \$2,016,881.54. The Provincial share of the total expended will be secured to the Dominion by Provincial Treasury bills.

(f.) Amount received from Dominion applicable to Provincial and Municipal shares of Municipal works, and secured to the Dominion by Provincial Treasury bills	\$1,000,000.00
Amount paid by Province on Provincial and Municipal shares of Municipal works	666,354.79
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Balance in hands of Province	\$333,645.21
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Expenditures by Municipalities as revealed by vouchers approved by the Comptroller-General up to March 20th, 1932	\$1,471,590.73
Dominion's share of expenditures on Municipal works	\$735,795.40
Amount received from Dominion on its share of Municipal works	500,000.00
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Amount still payable by Dominion for its share of Municipal works	\$235,795.40
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(A.) PROVINCIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

6. The Dominion agreed to pay to the Province 50 per cent. of the cost of approved Provincial works for the relief of unemployment, the Province assuming responsibility for the remaining 50 per cent. of the cost of such works. The financing of the respective share of the Dominion and the Province will be dealt with in detail hereafter.

7. *Registration and Employment.*—In order to provide a basis for the selection of men entitled to employment on relief-works, the Province inaugurated a system of registration, and the Employment Service of Canada was utilized to this end. This Service maintained offices and sub-offices throughout the Province and proved of great value. Owing to the rush to register, the machinery and facilities of the Employment Service offices were added to by utilizing the Municipal Relief Offices, Government Agents, Provincial Police, and the District Engineers, to assist in registration.

The records show registration as follows:—

	Total.	Municipal (Single).	Provincial.	Transients.
1931.				
August 22.....	29,096	9,223	3,984	6,659
September 26.....	51,700	15,094	12,031	9,481
October 31.....	61,931	17,502	16,542	10,381
1932.				
February 20.....	70,616	20,238	18,718	11,421

8. The Committee on Unemployment Relief aforesaid created sub-committees throughout the various electoral districts in the Province, selected from leading citizens willing to give voluntary service. These were appointed irrespective of their political affiliations and rendered inestimable service in seeing that the employment and relief were given to those entitled and in preventing abuses of the provisions of the Relief Act.

9. *Establishment of Camps.*—It was agreed by the Dominion and the Province that the single men and transients should be moved from the urban centres to camps. Two hundred and thirty-seven camps were established, adjacent to the Provincial works approved by the Dominion, with a total capacity of 18,340 men; 8,137,373 feet board measure of lumber was used in the construction of these camps. The following analysis, showing cost and capacity, was submitted to the Committee:—

		Total Capacity.
126 Permanent Camps		12,721
Materials	\$204,548	
Labour	164,016	
	————— \$368,564	
92 Semi-permanent Temporary Camps		4,061
Materials	\$59,426	
Labour	33,645	
	————— \$93,071	
19 Rented Camps		1,558
Materials	\$8,049.	
Labour	6,208	
	————— \$14,257	
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237 Camps		18,340
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Total cost, materials and labour, including water and sanitation	\$475,892	
Total cost of equipment, including lighting	191,739	
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Grand total cost for all Camps.....		\$667,631
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Average cost per man	\$36.40	
Number of men in camp at October 31st		11,353

Your Committee is of opinion that there was no course open to the Government other than to provide camps. The pressure therefor, on the part of the public, including Municipal authorities, the Police, and the Press, was unanimous, and the need for immediate action in that regard was of the most urgent nature.

The average cost of food during the month of October, when work was at its height, was 60.5 cents per day per man for 140 camps and 456,702 meals. The average cost of camp overhead per man per day was 26.6 cents, or a total of 87.1 cents. The sum of 85 cents per day was deducted from the men for board. To-day, the camps are operated on a direct relief basis, and food costs 29.5 cents and camp overhead 11.5 cents.

10. *Schedule of Provincial Undertakings.*—Prior to the execution of the agreement aforesaid, a rough outline of works to be carried on by the Province was agreed upon, and the Province, with full authority from the Dominion, commenced work. A detailed schedule of the works was prepared outlining a programme of Provincial public works (inclusive of the Trans-Canada Highway), with an estimated expenditure to the first of March, 1932, totalling \$6,675,000; this schedule was forwarded by the Province to the Dominion on or about October the 13th, 1931.

11. Following the consummation of said agreement of August 19th, 1931, financial conditions became more and more difficult, culminating in the temporary abandonment of the "Gold Standard" in Great Britain on September 21st, 1931, thereby creating adverse exchange conditions as between Canada and the United States and making it impossible for this Province to borrow further moneys in a foreign market, and accentuating the problems of the Dominion in that regard; thereafter the Province became dependent upon the Dominion to finance both the Dominion and Provincial share of Provincial works, and it was found necessary by the Dominion to reduce the Provincial programme by approximately 50 per cent., and the sum of

\$3,250,000 was fixed on or about October 31st, 1931, and the Dominion approved the schedule of works submitted by the Province as aforesaid for that amount.

12. The construction programme outlined in the schedules approved by the Dominion as aforesaid was discontinued on or about the 31st day of October, 1931. Excluding expenditure on camp-construction, there had been expended on highways approved in the schedule the sum of \$2,184,544.56. The following analysis of said expenditure was presented to your Committee:—

Wages	\$1,441,871.80—66.0%	
Materials	270,273.57—12.4%	
Plant, tools, and equipment purchased	269,495.65—12.3%	} 18.1%
Equipment Fund rentals	88,090.84— 4.1%	
Other equipment rentals	37,610.05— 1.7%	
All other items	77,202.65— 3.5%	
		\$2,184,544.56

13. *Financing of Provincial Works.*—Prior to November 1st, 1931, the Province borrowed or appropriated for the purposes of financing the Dominion and Provincial shares of Unemployment Relief: The sum of \$2,000,000 under the provisions of section 6 (e) of the "Loan Act" (Statutes of B.C., 1931, chapter 34); and the sum of \$500,000 under the provisions of section 6 (a) of the same Act; and the sum of \$100,000 under the provisions of Vote 186 (a).

