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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA
SESSION 1938

Tuesday, October 25th, 1938.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the second meeting of the Nineteenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ERIC WERGE HAMBER, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 21st day of September, 1938.

His Honour ERIC WERGE HAMBER, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne, and was pleased to deliver the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

World events, during the past few weeks, have been such that, beyond other considerations, our thoughts find expression in gratitude and thankfulness that the crisis which overshadowed the world for so long has, for the present at least, been allayed.

We, who live in British Columbia, have much to be thankful for; yet, with turmoil and strife rampant in so many parts of the world, with feelings of unrest and fear uppermost in the minds of the peoples of so many nations, we cannot view with anything but apprehension the present untoward world conditions affecting, as they do, the peoples of all lands.

The intimation that His Majesty King George VI. and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth have graciously consented to visit the Dominion during the summer of 1939 has been received by our people with feelings of patriotism, joy, and gratification.

While business conditions in British Columbia have continued on a stable basis, the unemployment problem is, nevertheless, still with us, and my Government has been endeavouring to bring about an improvement in conditions to ameliorate the lot of those unable to obtain steady employment or unable to work through disability. Further effort will be made as far as possible to create and stimulate new opportunity.

In the various departments of the Provincial Service, my Government has endeavoured to maintain the Service on a high standard of efficiency and to meet the many pressing demands as fully and capably as circumstances would permit.

During the year the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations held sittings in Victoria and my Government presented the case of British Columbia. Supplementary representations will be made at further hearings of the Commission in Ottawa. In this regard my Government is endeavouring fully to co-operate with the other Provincial Governments, and with the Dominion Government, to bring about such changes in and adjustments of relationships as will enable each adequately to meet its responsibilities and public requirements.

The Board appointed by the Government under the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act," which was passed by the Legislature at its last session, has, with the

approval of my Government, fixed a maximum base price for the sale of gasoline, which will mean a very large annual saving to our people.

A measure will be submitted to you to provide for the creation of a Public Utilities Board. Amendments to various Acts will be submitted to you.

The Public Accounts will be presented and Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you.

I welcome you to this the second Session of the present Parliament, and I trust that the results of your deliberations and activities may be of much benefit.

That the Divine Blessing may rest upon the fruits of your labours is the prayer of all our people.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Prayers by the Rev. *Hugh McLeod*.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech.

The Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Dewdney was read, as follows:—

“ PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, June 7th, 1938.

“ Whereas a vacancy occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the death on the 10th day of February, 1938, of Frank Porter Patterson, M.D., C.M., a member thereof for the Dewdney Electoral District; and

“ Whereas on the 26th day of April, 1938, a writ for the election of a member to represent such electoral district was duly issued to the Returning Officer of the said district:

“ Now I do hereby certify that on the 7th day of June, 1938, the said writ was returned to me by the Returning Officer, with his certificate endorsed thereon, whereby it appears that the electors of the said district have chosen *David William Strachan* to represent the Dewdney Electoral District in the Legislative Assembly.

“ P. WALKER,
“ *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

“ *To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*”

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

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the by-election of a member to represent the Electoral District of Dewdney be entered upon the Journals of the House.

Mr. *David William Strachan*, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* and the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, and took his seat.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*, Bill (No. 1) intituled “ An Act to amend the ‘ Bills of Sale Act ’ ” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

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

That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be taken into consideration at the next sitting, and that this Order have precedence over all other business, except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Weir*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Gray*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Hart*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Standing Orders and Private Bills;
2. On Public Accounts;
3. On Printing;
4. On Railways;
5. On Mining;
6. On Agriculture;
7. On Municipal Matters;
8. On Forestry;
9. On Fisheries;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), said Committee to be composed of Messrs. *Leary*, *Kenney*, *Straith*, *Maitland*, and *H. E. Winch*.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* moved, seconded by Mr. *Maitland*,—

That this House express its sincere regret at the death of Frank Porter Patterson, who was member for the Electoral District of Dewdney and Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and that the Clerk do convey to Mrs. Patterson and the family of the late Mr. Patterson the condolences and sincere sympathy of the members of the Legislative Assembly.

At the request of Mr. Speaker, the House expressed its approval of the motion by a standing silent vote.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Hart*—

Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year ended March 31st, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Reports of the Vancouver and Victoria Normal Schools and the School for the Deaf and the Blind for the Year ended June 30th, 1938.

