

Tuesday, November 15th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Commissioner *George Carpenter* (Salvation Army).

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Gillis*, seconded by Mr. *Burns*, it was *Resolved*,—

That Standing Orders in respect to receiving petitions for Private Bills be suspended with reference to the petition of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending "The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver Act," and for other powers.

The said petition was thereupon received.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

REPORT NO. 3.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 15th, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of the undermentioned Bill has been proved and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,' and amending Acts."

That your Committee recommends that the fee of \$300 paid by the promoters of the above-mentioned Bill be refunded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols on Oakalla Prison Farm for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols on the Nelson Provincial Gaol for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols on the Prince George Provincial Gaol for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Gaols on the Kamloops Provincial Gaol for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Return pursuant to section 53 of the "Administration Act," chapter 5, R.S.B.C. 1936, of the Official Administrator for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

Three Returns pursuant to section 43 of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1924; section 45 (2) of the "Revenue Act," R.S.B.C. 1936; and section 124 (a) of the "Taxation Act," R.S.B.C. 1924.

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

1. Was an increase in salary recently made to the Commissioner appointed for the District and Municipality of North Vancouver?
2. If so, what increase was granted?
3. What is his present salary?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Increase granted as from the 1st day of September, 1937. City of North Vancouver, \$300 per annum; District of North Vancouver, *nil*.

“ 3. \$3,900. City of North Vancouver, \$2,400 (originally \$2,100); District of North Vancouver, \$1,500 (same as now).

“ NOTE.—The above municipalities were incorporated as ‘The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver’; ‘The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver.’ ”

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

1. Since the Pattullo Bridge was taken over from the contractors, were quantities of rock deposited on the river-bottom near the base of No. 5 or any other of the piers?
2. If yes: (a) What quantity of rock has been so deposited; and (b) cost of same?
3. What was the reason for this being done?
4. Was it due to faulty design or construction?
5. Is it considered probable that erosion will create a permanent need for additional protection to the piers of the bridge?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. (a) 755 tons; (b) \$2,021.25.

“ 3. To restore the regimen of the river-bed after settlement (during freshet period) of the riprap placed by the contractor. This is a natural sequence on all foundation-work in a river of changing currents, such as the Fraser.

“ 4. No.

“ 5. No. It is not considered probable, but it is impossible to definitely determine the action of the river during freshet periods or changing currents which may be created by new works in the river up-stream. It may be pointed out that similar protection has been given to the piers of the old bridge at various times, and the same may be said with regard to the C.P.R. bridge at Mission.”

Mr. *Anscomb* asked the Hon. the Prime Minister the following questions:—

1. What salary does the Chairman of the Coal and Petroleum Commission receive?
2. Is he under contract; and, if so, with whom and for what period?
3. Where is the head office of the Commission?
4. What rent is paid for the said head office?
5. Is there any lease covering the head office premises?
6. If so, for what term, who is the landlord, and what rental?
7. How many are employed in the head office of the Coal and Petroleum Commission? Give the salaries paid to each.

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

“ 1. See previous reply to Mr. *Bruhn* on Wednesday, November 9th.

“ 2. Yes. Ten years. Dr. Carrothers will be appointed Chairman of proposed Public Utilities Commission.

“ 3. 620 View Street, Victoria, B.C.

“ 4. \$156.35 a month.

“ 5. Yes.

“ 6. From May 1st, 1938, to April 30th, 1939; The Central Holding Company; \$1,644.45 for the term of the lease.

“ 7. See previous reply to Mr. *Bruhn* on Wednesday, November 9th.”

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

Has the Commission appointed in November, 1934, or thereabouts, by the Minister of Mines, under the "Public Inquiries Act," to inquire into the various matters respecting the production and use of coal and petroleum products in the Province of British Columbia completed its labours and filed its final report?

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

"Final reports relative to petroleum products and coal have been filed, but the Commissioner has not yet completed his final report in connection with paragraph three of his commission."

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

1. Was application made by representatives of the Monkman Pass Highway Association for financial assistance toward the cost of present operations designed to construct the Monkman Pass Highway?

2. If yes, what amount (if any) was requested?

3. Was this request complied with? If not, why not?

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

"1 to 3. A delegation called on the Department March 30th, 1938, and asked for financial assistance. This work not included in general road programme."

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

1. Is the Government operating a ferry across the river at Sicamous between Revelstoke-Sicamous Road and Sicamous-Canoe Road?

2. If not operated by the Government, who is operating said ferry?

3. Does the Government contribute anything toward the operation of such ferry?

4. If so, what is the total contribution?

5. What is the amount of traffic crossing on this ferry of all kinds—vehicles, passengers, etc.?

6. What is the revenue derived to the Government from operation of said ferry?

7. If not operated by Government, what is the revenue derived by operation for each month during the fiscal year 1937-38?

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

"1. No.

"2. R. H. Congreve, Sicamous.

"3. The landing-stages are Government property; also the scow which is on loan to Mr. Congreve, who bears all other operating expenses.

"4. Costs for maintenance of scow and landing-stages: 1934-35, \$210.88; 1935-36, \$5; 1936-37, \$37.60; 1937-38, \$22; 1938-39, 77 cents (to October 31st).

"5. 1936-37: Vehicles, 753; passengers, no records available. 1937-38: Vehicles, 705; passengers, no records available.

"6. Nil.