Due to the financial crisis aforesaid, an arrangement was made between the Dominion and the Province, on or about November 1st, 1931, and confirmed by letter from the Dominion Deputy Minister of Finance dated February 1st, 1932, under which the Dominion agreed to loan to the Province all funds required by it to pay its share of Provincial works approved by the Dominion.

14. Pursuant to the arrangement mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the Dominion has made the following loans to the Province for Provincial works:—

- (a.) December 1st, 1931 (P.C. 2996)—a loan of \$500,000, secured by one-year 5¼% Treasury bills of the Province; on a programme of public works authorized in the Province, "to be carried out by the Province."
- (b.) December 23rd, 1931 (P.C. 3159)—a loan of \$800,000, secured by one-year 5⅞% Treasury bills of the Province; on the programme of public works referred to in the agreement of August 19th, "on which the Province represented that greater progress than was anticipated had been made and in consequence of which the Province found itself in great need of further sums pending the passing of accounts which would establish the Dominion's contribution towards the cost of such works."

15. On January 21st, 1932, pursuant to the provisions of P.C. 102, the Dominion paid to the Province the sum of \$500,000 on account of the Dominion's share of Provincial works pending the adjustment of claims.

16. The whole of the moneys loaned and advanced, as indicated in the two preceding paragraphs hereof, under the provisions of P.C.'s 2996, 3159, and 102, amounting in all to the sum of \$1,800,000, has been applied by the Province against the moneys expended by the Province for the Dominion's share of Provincial works amounting to \$1,493,040.84, and the Dominion's share of direct relief, which, as at March 20th, 1932, was the sum of \$472,715.13, less \$114,631.97 received on account thereof, and the Dominion's share of old-age pensions for the quarter ended December 31st, 1931, amounting to \$182,752.12.

17. *Certificates for Provincial Expenditures.*—The agreement between the Dominion and the Province aforesaid requires that statements of accounts for expenditure made by the Province for public works and undertakings shall be submitted to the Minister of Labour, accompanied by a certificate of the appropriate Provincial authority that expenditures have been duly made in accordance with such statements. Certificates have been prepared from time to time by the Comptroller-General on behalf of the Province, as follows:—

- (a.) For the sum of \$318,959.28 on or before November 24th, 1931, and in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Dominion and Provincial Governments in the year 1930; said certificates were not forwarded to the Dominion, due to a request received from the Dominion on November 24th aforesaid to delay submission of certificates pending instructions contained in a letter of that date.

- (b.) On receipt of instructions contained in said letter of November 24th, new certificates were prepared in lieu of those referred to in subparagraph (a) hereof, and additional certificates were forwarded from time to time as follows:—

1931.	Gross.	Dominion's Share.
Dec. 2	\$637,918.56	\$318,959.28
Dec. 10	509,743.30	254,871.65
Dec. 24	690,533.26	345,266.63
Jan. 9, 1932	300,651.82	150,325.91
	<u>\$2,138,846.94</u>	<u>\$1,069,423.47</u>

- (c.) All of the above certificates were returned by the Dominion to the Province for revision, in accordance with the requirements of the Dominion set forth in a letter to the Province dated January 12th, 1932. The said certificates were revised and returned to Ottawa, together with additional certificates from time to time, as follows:—

1932.	Certificates.	Gross.	Dominion's Share.
Feb. 17.	R-1 to R-64	\$2,100,943.26	\$1,050,471.63
Feb. 25.	R-65 to R-107	640,604.26	320,302.13
Mar. 11.	489-543	165,706.88	82,853.44
Mar. 22.	596-637	43,016.78	21,508.39
Mar. 31.	669-710	35,810.50	17,905.25
		<u>\$2,986,081.68</u>	<u>\$1,493,040.84</u>

18. The series R-1 to R-64, referred to in the preceding paragraph, were prepared in accordance with the Dominion's instructions, and all items of which objections were taken in said letter of January 12th were eliminated.

The series R-65 to R-107, referred to in the preceding paragraph, contained *inter alia* items such as material and equipment for camps, to which exception was taken by the Dominion; these were returned for the purpose of placing on record the Provincial claim that the objection taken by the Dominion was ill-founded.

The remaining certificates—namely, 489 to 543, 596 to 637, and 669 to 710—referred to in the preceding paragraph, were prepared and forwarded in accordance with instructions, but inclusive of items to which objection was taken in said letter of January 12th.

19. No advice has been received that any portion of the Dominion's share of Provincial expenditures on Provincial work, as certified by the Province, and amounting to \$1,475,135.59, has been approved by the Dominion.

20. Your Committee is of opinion that the bulk of the aforesaid certificates should be approved by the Dominion forthwith. It is further of opinion that, in view of the fact that the camps were agreed upon by the Dominion and Provincial authorities and considered essential for the programme of Provincial works approved by the Dominion, and also for the care of single men and transients, the items of which exception has been taken by the Dominion should be approved and paid by the Dominion.

(B.) MUNICIPAL UNDERTAKINGS.