Report of the Summer School of Education, July 5th to August 6th, 1938.

Annual Report of P. G. Barr, Officer in Charge of Text-book Branch, for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

By the Hon. Mr. *Gray*—

Return of Timber Licences reinstated pursuant to Section 44 of Chapter 102, R.S.B.C. 1936, to March 31st, 1938.

Return of Lands exchanged under Section 64 of Chapter 144, R.S.B.C. 1936.

Annual Report of the Forest Branch for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald*—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

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 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. *Straith* (4th—Victoria) moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBourdais* (Cariboo),—

That the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

“ We, His Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.”

A debate arose.

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

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Pearson*—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

By the Hon. Mr. *Asselstine*—

Annual Report of the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

Index to the Annual Reports of the Mining Industry for the Years 1874 to 1936.

Report on the Lode-gold Deposits of the Zeballos Area on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

Elementary Geology applied to Prospecting (publication).

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 4.10 p.m.

Thursday, October 27th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. *Maitland* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Anscomb*,—

To add the following words:—

“ That this House regrets that the administrative policy and action of the Government has failed to adequately deal with the problems of farming, roads, unemployment, and municipal aid, having regard to the great increase in the amount of taxes and revenue now being collected by the Government from the people of British Columbia.”

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—16.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—29.

Messieurs

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

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report of the Fisheries Department for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

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 4.35 p.m.

Friday, October 28th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. R. V. Bolster*.

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

The debate continued.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,—

To add the following words:—

“That this House is deeply concerned at the continuation of economic chaos in our Province and the increasing abrogation of the rights and civil liberties of our people, due to the failure of the Government to inaugurate constructive policies able to cope adequately with unemployed, agricultural, industrial, and municipal problems; and regrets that the Government still fails to recognize the necessity for fundamental changes in our social and economic organizations.”

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

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 5.18 p.m.

Monday, October 31st, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *J. L. W. McLean*.

Mr. Speaker read an explanatory statement with regard to the attendant ceremonies in connection with the opening of the House.

Mr. *Perry* rose to a question of privilege and moved, seconded by Mr. *H. E. Winch*,—

That the matter be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was out of order.

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

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *H. E. Winch* on the 28th instant, as follows:—

To add the following words:—

“That this House is deeply concerned at the continuation of economic chaos in our Province and the increasing abrogation of the rights and civil liberties of our people, due to the failure of the Government to inaugurate constructive policies able to cope adequately with unemployed, agricultural, industrial, and municipal problems; and regrets that the Government still fails to recognize the necessity for fundamental changes in our social and economic organizations.”

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—8.

Messieurs

<i>Guthrie</i>	<i>Shepherd</i>	<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Steeves, Mrs.</i>
<i>Cameron</i>	<i>Winch, E. E.</i>	<i>Telford</i>	<i>Winch, H. E.</i>

NAYS—38.

Messieurs

<i>Henniger</i>	<i>LeBourdais</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Forester</i>
<i>Bull</i>	<i>Straith</i>	<i>Perry</i>	<i>Connelly</i>
<i>Braden</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>MacDonald</i>	<i>Murray</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Bruhn</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Maitland</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Carson</i>
<i>Finland</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>Asselstine</i>
<i>Eyres</i>	<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>MacPherson</i>
<i>Macintosh</i>	<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>King</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Bryan</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>Crone</i>	<i>Leary</i>		

Debate resumed on the main motion.

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

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

That a Special Committee of eleven Members—namely, Messrs. *Leary*, *Straith*, *Crone*, *Kenney*, *Perry*, *Tupper*, *Putnam*, *Maitland*, *Bruhn*, *H. E. Winch*, and *Cameron*—be appointed to consider the redefining of the boundaries of Provincial electoral districts in British Columbia, and to report their recommendations in respect thereof to the House.

That said Committee be also empowered to consider the provisions of the “Provincial Elections Act,” and to report to the House such recommendations in respect thereof as said Committee may deem advisable.

The Hon. Mr. *Pattullo* tabled a memorandum by G. M. Phillips, Registrar of Voters, Vancouver, on redistribution of boundaries of Provincial electoral districts, and stated that he had filed a map with the Clerk.