"7. 1937: April, \$7; May, \$31.50; June, \$40; July, \$57.50; August, \$62; September, \$68; October, \$54.50; November, \$20.50; December, \$11.50."

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

1. During the operation of the "Workmen's Compensation Act" what new classes have been created under the powers provided in section 29?

2. What extensions, if any, covering industrial or occupational diseases have been made by the Board?

3. When were these made and of what did they consist?

4. If any, how many fatal accidents occurred in Class 1 (lumbering, etc.) during the latest year for which reports are available: (a) Married employees, (b) single employees; and the total assessment against the industry to provide pensions or other compensation to the dependents of each of these respective groups?

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

"1. The new classes created since the 'Workmen's Compensation Act' came into effect were as follows:—

"Class 13.—The Crown in the right of the Province of British Columbia (by amendment to the Act in 1918).

"Class 14.—Municipal employees: Fire and police department; construction and operation of public works and public utilities; construction or extension of waterworks, sewers, gasworks, and electric railways; road-making (with blasting); and school board mechanics.

"Class 15.—Canning and packing fish and fish-oil, and fertilizer manufacture; oyster-cultivation, fishing and whaling; and kelp-collection.

"Class 16.—Manufacture of explosives; manufacture of fireworks; manufacture of fuse; manufacture of chemicals; and manufacture of nitrogen products.

"Class 17.—Retailers' delivery; retailers' employees (on request) (created in 1919, and later consolidated with other classes).

"Class 18.—Great Northern Railway and subsidiaries.

"Class 19.—Dominion Government employees (by Dominion Act, 1918).

"Class 20.—Northern Alberta Railway Company.

"2 and 3. As follows:—

Date.	Description of Disease.	Description of Process or Industry.
Jan. 3, 1918	Sulphur poisoning	Coal-mining.
Jan. 3, 1918	Poisoning by nitro- and amido-derivatives of benzene and its homologues (trinitrotoluene, anilin, and others) or its sequelæ	Any process in the manufacture or involving the use of any nitro- or amido-derivatives of benzene or any of its homologues.
Jan. 3, 1918 (amended) July 13, 1926	Poisoning from a wound by <i>Juniper Virginiana</i> (red cedar) producing dermatitis	Lumbering or manufacturing.
April 28, 1920	Subcutaneous cellulitis of the hand (beat hand)	Mining.
April 28, 1920	Subcutaneous cellulitis over the patella (miner's beat knee)	Mining.
April 28, 1920	Acute bursitis over the elbow (miner's beat elbow)	Mining.
Oct. 22, 1922	Compressed-air illness or its sequelæ	Confined to any process carried on in compressed air.
Dec. 29, 1924	Acute dermatitis due to irritation from cement	
Dec. 24, 1936	Dermatitis	Any process involving the handling of copra.
March 1, 1938	Subcutaneous cellulitis over the patella	Construction.
Oct. 13, 1938	Dermatitis	Any operation in preserving wood products, involving the use of or direct contact with acids, alkalis, or acids and oils.
Oct. 13, 1938	Dermatitis	Any operation in manufacturing or wholesaling involving direct contact with any mite on cheese, sugar, or cereals.

" 4. Claims filed for fatal accidents for 1937 (Class 1) :—

" *Married.*

Industry.	No. of Fatal Accidents.	Funeral Expense.	Reserve for Dependents.	Total.
Logging, West of Cascades .....	22	\$2,078.00	\$79,684.31	\$81,762.31
Logging, East of Cascades .....	1	100.00	6,919.00	7,019.00
Sawmill, lath-mill, planing-mill, wooden boxes, and creosoting-works .....	7	542.00	48,513.45	49,055.45
Shingle-mill .....	1	100.00	6,235.77	6,335.77
Manufacture of sash, doors, veneer....	1	100.00	5,923.74	6,023.74
<b>Total, married .....</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>\$2,920.00</b>	<b>\$147,276.27</b>	<b>\$150,196.27</b>

" *Single.*

Logging, West of Cascades .....	35	\$3,331.06	\$11,242.63	\$14,573.69
Logging, East of Cascades .....	1	100.00	.....	100.00
Manufacture of pulp and paper .....	1	100.00	.....	100.00
Sawmill, lath-mill, planing-mill, wooden boxes, and creosoting-works .....	4	366.00	1,743.69	2,109.69
<b>Total, single .....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>\$3,897.06</b>	<b>\$12,986.32</b>	<b>\$16,883.38</b>
<b>Total for married and single..</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>\$6,817.06</b>	<b>\$160,262.59</b>	<b>\$167,079.65</b>

" These sums, \$150,196.27 for dependents of married workmen, and \$16,883.38 for dependents of single men, totalling \$167,079.65, include funeral expenses partly paid to dependents and partly direct to the undertakers. Medical and hospital care for those fatal accidents are not included, as no payment for same was made to the dependents.

" The employers in the class within which the above cases come are rated for assessment purposes on an experience-rating basis which provides that the cost of each fatal accident is fixed at the average cost of all fatal accidents in industry. This means that the employer of a single workman is in no more favourable position than the employer of a married workman when a fatality occurs."

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.43 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Macintosh* rose to a question of privilege with reference to a certain motion which he had handed in for publication in the Votes and Proceedings of the House, and moved, seconded by Mr. *Maitland*,—

" That the motion in the name of Mr. *Macintosh*, which was presented to Mr. Speaker yesterday, be placed upon the Votes and Proceedings."