21. The Dominion also agreed to finance the entire cost of Municipal works, except to the extent that any Municipality might elect to do its own financing for its share of the approved works. For this purpose the Province borrowed from the Dominion the following sums:—

- (a.) The sum of \$500,000 on the 1st day of December, 1931, under the provisions of P.C. 2993. The said Order in Council expressly provided that the said sum was for the purpose of defraying the share of the cost payable by the Province and the share of the cost payable by the Municipalities of Municipal works. The Province deposited with the Dominion, as security for the said sum of \$500,000, its one-year Treasury bills bearing interest at the rate of $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. per annum. The various Municipalities will, in turn, deposit their bonds with the Province for such sums as may be advanced by the Province for the Municipal share of such works, when authority to give such security has been granted by the Legislature.

(b.) The sum of \$500,000 on the 22nd day of February, 1932, under the provisions of P.C. 399. The said Order in Council expressly provided that the said sum was for the purpose of defraying the share of the cost payable by the Province and the share of the cost payable by the Municipalities of Municipal works. The Province deposited with the Dominion, as security for the said sum of \$500,000, its one-year Treasury bills bearing interest at the rate of 5% per cent. per annum. The various Municipalities will, in turn, deposit their bonds with the Province for such sums as may be advanced by the Province for the Municipal share of such works, when authority to give such security has been granted by the Legislature.

22. The proceeds of the loans mentioned in the preceding paragraph, amounting to \$1,000,000, were deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce in a "trust" account by the Province, and have been used in strict accordance with the terms of P.C.'s 2993 and 399 aforesaid, to assist the Province in defraying its share of the cost of approved public works authorized aforesaid and (or) to loan to Municipalities moneys in order that their share might be paid.

23. The accounts of Municipalities relating to said works and undertakings have been forwarded by the Municipalities to the Province, and the share payable by the Province to the Municipalities and the share payable by the Municipalities have been paid by the Province forthwith as vouchers have been passed by the Comptroller-General.

24. Vouchers approved by the Comptroller-General up to March 20th, 1932, revealed expenditures as follows:—

Municipal works	\$1,471,590.73
Less Municipal share, portion not borrowed by Municipalities	69,440.54
	<u>\$1,402,150.19</u>
Dominion Government share	\$735,795.40
Provincial Government share	\$283,512.35
Municipal share, portion advanced by Province.....	382,842.44
	<u>666,354.79</u>
Amount paid from \$1,000,000 advanced by Dominion for this purpose	<u>\$1,402,150.19</u>

Certificates for the Dominion's share of the Municipal expenditures for the works and undertakings aforesaid have been submitted to the Director of Dominion Unemployment Relief as follows:—

January 9th, 1932	\$106,365.18
January 20th, 1932	105,822.47
February 1st, 1932	30,160.14
February 1st, 1932	179,346.07
February 22nd, 1932	113,937.56
March 9th, 1932	119,982.07
March 29th, 1932	80,181.91
	<u>\$735,795.40</u>

The undermentioned approvals of the aforesaid certificates have been received by the Province from the Dominion as follows:—

Letter dated February 16th, 1932	\$225,290.46
Letter dated February 23rd, 1932	99,255.92
Letter dated March 11th, 1932	55,590.90
	<u>\$380,137.28</u>

25. P.C. 502, approved March 2nd, 1932, was forwarded by the Dominion to the Province by letter dated March 4th, 1932, indicating the intention of the Dominion to pay the sum of \$500,000 to the Province for the Dominion's share of Municipal expenditures when said sum should be

voted by the Parliament of Canada. Same was received by the Province on the 5th day of April, 1932, and cheques for the full amount approved by the Dominion—namely, \$380,137.28—were mailed to the various Municipalities on the same day.

It will be observed from the preceding paragraph that the certificates mailed to and inclusive of the 29th day of March, 1932, by the Province to the Dominion amounted to \$735,795.40. The sum received from the Dominion therefor is \$235,795.40 short of the sum which will be payable by it to Municipalities when approval of said certificates is given by the Dominion.

(C.) DIRECT RELIEF.

26. Direct Relief means the supply of the necessaries of life—namely, food, shelter, and clothing, with, in special cases, fuel, medical treatment, etc.—to persons actually in need of the same, who are employable but unemployed. A person who is unemployable by reason of physical or other disability is not given direct relief, but is given assistance, if necessary, by the Dominion or Province, as the case may be, quite distinctly from direct relief.

In unorganized territory the Provincial and Dominion Governments accept joint responsibility for cases requiring direct relief.

In Municipalities the Provincial and Dominion Governments are jointly responsible for destitute transients and destitute residents of the Municipality without dependents.

A transient is one who entered the Municipality subsequent to May 1st, 1931.

In the case of men with dependents who were residents in the City or Municipality prior to May 1st, 1931, the cost of direct relief is borne jointly by the Dominion, Province, and Municipality.

On account of special conditions in Vancouver, a transient is regarded as a registered destitute man who has resided in the City for less than twelve months prior to August 1st, 1931.

27. Vouchers passed through the books of the Comptroller-General to March 20th, 1932, for Provincial Direct Relief amounted to the sum of \$466,980.99, and for Municipal Direct Relief (less the Municipal share) the sum of \$478,450.84. The Dominion's share thereof amounts to the sum of \$472,715.13, of which the sum of \$114,631.97 has been paid on account. The bulk of the certificates forwarded by the Province to the Dominion for the foregoing amounts were mailed after the 1st day of March, 1932, and further payments thereon could not be made by the Dominion until the "Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931," which expired on March 1st, 1932, had been extended by Parliament. The accounts for both Dominion and Provincial shares of Municipal Direct Relief have been paid by the Province in full on presentation, except in the case of the City of Vancouver. In that case considerable delay has resulted due to negotiations between the City of Vancouver and the Province relating to the adjustment of certain vouchers; these were finally adjusted and presented by the Provincial Secretary's Department to the Comptroller-General on or about February 10th, 1932.