Mr. *Leary* presented the following Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 25th instant:—

REPORT.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

October 31st, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

AGRICULTURE.—Messrs. *Putnam, LeBourdais, Bull, Connelly, Braden, Murray, Gillis, Strachan, Shepherd, Telford, Macintosh, and Eyres.*

FISHERIES.—Messrs. *Bryan, Forester, Kenney, Murray, Johnston, E. E. Winch, Macintosh, and Paton.*

FORESTRY.—Messrs. *Leary, Johnston, Connelly, King, Braden, Carson, Straith, Bruhn, Cameron, Guthrie, Macintosh, and Finland.*

MINING.—Messrs. *Henniger, LeBourdais, Burns, Kenney, Putnam, Connelly, Johnston, Leary, Murray, Uphill, Bruhn, Guthrie, Cameron, Paton, and Finland.*

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.—Messrs. *Burns, Putnam, Henniger, Carson, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Gillis, Tupper, Straith, Crone, Forester, Shepherd, Mrs. Steeves, and Messrs. Hunter, Anscamb, Eyres, and Paton.*

PRINTING.—Mrs. *Smith, Messrs. Bryan, Murray, Perry, Bull, E. E. Winch, and Paton.*

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—Messrs. *Perry, Crone, Straith, Mrs. Smith, Messrs. Forester, Connelly, Bryan, Tupper, Henniger, H. E. Winch, Mrs. Steeves, and Messrs. Telford, Maitland, Anscamb, and Finland.*

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Messrs. *Kenney, Burns, Putnam, King, Bull, Tupper, Leary, Carson, Strachan, Johnston, LeBourdais, Straith, Bruhn, Telford, H. E. Winch, Maitland, and Anscamb.*

RAILWAYS.—Messrs. *Tupper, Murray, Perry, King, Braden, Crone, Forester, E. E. Winch, Telford, Finland, and Hunter.*

Respectfully submitted.

C. S. LEARY, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

The Rules were suspended and the report adopted.

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

1. What schoolbooks, if any, are pupils in the public schools in British Columbia required to buy at the present time?
2. In what grades are such schoolbooks required?

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

What was the death rate from tuberculosis during the fiscal years 1936–37–38 for whites, Indians, and Orientals, respectively?

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

“Tuberculosis mortality rates per 100,000 population:—Fiscal year 1935–36: Whites, 54.5; Orientals, 124.4; Indians, 648.4. Fiscal year 1936–37: Whites, 49.5; Orientals, 110.7; Indians, 826.3. Fiscal year 1937–38: Whites, 45.8; Orientals, 119.9; Indians, 885.7.”

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

What is the average age at which Normal School students graduate?

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

“Average age of students at the Provincial Normal School, Victoria, at time of graduation is 20 years and 9 months; at the Provincial Normal School, Vancouver, 21 years and 2 months.”

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

1. Did a Keystone placer drill revert to the Government off the Perry Creek placer leases in the Cranbrook mining division?
2. If so, what disposition was made of the said drill?
3. Where is the said drill now being used, if at all?

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

“1. No.

“2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.”

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 5.12 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1st, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Crone* presented a petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the “Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.”

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

The debate continued.

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

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

That the name of *Louis LeBourdais* be added forthwith to the Select Standing Committee on Railways.

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

1. Did the Government purchase property at the corner of Bidwell and Georgia Streets, Vancouver, for the purpose of testing automobile drivers and automobiles?
2. If so, from whom was the said land purchased?
3. What was the price paid for the said land?
4. What is the cost of any building or buildings being erected on the said land?
5. What is the cost of any equipment to be installed on the said premises after the said erection?
6. Were any tenders called for the said buildings?
7. Was there any advertisement for tenders for the said buildings?

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

“1 to 4. These questions should be asked of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works.

“5. Not determinable at the present time.

“6 and 7. These questions should be asked of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works.”

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

1. How many unemployed workmen were brought from Vancouver to fight the Campbell River fire?

2. What was the total cost of bringing these men to the Island?

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

“1. 212.

“2. \$1,035.20.”

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

1. Against how many persons dealing in stocks and bonds were criminal proceedings launched during the present year?

2. How many convictions were obtained?

3. Were any of those charged registered as brokers; and, if so, how many?

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

“The following answers are given on the assumption that the questions asked deal with matters relating to the ‘Securities Act’:—

“1. Since January 1st, 1938, criminal proceedings were instituted against ten members of brokerage firms, arising out of investigations conducted by a representative of the Securities Office.