A debate arose.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—17.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

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

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

The debate continued.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Health Insurance Commission for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*—

Report on the Trade of British Columbia with other Canadian Provinces and with Foreign Countries for the Calendar Year 1936.

To lie upon the table.

Preliminary Report on the Trade of British Columbia with other Canadian Provinces and with Foreign Countries for the Calendar Year 1937.

To lie upon the table.

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *Perry*, Report No. 3 of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills was adopted.

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

Whereas it is in the best interest of the Province that no misunderstanding should exist in the public mind as to the policies of administration followed by the Department of Public Works; and

Whereas developments following recent calling for tenders for road-construction apparently disclosed that the methods used by the Public Works Department are such that privileged contractors are given a preference in bidding on said works; and

Whereas published statements of contractors are to the effect that *bona-fide* contractors of long establishment have been denied the right to tender on public works:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be directed to investigate the manner whereby tenders are called and contracts let, and report to the House their findings in regard to this matter, with any recommendations deemed necessary.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented two Returns in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Anscomb*:—

1. In what securities as at March 31st, 1938, were the funds of the Teachers' Pensions Fund invested?

2. Give the details of each, with maturity dates, rates of interest, etc.

3. If any changes since March 31st, 1938, give full details.

1. In what securities as at March 31st, 1938, were the funds of the Superannuation Fund invested?

2. Give the details of each, with maturity dates, rates of interest, etc.

3. If any changes since March 31st, 1938, give full details.

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

1. Is sterility prevalent among the herds of dairymen of the Fraser Valley?

2. If yes, what action, if any, is the Government taking in the matter?

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

"1. Yes, to some extent.

"2. Department is assembling data with reference to plans in use in other countries where control measures against contagious abortion are being applied."

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

1. How many were employed by the Department of Agriculture on November 15th, 1937?

2. How many of these were returned soldiers?

3. How many returned soldiers have been appointed to the Agriculture Department since November 15th, 1936?

4. How many returned soldiers have been dismissed or discharged in the Agriculture Department since November 15th, 1936?

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

"1. Forty-nine males; eighteen females.

"2. Sixteen, plus four enlisted men.

"3. Nil.

"4. Nil."

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

1. Has the Province of Alberta tendered 50 per cent. of interest due in payment of interest on the bonds of the Province held by the Workmen's Compensation Board?

2. If yes, has the Board accepted the 50 per cent. with or without prejudice?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. (a.) In the case of fully registered bonds, the Board has accepted 50 per cent., but has endorsed all cheques as follows: 'Accepted without prejudice and on account only.'

(b.) In the case of other securities the Board has not accepted the 50 per cent. tendered."

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

1. Has a regulation been brought in in relation to old-age pensions requiring the applicant to have lived in Canada for 700 days during the preceding two years?

2. If so, when was such regulation made, and by whom?

3. Has this regulation been applied to any person otherwise eligible for the old-age pension who because of illness has been to the United States for a period of more than thirty days?

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

"1. Yes, as part of the qualification with respect to residence in Canada and the Province where application is made.

"2. That regulation was recommended by the Interprovincial Board, was approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in each Province in Canada, and was passed by Dominion Order in Council (P.C. 3050) December 9th, 1937, effective January 8th, 1938.

"3. This regulation has been complied with since it became effective, irrespective of the alleged cause of absence from Canada."

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

1. Has any money been spent on maintenance and protection of Vedder Canal since its completion?

2. If yes, how much?

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

“1. Not by this Department; but an expenditure of \$29,649.63 has been made on the Vedder River south of the canal for the protection of classified highways in this vicinity.

“2. See answer to No. 1.”

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

1. Has the Government a request for the use of Government caterpillar tractors and equipment to be made available to farmers for land clearing and levelling purposes at low hiring charges?

2. If so, how many persons have signed the said request?

3. What actions have been taken by the Government in respect to the matter?

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

“1. Department of Agriculture has had a letter from an individual claiming that thirty-eight farmers have signed forms sent out by him requesting such service.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. Matter before Advisory Board of Farmers' Institutes for discussion.”

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

1. Has any work been done during 1937 regarding soil-survey work in the Fraser Valley?

2. If any, where, and to what extent?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. Report covering approximately 545,000 acres on which field-work was carried on in the preceding year was completed in 1937, and maps based on field data were prepared in soil-survey office at Kelowna. Report and maps are being printed by Federal Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.”

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following questions:—

1. Are applicants for relief segregated into two groups; namely, “employables” and “unemployables”?

2. Which official, or agency, has the responsibility of deciding whether a relief applicant is placed in the employable or unemployable category?

3. Which tests, or sources of information, are used to determine a person's employability or otherwise?

4. Are children over the age of sixteen, who are still attending school, deemed to be employable or unemployable in cases where the head of the family is in receipt of a mother's allowance or another type of Government pension?

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

“1. If an applicant for relief is deemed to be unemployable this Department refers such applicant to the Welfare Department of the municipality or Province, as the case may be. A segregation was made in March, 1938, and following months of persons in receipt of unemployment relief as employables who had since become unemployable.

“2. Employment Service of Canada.

“3. Unemployable persons are those who are more or less permanently precluded from seeking or accepting gainful occupation by reason of physical defect, mental defect, infirmity due to age, habitual alcoholism, etc.; and, in the cases of women, those who are widows or are separated from their husbands, or are unmarried mothers whose full time is required to care properly for dependents. Prior employment and physical history, and personal contact, are used in determining a person's employability or otherwise.