Cheques therefor were drawn immediately by the Comptroller-General and delivered to the Treasury Department and held by it, due to the fact that Provincial funds had become depleted pending receipt of moneys payable by the Dominion to the Province.

It should be noted that actual expenditures for Direct Relief are probably largely in excess of the above amounts, but cannot be recorded until vouchers are received from the Municipalities and Government Agents, and approved by them.

SUMMARY RELATING TO PROVINCIAL WORKS AND DIRECT RELIEF.

28. As indicated by the foregoing, certificates were filed with Ottawa up to March 31st, 1932, for expenditures as follows:—

Provincial works	\$2,986,081.68
Provincial Direct Relief	466,980.99
Municipal Direct Relief (<i>less</i> Municipal share)	478,450.84
	\$3,931,513.51
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Of which the Dominion's share, payable to the Province, is \$1,965,755.97, and the Provincial share to be loaned by the Dominion to the Province is \$1,965,757.54.

On account of the Dominion's share of \$1,965,755.97, there has been paid and advanced to the Province from time to time the following sums:—

Paid on account Direct Relief certificates	\$114,631.97
Advanced on Treasury bill bearing interest (pending approval of certificates)	1,300,000.00
Advanced without interest (pending approval of certificates).....	500,000.00
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	\$1,914,631.97
Dominion's share as above	1,965,755.97
Balance due to Province on account Dominion's share	51,124.00
Add Provincial share to be loaned by the Dominion	1,965,757.54
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Total balance due to Province on account Provincial works and Direct Relief	\$2,016,881.54
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In other words, the Province has expended on Provincial works and Direct Relief the sum of \$3,931,513.51, and has received from the Dominion \$1,914,631.97, leaving the sum of \$2,016,881.54 still to be financed by the Dominion under the arrangement mentioned in paragraph (13). Such portion of said balance payable by the Dominion as is applicable to the Provincial share of said works and Direct Relief will be secured to the Dominion by Provincial Treasury bills.

29. In addition to the above sum of \$2,016,881.54, there is due by the Dominion to the Province the sum of \$182,752.12, the Dominion's proportion of old-age pensions for the quarter ended December 31st, 1931. The evidence, and also the "Report of the Dominion Director of Unemployment Relief," dated March 1st, 1932, indicate that the said sum of \$182,752.12 has been credited against moneys advanced by the Dominion under P.C. 102 aforesaid, being an advance of \$500,000 under the provisions of the "Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931," on account of large disbursements already made by the Province under the provisions of the "Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931," on account of large disbursements already made by the Province under the provisions of the said agreement dated the 19th day of August, 1931.

The Dominion's share of old-age pensions is a statutory vote, payable under the terms of the "Old-age Pensions Act" (Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, chapter 156) and the amendments thereto, and should not be charged against moneys advanced to the Province under the provisions of the "Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, 1931," and, as indicated by the provisions of P.C. 102 aforesaid, already expended by the Province. These moneys are now due and payable to the Province, and representations to that end should be made to the Dominion forthwith.

INTEREST.

30. With the exception of \$500,000 advanced under the provisions of P.C. 102, the Province has paid interest, and is still paying interest, upon both its share of Provincial expenditures and the Dominion's share thereof, and will continue to do so until the Dominion approves the certificates of the Province and credits the amount thereof on the Treasury bills now in its possession.

31. Upon approval of the certificates of the Province aforesaid and payment of the balance due by the Dominion to the Province, representation should be made to the Dominion for a remission of interest paid by or charged against the Province on account of the Dominion's share of said expenditure. In several instances the Municipalities are in the same position in this regard as is the Province, and the same consideration should be given them.

INVESTIGATIONS OF SUPPOSED IRREGULARITIES.

32. At the request of individual members of the Committee, considerable time was spent investigating suggestions of irregularities; charges of extravagance and irregularities preferred by members of the House of Commons and others were also investigated. The following are typical examples:—

(a.) "That camps were equipped with radios." Your Committee finds that no radios were purchased or rented. A car-load of camp food and supplies, packed by the shipper in cases once used for radios, probably led to this belief.

(b.) "That camps were also equipped with pianos." Your Committee finds that none were purchased or rented.

(c.) "That edge-grained fir floor lumber, at a cost of \$74 per thousand, was used in making tables for camps." Your Committee finds that the total expended on edge-grained fir floor lumber was \$2.24.

(d.) "That a Vancouver firm quoted the Purchasing Agent a price on 10,000 blankets and that these blankets were later purchased through some one else for the Government at a figure considerably in advance of that sum." Your Committee finds that a total of 7,700 pairs of blankets was purchased from the West Coast Woollen Mills, Limited, Vancouver, and an emergency purchase of 450 pairs of blankets was made from Turner-Beaton, Victoria. All of these blankets were 7-lb. blankets, purchased for the sum of 66 cents per pound. This figure was considerably less than that quoted for blankets similar in quality by the Vancouver firm in question.

It is worthy of note that the West Coast Woollen Mills, Limited, is a concern financed by the Provincial Department of Industries, and that the purchase of these blankets meant not only assistance to an undertaking in which the Province was financially interested, but meant also that these blankets were made entirely of British Columbia wool and by British Columbia workmen.

The suggestion made by Mr. Thos. Reid, member of the House of Commons for New Westminster (at page 1283 of "Hansard, 1932"), that one manufacturer had "sold 50,000 blankets and it took him out of the red," is without any foundation in fact.