“2. Seven convictions were obtained.

“3. Of those charged, referred to in the answer to question No. 1, six were directors of registered brokerage firms when the alleged offence was committed, and one was a registered salesman of a brokerage firm.”

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

1. How many gallons of fuel-oil were used on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway during the year 1937?

2. What was the total cost of same?

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

“1. Information not available in the Department of Railways.

“2. P.G.E. is not operated by Department of Railways.”

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

1. Has the Fraser River New Westminster Bridge been turned over to the Dominion Government? If yes, was any value or consideration received?

2. Are any bonds still outstanding on this bridge for which the Province is responsible? If yes: (a) In what amount; and (b) what interest do they bear?

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

“1. No.

“2. The cost of construction of the Fraser River Bridge was provided for, together with other undertakings of the Government, by an issue of 3-per-cent. inscribed stock, maturing in 1941, and amounting to \$9,921,936. Of this sum the following was held in the Sinking Fund at December 31st, 1937: 3-per-cent. stock, \$7,880,253.12; cash, \$1,009,930.96; total, \$8,890,184.08. The figures for the bridge alone cannot be segregated.”

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

1. Was an interdepartmental committee set up for the purpose of investigating and reporting relative to hospital staff working conditions?

2. If so, has this committee completed its investigation?

3. When will the report be presented to this House?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. The investigations are completed and the report in the course of preparation.

“3. It is hoped to present the report before the House prorogues.”

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 5.27 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2nd, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *S. Ryall*.

The petition from the City of Vancouver, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921," was received.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* 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 'Stock-brands Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
November 2nd, 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. 2) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Stock-brands 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 following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Medical Superintendent of the Home for the Aged, Coquitlam, B.C., for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Vital Statistics Branch of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended December 31st, 1936.

By the Hon. Mr. *MacPherson*—

Report of Sale of Government Property for the Year 1937, pursuant to the "Public Works Act."

By the Hon. Mr. *Wismer*—

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

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

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

1. Has the Department of Industries made or guaranteed any loan to any persons or companies in the Province during the last fiscal year; and, if so, to whom?
2. If yes, what amounts have been granted or guaranteed to each person or company; the terms of such loan; and the rate of interest in each case?
3. What payments have been received by the Government towards the liquidation of such loans?
4. What security for each advance has been received by the Department?

The Hon. Mr. *Asselstine* (Minister of Industries) replied as follows:—

"1. Yes; Nicola Pine Mills (1937), Ltd., Merritt, B.C., and Gray's Lumber Mills, Quesnel, B.C.

"2. Nicola Pine Mills (1937), Ltd., \$30,000 guarantee, advanced by bank as logs were delivered to mill and lumber placed in yards. Loan to be repaid by bank automatically applying \$1.50 per thousand feet B.M. out of proceeds received from sales of lumber; interest, 6 per cent. Gray's Lumber Mills, \$3,000 guarantee, advanced by bank as logs were delivered to mill and lumber placed in yards. Loan to be repaid by bank automatically applying \$1.50 per thousand feet B.M. out of proceeds received from sales of lumber; interest, 6 per cent.

"3. Nicola Pine Mills (1937), Ltd., \$7,398; Gray's Lumber Mills, \$310.87.

"4. Nicola Pine Mills (1937), Ltd.: Chattel mortgage covering machinery and equipment; mortgage on Company's property. Gray's Lumber Mills: Chattel mortgage covering machinery and equipment."

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

1. Was a survey made of the number of patients in mental hospitals suffering from tuberculosis?
2. Was any action taken to deal with the problem of adequate care of such patients?
3. What was the nature of such action?
4. What is the number of tubercular patients in mental hospitals?
5. Are they segregated from other patients?

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

"1. Yes; by Dr. Hatfield's staff; as yet not completed.

"2. Yes; as much as possible with the overcrowding and lack of space for classification of cases.

"3. Segregation as much as permissible.

"4. 190 (estimated).

"5. As well as space permits, together in dormitories and veranda."

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

1. Has the Government carried out any reforestation during the last year? If so, who carried out the work?
2. What area has been reforested?
3. What was the cost per acre?