“4. Deemed to be unemployable.”

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

1. What was the total number of pounds of butter-fat produced in British Columbia during 1937?

2. What was the average price per pound received by the farmer for same butter-fat?

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

“ 1. Approximately 22,500,000 pounds.

“ 2. Approximately 30 cents, including butter-fat sold on fluid market.”

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

1. What was the total number of parcels of land offered for sale at the last Provincial tax sale?

2. What was the total number sold?

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

“ 1. 14,991.

“ 2. 951.”

*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 5.50 p.m.

## Thursday, November 17th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. A. *Gardner*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “ That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair ” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

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

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 15) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Industrial School for Boys Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 16) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Industrial School for Girls Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *Uphill*—Bill (No. 3) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Government Liquor Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *Cameron*—Bill (No. 17) intituled “ An Act respecting Industrial Settlements.”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 5) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Apprenticeship Act.’ ”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—Bill (No. 6) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Trade-schools Regulation Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *Maitland*—Bill (No. 7) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Married Women’s Property Act.’ ”

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 18) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Hospital Act.’”

On the motion of Mr. *E. E. Winch*—Bill (No. 19) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Game Act.’”

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* (on behalf of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*), Bill (No. 8) intituled “An Act to amend ‘The Sisters of Charity Act, 1892’” was read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

By leave of the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That this House authorize the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture to consider such matters affecting the agricultural industry as may be laid before it by the Advisory Board of Farmers’ Institutes, and to report its findings to this House.

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

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

*Government House,*  
*November 17th, 1938.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 11) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Land Act,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,’” and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 17th, 1938.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 13) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905,’” a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Withdrawal of certain Lands from Sale, Lease, Licence, Settlement, Occupancy, or Entry," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 17th, 1938.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved,* That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act respecting the Withdrawal of certain Lands from Sale, Lease, Licence, Settlement, Occupancy, or Entry," 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. *Perry* presented the Fourth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 4.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
November 17th, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That your Committee has considered the petition of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver, praying for the passing of an Act intituled "An Act to amend 'The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver Incorporation Act,'" and finds that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in certain respects, but recommends that Standing Orders be suspended in those respects and that the petitioner be allowed to proceed with the Bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. PERRY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Gillis*, Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver Incorporation Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The following papers were presented: —

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—

Annual Report of the Lands and Surveys Branches of the Department of Lands for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Mental Hospitals for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented two Returns in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Bruhn*:—

1. Were any relief camps created by the Provincial Government between the years 1930 and 1938?
  2. If so, are they still in operation?
  3. If not, what disposal has been made of them? Give details.
  4. Was any equipment purchased for these camps during this year?
  5. If so, what was the total value of such equipment?
  6. If so, has any of the equipment been sold or disposed of?
  7. If so, in what way and to whom sold? Give details.
  8. If not disposed of, where is such equipment now?
1. Are the Parliament Buildings covered by fire insurance?
  2. If so, what is the amount of such insurance?
  3. What is the premium rate on such insurance?
  4. In what company or companies is such insurance carried?
  5. When was such insurance placed?
  6. Who was the agent or agents through whom this policy or policies were placed?

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch*:—

1. What licences, if any, have been granted under section 6, chapter 172, R.S.B.C. 1936?
2. What Inspectors, if any, have been appointed under section 6 as above?
3. What reports, if any, have been made of each such licensed premises by such Inspectors during each of the past five years?

Mr. *E. E. Winch* asked the Hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs the following questions:—

1. What was the financial condition of the Municipality of Burnaby: (a.) At the time when a Commissioner was first appointed? (b.) At the close of the year 1937 in respect to: (1.) Total debenture debt not matured? (2.) Total debenture debt matured? (3.) Debenture interest defaulted? (4.) Shortage in sinking funds? (5.) Sinking fund interest arrears? (6.) Sundry outstanding debts? (7.) Bank loans? (8.) Tax sale lands? (9.) Operating costs (office salaries and expenses, including (in 1937) salary of Commissioner)?
2. What is the present salary of Commissioner?
3. When was such salary made effective, and by whose authority?
4. If the present salary is higher than that previously paid to the present Commissioner, why was such increase made?

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

“1. (a) and (b) as follows:—

	Dec. 31st, 1932.	Dec. 31st, 1937.	Municipal Report Page.
(1.)	\$3,594,069	\$2,742,806	Q 25
(2.)	<i>Nil.</i>	326,600	Q 25
(3.)	Exact amount not available (included in \$62,683, unpaid debenture interest).	724,632	Q 25
(4.)	\$70,142	643,418	Q 33
(5.)	Included in answer to Question 4.	Included in answer to Question 4.	
(6.)	\$478,836	\$188,264	Q 25
(7.)	315,150	205,000	Q 25
(8.)	1,173,789	2,185,841	Q 60
(9.)	66,522	60,249	Q 51

“2. \$3,900.

“3. Effective as from September 1st, 1937, by Order in Council No. 948, approved August 6th, 1937.

“4. Upon arrangements made when he was appointed that his salary would be adjusted if services rendered proved satisfactory.”

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Has the Department of Public Works let a contract for the construction of a new Kelowna–Westbank ferry?
2. If yes, to whom has the contract been let?
3. Is any control being exercised over contractors as to the engaging of union men to do the construction-work?
4. If yes, is any discrimination being shown in favour of members of the A.F. of L. Unions as opposed to the All-Canadian Congress of Labour Union?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Western Bridge Company, Limited, Vancouver, B.C.
- “3 and 4. No.”