(e.) The Dominion representative in his evidence stated: "That 104 carpenters were on the pay-rolls for the camp at Deroche on October 16th or 17th, 1932, and four only working as such." The original time-books and pay-rolls for the months of September and October were produced to your Committee, and on the dates in question forty-seven and thirty-seven carpenters respectively were shown in the time-books and carried on the pay-rolls, for a total of seven camps. The maximum number shown for any single day in the month of October was seventy-nine. The evidence further indicated that all worked as carpenters throughout their period of employment as such.

(f.) Mr. A. W. Neill, member of the House of Commons for Alberni, on February 10th, 1932 (on page 105 of "Hansard, 1932"), made the following statement referring to camps: "One might say they were equipped almost luxuriously with hot- and cold-water shower-baths, electric-lighting plants, and I am informed even radios have been provided in some cases. The tools were furnished on a scale never known before in connection with road-work. Every man had enough tools to suffice for ten: every man had a wheelbarrow: every man had a 10-foot saw, which was entirely unnecessary, and everything was done on a lavish scale. The material, Mr. Speaker, was all bought at the right place, you may depend. We have instances of blankets being bought at gift-stores. I take it, Sir, that you know what a gift-store is, but if by chance you do not know may I explain it is a place where the word gift is terminated with an 'e,' and where one may buy trinkets for bridge parties, and things of that nature. Blankets were bought at such places for road camps."

Your Committee finds that the camps were built and equipped in accordance with the regulations of the "Health Act" of British Columbia, and Regulations for the Sanitary Control of Lumber, Mining, and other Camps, Sawmills and other Industries, and were similar, both as to cost and equipment, to camps used by contractors and lumbermen for similar numbers, purposes, and periods. The showers referred to are required by the regulations aforesaid and were installed at the rate of one to twenty or twenty-five men, at a cost of \$7 per shower; the construction consisted of tar-papered partitions with slats on the floor and wooden drains. Twenty-three "Delco" lighting plants were installed: a number of these were purchased second-hand and have a high salvage value. The cost of lighting by electric light was carefully estimated, and it was found that, in large permanent camps, electric light was the most economical of all available systems and also greatly reduced the fire hazard.

The charges regarding radios and blankets have already been dealt with.

The evidence indicated that there was a wheelbarrow for every tenth man and a crosscut saw for every seventeenth man.

Your Committee finds that the purchase of tools was on a reasonable basis and sufficient only for the number which the Province reasonably expected to employ under the Unemployment Relief programme.

Your Committee finds that materials of all classes were bought from citizens of this Province without regard to political leanings: instances were brought before the Committee of large purchases from prominent Liberals of this Province.

It should be noted that there were individual camps which contained large quantities of supplies; these were, however, used as depots, and tools were distributed therefrom as and when required by other camps in the particular neighbourhood.

(g.) Mr. Thomas Reid (at page 1283 of "Hansard, 1932") stated: "I counted in one camp 450 steel wheelbarrows. They had so many that a man was to be appointed to regulate their use."

The evidence before your Committee indicated that there might be 450 steel wheelbarrows in one camp, but it would be in the nature of a depot or warehouse camp for a group of camps, and that the man referred to would be for the purpose of distributing wheelbarrows and other tools and supplies among the various camps requiring them.

Mr. Reid further stated: "I have no comment to make regarding the construction camps, except to criticize the loose way in which they were run."

The evidence before your Committee indicated that the camps were conducted in an efficient and economical manner.

(h.) The Dominion representative stated in evidence that the rent and bonus paid for "Allo" Camp and the sums advanced for repairs and additions were sufficient to build and equip a camp.

The expenditure on this camp for repairs and additions amounted to \$335; the rent amounted to \$625 per month; no bonus was paid or agreed upon. The cost per man per day for the use of this fully equipped camp, including beds, blankets, showers, cooking and eating utensils, was slightly less than 6 cents per day per man. The value of the camp and equipment was approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000.

Your Committee is of opinion that, from the point of view of the Province, the arrangement with regard to "Allo" Camp is both fair and reasonable.

(i.) A letter filed as an exhibit charged that machinery was hired from one Hatfield to construct a piece of road near Tulameen, at \$60 a day, from a nephew of Hon. W. A. McKenzie, Minister of Mines.

The evidence showed that no machinery was hired from Hatfield as alleged, and that he is neither a nephew nor any relation or connection whatever of the Hon. Mr. McKenzie's.

(j.) Mr. Harold Brown, President of the Vancouver Board of Trade, addressed the Vancouver Real Estate Exchange on Friday, April 8th, 1932.

Among other things, he was reported, in the Vancouver *Daily Province* on the same date, as having stated: "The investigation into the relief expenditures in British Columbia carried on recently by a Select Committee of the Provincial Legislature was a spectacle of shameless evasion and distortion of the truth. I sat in on some of the sessions of the so-called probe and can draw my own conclusions from what I saw and heard. If any one told the truth, he would have been crucified."

The Vancouver *Sun*, in reporting the same meeting on April 9th, quoted him as saying: "I was treated to a spectacle of shameless evasion and witnessed a careful plan of distorting truth."

In view of the serious implications entailed in these remarks, upon the members of your Committee, Mr. Brown was summoned before it in order to enable him to substantiate his charges. Your Committee has deemed it advisable to quote from the evidence of Mr. Brown in this connection as follows:—

With reference to the first of the above quotations, the witness had the following to say:—

"The witness: May I make one assurance, please, Mr. Chairman? If you don't mind, I would like to say this: I do hope that no interpretation will be placed upon that as meaning any personal implication of the members of the Committee, for all of whom I have the highest regard. It is the political atmosphere I am attacking, and I want to make that assurance, anyway, because the personal equation does not enter into it.