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

"1. Yes. Carried out by the Forest Branch.

"2. 161 acres in 1938.

"3. Cost per acre: Direct Forest Branch expenditure, \$3.63; plus Forest Development and Young Men's Camp labour, \$3.48; plus unknown cost of labour contributed by private sources."

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

1. What was the amount paid to recipients under the "Mothers' Pensions Act" between March 1st, 1937, and February 28th, 1938?
2. How many people were in receipt of such pensions?

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

"1. \$742,170.41.

"2. 1,686, as at February, 1938."

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

1. What was the cost to the Province of the Sullivan Report on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?

2. Has the Government got copies of the said report?

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

“1. Cost of the Sullivan Report was \$6,309.88, paid by the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company.

“2. Yes. Report is out of print, but appears in the Sessional Papers, 1921 (Second Session).”

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 5.35 p.m.

Thursday, November 3rd, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Straith* presented the petition of The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending “The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,” and amending Acts.

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

The debate continued.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Report of the Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

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

1. What has been the revenue of the Pattullo Bridge since its opening, segregated into monthly totals?

2. What is the estimated annual cost of operation, based upon cost to date?

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

“1. November 16th to 30th, 1937, \$14,743.96; December, 1937, \$14,165.30; January, 1938, \$16,183.30; February, 1938, \$16,269.20; March, 1938, \$17,546.30; total, \$78,908.06.

“2. Estimated annual cost of operation, \$31,600.”

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

1. What is the total amount collected in tolls on the Cariboo Highway during the year 1938?

2. During how many months of that year were such tolls collected?

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

“1. Total amount of tolls collected on the Cariboo Highway during fiscal year April 1st, 1937, to March 31st, 1938, \$46,136.62.

“2. During the fiscal year April 1st, 1937, to March 31st, 1938, tolls were collected for the period April 15th to December 19th, 1937.”

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

Has the Department information as to the estimated cost of erecting a bridge near the site of the present Agassiz-Rosedale Ferry crossing?

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

“No.”

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

1. Has the Department at any time obtained estimates of the cost of a bridge from the south bank of Parsons Channel to Barnston Island?

2. If yes: (a.) When? (b.) Amount of estimate?

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

“1. Yes; rough estimates only.

“2. (a.) 1922 and 1938. (b.) Steel and concrete structure with movable span, \$240,000; and timber structure on concrete foundation, no movable span, \$95,500.”

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

1. What is the intended bed capacity of each of the three Mental Hospitals?

2. What is the present bed occupation of each of the above?

3. Were remodelled buildings at New Westminster reopened during the past year?

4. If yes, what is the: (a) Intended bed capacity of each such building; (b) number of present bed occupations, respectively?

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

“1. Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, 1,864 patients; Public Hospital for Insane, New Westminster, 371 patients; Provincial Mental Home, Saanich, 265 patients.

“2. Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, 2,735 patients; Public Hospital for Insane, New Westminster, 600 patients; Provincial Mental Home, Saanich, 262 patients.

“3. Wards ‘J’ and ‘K’ were opened January 24th, 1938. Wards ‘G’ and ‘Con’ were opened March 23rd, 1938.

“4. (a.) Ward ‘J,’ 25 patients; Ward ‘K,’ 25 patients; Ward ‘G,’ 23 patients; Ward ‘Con,’ 23 patients. (b.) Ward ‘J,’ 41 patients; Ward ‘K,’ 41 patients; Ward ‘G,’ 36 patients; Ward ‘Con,’ 35 patients.”

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

How long after logging off timber can a logging company hold that limit, when the land is suitable for agricultural purposes?

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

“If timber sale, until expiry or surrender of contract. Timber licences and leases: See sections 38 and 45, ‘Forest Act.’ Timber berths: Clause D of licence provides for elimination of logged-off land suitable for agriculture.”

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 5.21 p.m.

Friday, November 4th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The petition of The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending “The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,” and amending Acts, was received.

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

The debate continued.