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

1. What was the value of saleable schoolbooks, and discount allowed thereon, sold to school authorities and storekeepers, respectively, during each of the latest two years for which records are available?
2. Are unsold books returnable: (a) By schools; and (b) by dealers?

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

“1. Sales to School Boards and storekeepers are not segregated. Total sales for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1937, \$254,987. Total sales for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1938, \$311,190.11. Discount allowed for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1937, \$36,184. Discount allowed for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1938, \$43,859.24.

“2. (a.) Books ordered by School Boards but unsold are not returnable for credit. (b.) Dealers may return for credit up to 10 per cent. of their school opening orders, provided that these orders are mailed to the Text-book Branch on or before August 15th. An unsold book may be returned by a dealer if it is dropped from the prescribed list.”

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

1. In how many buildings in the City of Victoria has the Provincial Government rented space?
2. What are the names of these buildings?
3. What departments or branches of departments are housed in each one?
4. What is the annual rental cost to the Province in each of these buildings?
5. Why has it been found necessary to rent space outside of the Government Buildings themselves?

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

“1. Three.

“2, 3, and 4. Belmont Building:—Tenants and annual rental: Superannuation Commissioner and Civil Service Commissioner, \$3,078; Labour, Safety Device Inspector, \$600; Lands, aerial research, \$600. Weiler Building:—Tenants and annual rental: Health Insurance, Welfare Service, and Forestry Department, \$4,800. Central Building:—Tenants and annual rental: Coal and Petroleum Control Board, \$1,876.20. Seven tenants are in the Belmont Building during the Sessions of the House at a total monthly rental of \$240.

“5. To provide accommodation not available in Parliament Buildings.”

*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 5.28 p.m.

Friday, November 18th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

That on Monday, November 21st, and all following days of the Session there shall be two distinct sittings in each day, one from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the other from 8 p.m. until adjournment, unless otherwise ordered.

The Hon. Mr. *Asselstine* presented a Return pursuant to section 14 (4), "Department of Mines Act," R.S.B.C. 1936, chapter 177.

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Finland*:—

1. Did the Government acquire land for the construction of the new portion of the Sooke Road now being constructed from about Mile 10 west through Dewdney Flats in Esquimalt Electoral District?

2. If yes, how much?

3. When and from whom did the Government acquire this land?

4. How was the same acquired?

5. If acquired from more than one person, how much land was acquired from each?

6. What price was paid in each instance?

7. How was the price determined in each instance?

8. If by arbitration, was an appeal sought by any of the persons by whom such land was acquired?

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

1. How many timber licences subject to renewal under section 44 of the "Forest Act" were in arrears on April 1st, 1938?

2. How many licences were granted an extension under the said section 44 of the "Forest Act"?

3. What was the value of such licences extended?

4. How many licensees in arrears either failed or did not apply for an extension up to April 1st, 1938, and were thereby forfeited?

5. What is the value of all such licences which became forfeited on April 1st, 1938?

6. How much in licence fees has been paid to the Government by the holders of such licences up to the date of forfeiture?

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

"1. Answered by No. 4.

"2. 1,241 timber licences reinstated.

"3. No appraisalment.

"4. Licences have fallen in arrears and expired for various reasons from the year 1908 to April 1st, 1938. To arrive at the number of these licences, in respect of which an application for reinstatement was not received, would entail a search of the records since the said year.

"5. No appraisalment.

"6. Would require an exhaustive search and tabulation."

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

1. Does the Department bear any of the cost of education of the Fairbridge Farm School?
2. If so, what was the total cost per pupil for the last school-year?

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

"1 and 2. There is a public school at Fairbridge with the Provincial Inspector of Schools as Official Trustee. Government grants are not payable on a pupil basis. The Government pays salary grants to the teachers of the Fairbridge Public School on the same basis as applies to other rural districts in the Province. In the school-year 1937-38 the grants paid by the Government towards teachers' salaries in that district amounted to \$27.44 per pupil enrolled. There was also paid in that year the usual grant of \$500 towards the purchase of equipment for the teaching of Home Economics."

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

1. Was an International truck condemned and sold by the Department of Public Works at Terrace in June, 1938?
2. If yes, then how much was received for it?
3. Was the same truck shortly afterwards hired by the Department of Public Works and used for gravelling the highway near Usk?
4. If yes, at what price was it hired and for how long?
5. Was a condemned gasoline filling-station pump sold by Messrs. E. T. Kenny, Ltd., to the Public Works Department?
6. If yes, what price was paid for it?
7. Was a second-hand cable purchased by the Public Works Department from Messrs. E. T. Kenny, Ltd., for use on the ferry at Kitsumgallum Lake?
8. If yes, what price was paid for it?
9. How many miles of transcontinental highway between Usk and Hazelton remain to be built?
10. How many miles of said highway were built from Usk eastward in each of the years 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, and 1938?
11. What has been the total cost of this construction to date?

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

- "1. Yes; on account of excessive maintenance and upkeep.
- "2. Seventy-five dollars.
- "3. Yes; after an estimated amount of \$500 had been spent in repairing the truck.
- "4. Ten dollars per day, including gas, oil, and operator; 24¼ days.
- "5 and 6. No.
- "7 and 8. No.
- "9. Twenty-eight miles.
- "10. 1933, *nil*; 1934, *nil*; 1935, *nil*; 1936, 1 mile, partially; 1937, 2 miles; 1938, 1 mile.
- "11. \$82,792.26; constructed to standard trunk highway specifications through difficult country."