"Q.—Can you say that, in face of what you have said? A.—Well, that is my apology. I apologize to that extent, that I have not the slightest desire to introduce the personal aspect; I do not wish the personal element to enter into it. I do not belong to either political party, and I am absolutely fair and impartial, and I want to make that clear.

"Q.—Well, will you explain these words: 'Investigation into relief camp expenditure in British Columbia carried on recently by a Select Committee of the Provincial Legislature was a spectacle of shameless evasion and distortion of the truth'? A.—There is a slight misunderstanding there.

"Q.—'I sat in on some of the sessions of the so-called probe and can draw my own conclusions from what I saw and heard. If any one told the truth they would have been crucified.' A.—There is a slight misunderstanding there. My expression was that I listened in, and it presents a modicum of truth. That is a slight misinterpretation. I have followed the course of this Committee very carefully, and very sympathetically, from beginning to end. I have had the most edifying means of knowing what was going on.

"The Chairman: Furthermore, you say: 'The gorgeous spectacle in Victoria of the so-called probe, at \$200 a day, in which, if any one spoke the truth, he would be crucified.' A.—I quite believe that; and there has never been a political committee yet in which you can get men in the pay and employ of the Government that dare to tell the truth. If they did, their jobs would be lost. If it is not within your knowledge, it is common knowledge with everybody else.

"Q.—Are you suggesting that Mr. Craig, the Comptroller-General, and Mr. E. D. Johnson, the Deputy Minister of Finance, who has been in the employ of the Province of British Columbia for many years; and Patrick Philip—that gentlemen of that type were afraid to be crucified if they had stated the truth? A.—No; I wouldn't say that for a moment. It is not a question of detail, but you have not developed the situation yet, and the detail is known by the people who are in the actual operation. I am representing a formidable element of the people in the business world.

"Q.—What day were you before this Committee? A.—I was not before the Committee at all. That is a misrepresentation. My expression was that I had listened in to the Committee, and I meant generally, in a sort of radio sense.

"Q.—You are not represented or reported as having listened in, but as having sat in. A.—That is a misinterpretation of my remark; that is all.

"Q.—'I sat in on some of the sessions of the so-called probe'? A.—I said I listened in.

"Q.—'And can draw my own conclusions from what I saw and heard.' A.—That is a mistake absolutely.

"Q.—You didn't use those words? A.—No, I didn't use those words. I said I had listened in, and drew my conclusions from what I had heard, and the information that was clearly given to me."

Mr. Brown, on being questioned as to the quotation that he witnessed "a careful plan of distorting truth," replied as follows:—

"General Clark: You are not attributing to the Government of British Columbia a deliberate plan of distorting the truth? A.—No.

"Q.—You are not attributing to the members of this Committee a deliberate plan of distorting the truth? A.—No.

"Q.—And you are not suggesting that the counsel to this Committee has planned deliberately to distort the truth? A.—No.

"Q.—Are you attributing a careful plan of distorting the truth to the witnesses before this Committee? A.—Some of the witnesses.

"Q.—I think, in all fairness to these witnesses, that you should name these witnesses (handing transcript of evidence to witness). I suggest that you name the witnesses that are distorting the truth. In fairness to the witnesses. I suggest to the witness, if you will not name them, that you are attributing to all the witnesses a careful plan of distorting the truth, unless you will name these, and exonerate the rest of them. A.—I absolutely decline to go into details.

"Q.—Then you decline to exonerate any witness? A.—You can draw what conclusions you like. I am dealing with the whole atmosphere of the inquiry."

In answer to a further question, the witness stated:—

"A.—My attack was on the political character of it. I have made no attack on the personnel of the Committee.

"Q.—Do you refer to both sides of the House when you make that remark? A.—Certainly; yes, as a political inquiry, I have no faith in them, and never will have."

Your Committee, after listening to Mr. Brown's evidence, portions of which are quoted, has come to the conclusion that the statements made by him in regard to the proceedings of the Committee are quite unwarranted, either by the facts or by any explanation made by him; and that his criticism that "if any one told the truth they would be crucified" is scandalous and untrue, and so far as it especially refers to Civil servants is unjustifiable and extremely regret-

table in that these officials are unable to offer any defence. Furthermore, your Committee is of the opinion that the remarks made by Mr. Brown are inexcusable, in that they were made on the eve of your Committee's Report and without any knowledge of its contents. Your Committee also notes that Mr. Brown refused to give a single instance of "shameless evasion," "distortion of the truth," or any specific evidence to substantiate his charges.

Many other charges equally extravagant and baseless were investigated, but space does not permit including them; the foregoing are given as examples only.

33. Your Committee regrets that men in responsible positions should prefer charges of the above character without foundation in fact, thereby holding their Province up to ridicule in the eyes of their fellow-Canadians, and trusts that public opinion will demand that the fair name of this Province be protected in future by those responsible.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

34. The Chairman of your Committee, subject to the approval of the Committee, invited the following gentlemen, if they so desired, to attend and make suggestions as to the relief of unemployment: His Worship the Mayor of Vancouver; His Worship the Mayor of Victoria; The President of the Vancouver Board of Trade; The President of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, B.C. Division; The President of the Union of Municipalities of British Columbia; The President of the Canadian Legion of British Columbia; The President of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce; Mr. George Kidd, Vancouver, B.C.; The President of the Trades and Labour Council for British Columbia.