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

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1937–38 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Hon. Mr. *Weir* presented the Annual Statement of Accounts of the Agricultural Credit Commission and the Land Settlement Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

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

1. How many prisoners were sentenced to Oakalla during the past year, inclusive of present month?
2. What were their ages?
3. Length of sentences?
4. What number were: (a) First offenders; (b) recidivists, segregated according to number of previous convictions?
5. What occupational training is provided for prisoners at Oakalla?
6. What qualified trades and occupational instructors and school-teachers are employed, as such, at Oakalla?
7. What number of prisoners have attended training-school classes during the past year?
8. How many prisoners are at present time taking the correspondence course issued by the Department of Education?
9. What was the daily average number of prisoners in Oakalla (exclusive of those awaiting trial) for the fiscal years 1933–38, respectively?
10. What was the value of farm produce, auto-plates, and other computable goods or services produced or performed by inmates during the years 1933–38, respectively?
11. What number of women prisoners are at present in Oakalla?
12. Of what offences were they convicted?
13. Are they segregated according to ages, type of offence, or physical condition?

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 a Return to be made by the Hon. the Minister of Labour of the report of Col. G. M. Endicott on the administration of relief in the Mackenzie District, and that said report be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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

1. Was the brief submitted on behalf of the Province of British Columbia to the Rowell Commission submitted to any society, organization, or public bodies prior to the sitting of the said Commission at which the said brief was presented?
2. If so, to what societies, organizations, or public bodies?
3. Was any particular feature or submission contained in the said brief submitted as aforesaid?
4. If so, to what societies, organizations, or public bodies?

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

“1. No.

“2. Answered by No. 1.

“3. No.

“4. Answered by No. 3.”

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

1. What is the *per capita* cost per day to keep a male prisoner at Oakalla Provincial Gaol?

2. What is the *per capita* cost per day to keep a female prisoner at Oakalla?

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

"1 and 2. The present *per capita* cost per day for the keep of all prisoners at Oakalla is 91.68 cents. Costs in respect of male and female prisoners, respectively, are not segregated."

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

What, if any, action is the Government taking to discover the cause of red-water among the cattle of this Province?

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

"Investigation of the cause of red-water among cattle in this Province is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Health of Animals Branch, working under direction from Ottawa. Officials of the Provincial Department of Agriculture co-operate with the Federal investigators, but the investigation is not being duplicated."

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

1. What is the total cost to date of the Sumas Reclamation Scheme, including principal, interest, carrying charges, and all other expenditures in connection therewith?

2. How much has the Government received from the payment of rent in this area to date?

3. What is the total cost to date of the South Okanagan Irrigation Scheme, including principal, interest, carrying charges, and all other expenditures in connection therewith?

4. How much has the Government received from the payment of rent in this area to date?

5. What is the total cost to date of the Merville Reclamation Scheme, including principal, interest, carrying charges, and all other expenditures in connection therewith?

6. How much has the Government received from the payment of rent in this area to date?

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

"1. \$6,966,698.14, as at December 31st, 1937.

"2. (a) Sale of lands and miscellaneous (rents not segregated), \$216,260.38; (b) interest received, \$257,710.17; (c) sinking fund, \$26,132.94; (d) agreements receivable, \$311,239.07.

"3. \$6,146,058.38, as at September 30th, 1938.

"4. Rents, \$14,257.59; sale of lands and miscellaneous, \$580,248.86.

"5. No such project. Merville Settlement Area: Total cost, \$1,348,626.44, as at October 31st, 1938.

"6. Rentals, \$300; land sales and miscellaneous, \$8,746.19."

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

1. What is the estimated beaver population of the Province?

2. Has the attention of the Game Department been drawn to the reported establishment in Northern Quebec of beaver sanctuaries of 7,000 and 13,000 square miles, respectively?

3. Are there areas in the Province suitable for the establishment of similar sanctuaries?

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

"1. Impossible to estimate; but in 1937 royalty was paid on 15,932 beaver-pelts. Under trap-line registration system the Game Department has control in respect of overtrapping, and returns of trappers indicate that there is no need of concern as to any possible depletion of beaver.

"2. Yes.

"3. No large areas; but there are a number of established game reserves in which beaver are increasing, and from which the Game Department traps live animals each year for liberation in various sections of the Province where it is known they will be protected."

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

What were the number of accidents—(a) fatal and (b) non-fatal—at all electric or steam railway crossings within the Province during each of the past five years?

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

“ Motor-vehicle accidents at railway crossings, as follows:—

“ 1933: Fatal, 2; personal injuries, 3; property damage, 4; total, 9.

“ 1934: Fatal, 2; personal injuries, 2; property damage, 7; total, 11.