*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 4.45 p.m.

Monday, November 21st, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon S. G. *Wickens*.

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

And, the debate continuing, at 6 o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker left the chair, to resume the same at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

The debate continued.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*, Bill (No. 9) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Engineering Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

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

Annual Report of the "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Civil Service Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

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

1. Has the attention of the Government been drawn to recent proposals that either German or English interests build an oil-pipe line from Alberta to some point on the British Columbia Coast?

2. If yes, has the Government any information regarding said proposals?

3. If yes, will such information be made available to the Legislature?

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

"1. No.

"2 and 3. Answered by No. 1."

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

Has a route been determined for the West Coast Road?

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

"Yes; as far as Port Renfrew."

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

1. What arrangements, if any, have been made between the Dominion Department of Indian Affairs and the Provincial Department of Health relative to the treatment of Indians suffering from tuberculosis?

2. Do such arrangements assure to the Indian population the same degree of tuberculosis control—i.e., examination, treatment, hospitalization, follow-up, and preventive service—as is furnished by the Provincial Government to the white population?

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

"1. The Indian Affairs Branch of the Dominion Government has this year allocated for use in each Province funds for tuberculosis work among Indians. In British Columbia the Indian Affairs Branch requisitions and pays for services rendered in this connection by the Tuberculosis Division of the Provincial Board of Health. Under this arrangement 21 beds for Indians have been provided and the patients occupying them are receiving medical care. The Tuberculosis Division has also initiated a survey of Indian Reserves and schools in respect to tuberculosis. The Indian Affairs Branch has also provided some beds in outlying hospitals, and their own physicians, two of whom were sent to the Vancouver Tuberculosis Clinic for training in pneumothorax technique, have in hand other aspects of the problem as, for instance, isolation on reserves. As the Tuberculosis Division is prepared to give any service to Indians in respect to tuberculosis which the Indian Affairs Branch asks for, and for which it will pay, it is hoped that plans to deal with the subject will further develop.

"2. No."

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

1. Has the Department any knowledge of wheat being shipped to the Government-owned Terminal Grain Elevator at Prince Rupert this crop-year?
2. If yes, how many bushels were shipped?

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

- “1. None has been shipped this crop-year.
- “2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. Does the Canadian Pacific Railway Company pay fuel-oil tax on oil purchased in British Columbia?
2. If so, what total sum has this Company paid in fuel-oil tax during 1937?

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

“1 and 2. These questions should be asked of the Hon. the Minister of Finance.”

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

1. Was any work done under the Mining Trail appropriation to serve the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company's operation in the Skagit Valley?
2. If so, did it include the Skagit bluffs?
3. If yes, what was the footage of rock-work done?
4. What footage could be used as part of the Hope-Princeton Road?

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

- “1. Yes. Under Dominion-Provincial Mining Road and Trail Programme.
- “2. Includes bluffs along the Skagit River.
- “3. 600 feet of rock-work completed this year to date.
- “4. Answered by No. 3.”

*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 11.25 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 22nd, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *F. Comley*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

(IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,687,941.83 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Debt to 31st March, 1940.

The Committee rose and reported the Resolution.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

1. What appropriation was made last year for the Hope to Princeton Highway?
2. How much was expended, and where was the work done?
3. How much has been expended to date on the Hope to Princeton Highway?

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

“ 1. Similkameen District, \$22,000; Yale District, \$15,632; total, \$37,632.

“ 2. Similkameen District, between Mile 47 and Mile 52 from Princeton, \$21,693. Yale District, between Mile 4 and Mile 10, south of Hope, \$3,546; between Mile 25 and Mile 26, \$10,425. Total, \$35,664.

“ 3. Similkameen District, \$214,095; Yale District, \$348,773; total, \$562,868.”

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

1. Is there a relief camp in operation at Otter Point, in Esquimalt District?
2. What vegetables and other supplies for the camp are purchased from farmers or merchants in the surrounding district?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. Potatoes only have been purchased from the local farmers to date.”

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

What has been the total cost of the highway from Koksilah to Cobble Hill, known as the Cowichan Bay Cut-off, to date?

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

“ \$79,212.21.”

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

1. Has the Government placed any insurance on any or all Government-owned automobiles or trucks?
2. If so, with what company or companies is such insurance placed?
3. What does such insurance cover?
4. When was such insurance placed?
5. What is the total amount of yearly premiums paid in such insurance?
6. What has been the total amount of loss by fire on Government-owned cars or trucks during the past five years?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. London-Canada Insurance Company; Guardian Insurance Company of Canada.

“ 3. Fleet policy covering legal liability for bodily injury or death, legal liability for damage to property of others, passenger hazard, and automatic extension passenger hazard. Special policies, fleet rates: Six automobiles and one truck, covering legal liability for bodily injury or death; legal liability for damage to property of others; collision, fire, theft, and passenger hazard.

“ 4. April 12th, 1934.

“ 5. Since April 12th, 1934, \$70,189.71.

“ 6. \$3,369.50.”

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

1. What moneys have been expended on the West Coast Road since March 31st, 1937?
2. Where was this work done and of what did it consist?
3. How many miles west of Jordan River is the road completed?

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

“ 1. Total expenditure since March 31st, 1937, \$76,202.87.