The following militia officers appeared as a delegation before your Committee: Colonel Perry, Commanding the Artillery Brigade in Vancouver; Colonel P. White, Commanding the First Battalion, B.C. Regiment, Vancouver; Major Sherwood Lett, Irish Fusiliers, Vancouver; Major S. Moodie, Irish Fusiliers, Vancouver; Colonel T. B. Monk, 5th Brigade, C.G.A., Victoria; Captain S. Bowden, 5th Brigade, C.G.A., Victoria; Major G. Barton, 16th Canadian Scottish, Victoria; Captain C. Branson, 16th Canadian Scottish, Victoria.

35. It would be impossible to make any detailed reference to the many plans suggested, but your Committee wish to express their sincere appreciation to those who personally attended, and also to those who submitted in many cases lengthy briefs dealing with the unemployment question.

36. Your Committee has given careful thought and consideration to the various suggestions made, and begs to make the following recommendations:—

(1.) *Effects of Direct Relief.*—That direct relief, being wasteful and demoralizing in its effects, should, as far as possible, be discontinued in favour of work for which some remuneration should be given.

(2.) *Municipalities.*—Without overlooking the responsibility of municipalities to care for their destitute cases, your Committee feels that the magnitude of the present demands upon their taxable resources requires investigation, with a view to deciding whether such responsibilities under existing unemployment conditions should not be lessened.

(3.) *Transients.*—Your Committee finds that many thousands of men have migrated to British Columbia from other Provinces. The Province has been saddled with 50 per cent. of the direct expense in caring for these men under unemployment relief, the Dominion assuming the other one-half, and private citizens and municipalities have been saddled with 100 per cent. of the care of men who have not registered or been eligible for relief. In addition, great expense has been entailed in creating organizations within the Province to handle these transients.

Your Committee is of opinion that the responsibility for the care of these men rests with the Provinces of origin and the Dominion, and that steps should be taken to restrict the flow of such men over the Provincial boundary during seasons of unemployment, unless arrangements can be made with the Dominion and the other Provinces to assume the entire cost of their maintenance.

Your Committee is of opinion that, had this Province been faced only with the problem of its own unemployed people, the drain on its Treasury, though heavy, could have been met, but when added to this is an army estimated at between 11,000 and 12,000 persons, the strain put upon the resources of the Province and its municipalities is almost more than they can bear, and some special allowances should be made to relieve a situation due more to British Columbia's geographical position and climatic advantages than to any other apparent cause.

(4.) *Women.*—That the question of unemployed women with dependents should receive more attention.

(5.) *Board to handle Unemployed Problems.*—That, owing to the nation-wide character of the unemployment problem, it is a national question which should be placed in charge of some permanent Board for direction, management, and control. The Board to have the fullest powers to create co-ordination between the Dominion and the Provinces, and through the latter with the municipalities.

(6.) *Land Settlement.*—That land settlement for those who are land-minded and suited to such a life should be encouraged by making the acquisition of land as reasonable as possible.

(7.) *Young Men.*—That young men from 18 to 25, and selected cases over that age, be placed in camps in agricultural areas and taught: (a) To work; (b) to farm; (c) citizenship.

Your Committee recommends that the Department of Agriculture, the Experimental Farms, and the University of British Columbia supply instructors, and, as the records of these men indicate that they are suited to agricultural pursuits, that tracts of reasonable size be found for them and they be settled thereon, with a minimum of expense and liability to the Province and to the men themselves.

(8.) *Colonization.*—That negotiations be opened with the Dominion Government with a view to a start on the Peace River outlet and thus give employment to many men. That investigation should be made to the end that suitable men engaged upon such work would be assisted to a reasonable extent in taking up land in the Peace River District.

(9.) *Active Militia.*—That the amount payable for relief to regularly enrolled members of the non-permanent active militia who are unemployed be administered, if so desired, through their respective units; your Committee being of opinion that there is grave danger of a complete break-up of these units if the enlisted men are housed in camps and unable to continue connection with their regiments. From the evidence adduced, your Committee is satisfied that suitable work can be found for them regimentally.

(10.) *Revenue-producing Works.*—That money and labour expended upon non-revenue-producing works is at the present time economically unsound, and that an effort should be made to set men to work in trades to which they are trained and accustomed by enlisting the advice and assistance of the heads of industries, and, if necessary, by advancing moneys on loan to basic, established industries normally employing a large number of men, to enable these industries to reach export markets.

(11.) *Imperial Conference.*—That arrangements should be made for representatives of the basic industries of British Columbia to attend the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa as observers to advise the Government regarding the possibilities of capturing a portion of Empire markets. Your Committee is of opinion that even moderate success in this respect would give employment to many thousands of men.

(12.) *Trade.*—That the Government continue to use every means to encourage efforts on the part of business-men of British Columbia to resuscitate and enlarge the development of our provincial and interprovincial trade, and, further, to lend every possible assistance to recover that percentage of export trade on which this Province so materially depends, by the extension of markets for its products.

(13.) *Research Board.*—Probably no Province in Canada has resources more diversified than British Columbia. The timber, mineral, agricultural, and fishing industries are of inestimable importance. A high percentage of farm products, much of which can be produced economically in this Province, is imported from other Provinces and from foreign countries. The markets for fish are much contracted and the price unsatisfactory. Our timber and mining industries are likewise suffering severely from the existing depression.

With a view to an increase of employment in these industries, and, if deemed advisable by the Dominion Research Board, to assist that body in its objects, your Committee suggests that a Provincial Advisory Committee be created, consisting of those versed in finance, transportation, industry, and scientific research in the Province, who will give their services voluntarily, and who will collect data and information generally on the utilization of the resources of the Province, and who will, from time to time, advise the Government and business community regarding their findings.