“ 2. Work done between Mile 0, West Coast Road (south-east corner Section 2, Sooke District) and Mile 46, West Coast Road, Port Renfrew, consisted of surveys, construction, surfacing, and maintenance.

“ 3. Standard width, 5 miles; narrow road, 2½ miles farther.”

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 23rd, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* rose to a question of privilege and moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*,—

Whereas the first member for Vancouver East stated in this House that an overpayment approximating \$300,000 had been made in connection with the price of steel used in fabricating the structure known as the Pattullo Bridge:

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

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be instructed, and is hereby instructed, to make inquiry into the matter of the truth or otherwise of these statements, and for this purpose all documents in the Public Works Department in connection with aforesaid matters be made available to the Committee, and that the said Committee make a special report to this House on its findings with as little delay as possible.

Motion agreed to.

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

E. W. HAMBER,  
*Lieutenant-Governor.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,*  
*November 23rd, 1938.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

*Resolved*, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to provide for the Regulation of Public Utilities," 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. *E. E. Winch* rose to a question of privilege with regard to a certain notice of motion which he stated had been returned to him by Mr. Speaker, and moved, seconded by Mr. *Shepherd*,—

Whereas it is imperative that the rights of minorities shall be protected:

And whereas it is essential that Speakers' decisions and Legislative Standing Orders should guarantee freedom of speech and opportunity to counsel:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the rights and privileges of private members; and, further, if found necessary, to recommend to the House the advisability of referring to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills the entire question of rights and privileges of members, with power to discuss and recommend ways and means for the revision of the rules, orders, and forms of procedure of the Legislative Assembly.

A debate arose.

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

Mr. Speaker stated that it was not a question of privilege and ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

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

YEAS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Henniger</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Crone</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Forester</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Connelly</i>	

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Messieurs

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

PAIRS:

Messieurs

*Carson* *Eyres*

On the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*, it was Resolved,—

That an Order of the House be granted for Returns to be made by the Minister of Labour of all orders or circulars issued by the Provincial Relief Administration to municipal relief authorities and (or) Provincial Relief Administrators and Investigators from June, 1937, to date.

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

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

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

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

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the desirability of recommending that the Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education obtain special statistical reports from School Medical Officers, School Boards, Public Health Officers, and Social Service Officials relative to the nature and prevalence of mental and physical handicap among children of school and pre-school age for the purpose of devising ways and means to provide suitable and adequate facilities for special

treatment, training, and education of such children, in order to assist them toward a self-supporting status in adult life.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Steeves*:—

Whereas a brief was presented by the Government of British Columbia to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations; and

Whereas the above-mentioned brief wholly failed to take into account the changing economic requirements of modern times and the necessity of reconstituting Canada on a firm national basis for the purpose of using the national wealth to satisfy human needs:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislative Assembly regrets the unconstructive and parochial character of the brief presented by the Government to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations.

And be it further Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that any future representations made by the Government to the above-mentioned Commission should be based on the principle of planned national reconstruction.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

That an Order of the House be granted for Returns to be made by the Hon. the Minister of Finance of accounts submitted by Sergeant T. D. Sutherland, of the Provincial Police, for the month of July this year, in respect of his functions as Police Officer in charge of the Mackenzie District and as Relief Officer for said district, and that said accounts be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Guthrie*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for a Return to be made by the Hon. the Attorney-General of the log-book of the police-boat "Morci," and said log-book be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *E. E. Winch*:—

Whereas the treatment of delinquency in British Columbia fails to take into account the physical condition and economic backgrounds of those who are technically termed as delinquents:

And whereas there is a lack of psychiatric service, sound educational programmes, and training facilities in our gaols:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Government be requested to formulate and to put into effect a scientific policy for the treatment of delinquency, having as its purpose the prevention and cure of crime rather than the present policy of punishment and isolation of delinquents.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Paton*:—

Whereas it has been realized that large financial commitments have been made by Governmental bodies—Federal, Provincial, and municipal—and that it is advisable to make provision whereby the natural growth of the country may be planned in a systematic and orderly manner, so that adequate and efficient means of communication for an increasing population may be provided, and that economies may be effected in the industrial, business, and Governmental activities throughout the country:

And whereas it is deemed expedient that Provincial planning would comprise the following elements:—

Land Planning: The study of land use to determine the most logical utilization of land—agriculture, grazing, forest, and watersheds—and the control of the selection of future townsites and land settlement areas in general:

Public Works Planning: The formulation of a sound, long-range public works programme, with particular reference to highways:

Natural Resources: The investigation, conservation, and statistical recording of the natural resources of the nation—fish, game, minerals, building materials, water (power and domestic supply, flood-control), and human welfare:

Trade and Industry: A study of the supply of raw materials for industrial purposes, and the domestic and foreign distribution of manufactured goods:

And whereas the Dominion Government has now provided funds for low-rental housing projects, and as it is expedient that these projects should be protected by adequate zoning laws, provided by Provincial enabling legislation, the Provincial Governments should be impressed with the advisability and necessity of establishing Provincial Planning Bureaus for more economical and efficient planning and zoning throughout their domain:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider the advisability of appointing a committee to consider the question of the Government adopting a long-term planning programme, with a view to the orderly and efficient development of the natural resources of the Province; and that to this end a Central Planning Bureau be established to carry on all phases of Province-wide planning, and to act in an advisory capacity to the municipalities and unorganized districts of the Province.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

Whereas there exists in the valley of the Kootenay River between Kootenay Landing, in the Province of British Columbia, and Bonners Ferry, in the State of Idaho, a tract of alluvial land of approximately 74,000 acres in extent, of which roughly 50 per cent. lies north and 50 per cent. south of the International Boundary:

And whereas all such alluvial lands were, in their natural state, subject to annual overflow from the Kootenay River:

And whereas 32,000 acres in Idaho and 18,500 acres in British Columbia have been in part protected from such overflow by the construction of dykes and have produced abundantly:

And whereas to more effectively protect these valuable lands it will be necessary to clear out the channel of the Kootenay River in British Columbia:

And whereas to secure an equitable distribution of the cost of these works an arrangement or agreement between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of the United States will be necessary:

Therefore be it Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of this Resolution and the Preamble thereto to be forwarded to the Honourable the Secretary of State at Ottawa, with the request that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will take all necessary steps to secure an arrangement or agreement with the Government of the United States, under the authority of which the production from these lands may be more fully protected on terms and conditions which shall be just and equitable to all concerned.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* rose to a point of order with reference to the following notice of motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs. *Steeves*:—

Whereas the Prime Minister has stated that the "Health Insurance Act" is not being put into operation because the Government is waiting for the report of the Rowell Commission:

And whereas in the brief presented by the Government to the Rowell Commission no request is made that health insurance become a matter of Federal jurisdiction, and no specific request is made for a Federal conditional grant for health insurance:

And whereas there is complete unanimity amongst all representative groups of the people of British Columbia on the matter of the urgent necessity of health insurance for this Province:

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House be set up to inquire into all possible ways and means of making health insurance, on a sound actuarial basis, operative in British Columbia, and to report the result of its findings to this House.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

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

Whereas the Governments of Canada are endeavouring to find efficient ways and means to combat the great enemy, forest fires, which are depleting our timber resources:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this House urge upon this Government the advisability of making early arrangements with the Federal authorities for the use of our aerial defence machines for spotting and for dropping fire-extinguishing chemical bombs upon forest fires at their very beginning.

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

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

Whereas British Columbia is the only Province in Canada which has no Credit Union Act or any legislation relative to the establishment of credit unions:

And whereas there are many groups of citizens in this Province who would be benefited by such legislation:

Therefore be it Resolved, That this Legislature resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the advisability of the promotion of a credit union development in this Province, as presenting opportunities to citizens in the economic and educational field, and of urging the Government to make a thorough study of the matter of credit union legislation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *Wismer* presented a Return in reply to the following questions standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. *Paton*:—

1. Has the Liquor Control Board entered into any pension scheme or arrangement of such nature with its employees? If so, why, and on what authority was it done?
2. Were the employees of the Board consulted or notified? If so, when?
3. Is it compulsory on the employees?
4. What company carries the insurance?
5. What are the terms of the contract? Give full particulars.
6. Did more than one company tender for the business? If yes, was the lowest tender accepted?
7. What was the amount of the tender?
8. Who is the British Columbia agent of the company?
9. Who is the Victoria agent for the company?
10. What other companies submitted tenders?
11. What date was the contract with the company consummated?
12. On what date was the first premium paid and to whom?
13. What was the amount of the first premium and by whom was it paid?
14. Was the plan accepted the same as that which the other companies tendered on?

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Premier the following questions:—

1. Did the Government at certain times agree to guarantee bank loans made to the White Pine Lumber Company of Nakusp?
2. If yes, at what times and for which amounts?
3. Have any of these bank loans, which the Government has guaranteed, been repaid?
4. If yes, which amounts have been repaid?
5. Is the White Pine Lumber Company still operating?
6. If no, for what reason is it not operating?

The Hon. Mr. *Asselstine* (Minister of Trade and Industry) replied as follows:—

- “1. Yes.
- “2. July 11th, 1934, \$9,800; March 26th, 1936, \$29,500; September 1st, 1936, \$5,500.
- “3. Yes.
- “4. \$9,800, \$5,500, \$12,584.73 repaid against the \$29,500 loan. Security: Chattel mortgage on plant, machinery, and equipment.
- “5. No.
- “6. Owing to the lack of operating capital.”

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

How much money has been spent on construction and maintenance of the Trans-Canada Highway between Hope and Rosedale during the years 1933 and 1937, inclusive?

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

“Expenditures, Hope-Rosedale Road, 1933-37:—1933-34: Maintenance, \$5,508.08; construction, \$15,737.42. 1934-35: Maintenance, \$3,272.71; construction, \$16,490.88. 1935-36: Maintenance, \$3,872.27; construction, \$36,636.89. 1936-37: Maintenance, \$4,833.42; construction, \$158,386.84. 1937-38: Maintenance, \$5,464.99; construction, \$60,359.42. Clearing slides: Maintenance, \$4,037.80. Total maintenance, \$26,989.27. Total construction, \$287,611.45. Total, \$314,600.72.”

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

1. How many pheasants were released by the Game Board this year?
2. What was the total cost per bird at the time of release?

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

- “1. 15,937.
- “2. Birds not less than 12 weeks old, \$1.30 each; adult or breeding birds, \$1.50 each.”

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has the Government received a petition regarding the establishment of a beer-parlour in the Bridge Head area of North Vancouver District?
2. If yes, what action, if any, is the Government taking in this matter?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. None.”

*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 5.25 p.m.