The transcript of evidence and exhibits are filed herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. TWIGG, *Chairman.*

The report was taken as read and received.

Mr. *Twigg* moved that the report be adopted.

A debate arose.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH.

The debate continued.

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—25.

Messieurs

<i>Loutet</i>	<i>Lister</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Manson, M.</i>
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Alward</i>	<i>Tolmie</i>	<i>Cornett</i>
<i>Rutledge</i>	<i>Heggie</i>	<i>Pooley</i>	<i>Shelly</i>
<i>Dick</i>	<i>Spencer</i>	<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Atkinson</i>
<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Michell</i>	<i>Lougheed</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Howe</i>	<i>MacNaughton</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Kirk</i>			

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Uphill</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>	<i>Sutherland</i>	<i>Manson, A. M.</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Kergin</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Hanna</i>			

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Wrinch</i>
<i>Fitzsimmons</i>	<i>Gillis</i>

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 1.55 a.m.

Wednesday, April 13th, 1932.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, whereupon Mr. *Twigg*, Deputy Speaker, took the chair pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.

Prayers by the Deputy Speaker.

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

Return pursuant to an Order of the House dated April 7th, 1932, relating to premises purchased or otherwise acquired by the Department of Public Works since August 20th, 1928.

Return pursuant to an Order of the House dated April 12th, 1932, relating to automobiles and other motor-vehicles and boats of the Public Works Department acquired since August 20th, 1928.

TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

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

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

- (No. 4) An Act to amend the "Vital Statistics Act."
- (No. 5) An Act to amend the "Moving Pictures Act."
- (No. 10) An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act."
- (No. 12) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 17) An Act to amend the "Shops Regulation Act."
- (No. 18) An Act to amend the "Execution Act."
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Government Liquor Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Motor-vehicle Act."
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Milk Act."
- (No. 24) An Act respecting Canned Fish and Canneries.
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 26) An Act to amend the "Land Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to confer certain Powers upon the Lieutenant-Governor in Council relating to the Business of Insurance.
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Amusements Tax Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to amend certain Acts providing for the Imposition and Collection of a Tax on Gasoline.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Municipalities Aid Act."
- (No. 34) An Act to amend the "Companies Act."
- (No. 35) An Act to amend the "Game Act."
- (No. 36) An Act respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Coal and Petroleum Act."
- (No. 38) An Act to amend the "Jury Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Companies Clauses Act."
- (No. 40) An Act to amend the "Medical Act."
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Distress Act."
- (No. 42) An Act to amend the "Bills of Sale Act."
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Conditional Sales Act."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Greater Vancouver Water District Act."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Barbers Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to borrow the Sum of Seven million five hundred thousand Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Savings and Loan Associations Act."
- (No. 51) An Act to amend "The Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, Limited, Act."
- (No. 54) An Act respecting Cultus Lake Park.
- (No. 57) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "Agricultural Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Teachers' Pensions Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to provide for the Assessment and Collection of Income Tax.
- (No. 66) An Act to amend the "Taxation Act."
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Special Revenue Tax Act."
- (No. 68) An Act respecting Unemployment Relief.
- (No. 69) An Act to give further Power to Courts with respect to the Recovery of Money secured by Mortgage and Similar Matters.
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Superannuation Act."
- (No. 71) An Act to amend the "Fuel-oil Tax Act."
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Constitution Act."
- (No. 73) An Act respecting the Liability of Municipalities to indemnify certain Public Institutions with respect to the Inmates treated or confined therein.

- (No. 74) An Act to amend the "Mothers' Pensions Act."
 (No. 76) An Act to amend the "Revenue Act."
 (No. 77) An Act to amend the "Radium Act."
 (No. 78) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this the Fourth Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, it is my desire to express my appreciation of the attention which you have given to the many important questions submitted for your consideration.

The Bill ratifying the agreements with the Dominion and the Municipalities respecting the relief of unemployment, and providing further powers for dealing with this important subject, is expected to afford a needed measure of relief during the existing commercial and industrial depression.

The Bill providing for the issuance of provisional free miners' certificates, and the suspension of the requirements as to payment of recording fees in respect of placer-mining claims, is expected to stimulate prospecting and to afford a means of useful employment, as well as development in the mining industry.

The Bill for the relief of mortgagors and purchasers of lands is expected to afford a measure of relief to owners of land who are seriously affected by the present financial conditions.

The Bill respecting Petroleum and Natural Gas is expected to protect the public interest in connection with the development of the petroleum and natural-gas resources of the Province.

The Bills amending the "Bills of Sale Act" and the "Conditional Sales Act," for the purpose of establishing a system of central registration of liens affecting motor-vehicles, is expected to afford an additional means of preventing frauds in connection with dealings in motor-vehicles.

The Bill amending the "Provincial Elections Act" contains provisions to facilitate the more frequent revision and correction of Provincial voters' lists.

The Bill amending the "Insurance Act" enacts new provisions respecting automobile insurance, and in connection with amendments enacted to the "Motor-vehicle Act" provides a needed measure of protection to the public in respect of damages suffered through automobile accidents, and is expected to prevent the use of the highways by irresponsible drivers.

The Bill amending the "Land Act" is designed to facilitate the disposal of Crown lands by rendering it easier for settlers to acquire such lands.

The amendments to the "Municipal Act" are designed to facilitate the conduct of municipal affairs.

The Bill amending the "Public Schools Act" is intended to extend the basis of taxation for school purposes in municipal and rural school districts, so as to relieve the burden of taxation on land.

I trust that these and the various other laws and amendments you have enacted will inure to the welfare of the Province.

I thank you for the Supplies so generously granted for the Public Service.

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

C. F. DAVIE, *Speaker.*

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