“ 1935: Fatal, 3; personal injuries, 9; property damage, 14; total, 26.

“ 1936: Fatal, 2; personal injuries, 9; property damage, 16; total, 27.

“ 1937: Fatal, 1; personal injuries, 10; property damage, 19; total, 30.

“ Totals, 1933–1937: Fatal, 10; personal injuries, 33; property damage, 60; grand total, 103.”

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 5.10 p.m.

Monday, November 7th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. S. Imrie*.

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

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.

Mr. *Guthrie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *E. E. Winch*, to add the following words:—

“ This House regrets that the Speech from the Throne conveyed no intimation of the Government's intention, at the present Session of the Legislature, to implement the expressed will of the citizens by placing into effectual operation the principles of an actuarially sound Health Insurance Act, progressively applied, as endorsed by referendum of the electorate of this Province.”

The debate continued.

The House divided.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

Guthrie
Cameron
Shepherd
Winch, E. E.

Finland
Eyres
Macintosh

Steeves, Mrs.
Winch, H. E.
Paton

Bruhn
Maitland
Anscomb

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

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

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>Telford</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Bryan</i>

Debate resumed on the main motion.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Leary*, seconded by Mr. *Kenney*, it was *Resolved*,—

That the name of Mr. *Braden* be added to the Select Standing Committee on Mining.

Mr. *Maitland* moved, seconded by Mr. *Anscomb*,—

That the Public Accounts Committee be authorized to examine and inquire into all public expenditures up to the 25th day of October, 1938.

The House continued to sit after midnight.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—13.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

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

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Straith</i>
<i>Telford</i>	<i>Tupper</i>
<i>Uphill</i>	<i>Bryan</i>

The Hon. Mr. *MacPherson* presented the Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Mr. *Shepherd* asked the Hon. the Minister of Labour the following question:—

Is it the intention of the Relief Department to grant a special Christmas bonus to relief recipients, similar to arrangements made last year?

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

“ This matter is now under consideration.”

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

1. Were advertisements published during January, 1938, inviting tenders for the removal of present water-pipe and installation of new pipe at Fraser River Bridge, New Westminster?

2. What tenders (if any) were received for this work, with names of firms and amount of each tender?

3. Did the firm submitting the lowest tender receive the contract; and, if not, why not?

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

“ 1. Yes.

“ 2. From: H. Gifford, old pipe to be taken in payment for its removal; \$499 for installation of new pipe. F. C. Lindsay, \$1 for old pipe and removal of same; \$488 for installation of new pipe.

“ 3. No. In view of the very slight difference in the amount of the tenders, and in view of the very satisfactory experience on previous work and his intimate knowledge of the bridge and its appurtenances, it was considered advisable to accept H. Gifford's tender.”

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 12.22 a.m.

Tuesday, November 8th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Gillis* presented a petition from 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 Incorporation Act,” and for other powers.

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

The debate continued.

Motion agreed to.

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

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

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

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

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 8th, 1938.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the Standing Orders in connection with the petition of the City of Vancouver, praying for the passing of an Act intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921'" have been complied with, and recommends 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.

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

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 8th, 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 Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, praying for the passing of an Act intituled "An Act to amend 'The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,' and amending Acts," 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 recommends 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.

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

On the motion of Mr. *Crone*—Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921.'"

On the motion of Mr. *Straith*—Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act to amend 'The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital Act, 1890,' and amending Acts."

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 authorize the Transfer by the Province of the Old Fraser River Bridge," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 8th, 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. 4) intituled "An Act to authorize the Transfer by the Province of the Old Fraser River Bridge," 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 following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. Mr. *Wisner*—

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.
Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board for the Period ended September 30th, 1938.

By the Hon. Mr. *Weir*—

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Child Welfare Branch for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

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

1. Did the Government purchase property at the corner of Bidwell and Georgia Streets, Vancouver, for the purpose of testing automobile drivers and automobiles?
2. If so, from whom was the said land purchased?
3. What was the price paid for the said land?
4. What is the cost of any building or buildings being erected on the said land?
5. Were any tenders called for the said buildings?
6. Was there any advertisement for tenders for the said buildings?

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

- " 1. Yes.
- " 2. Armstrong-Morrison Paving Co., Ltd.
- " 3. \$28,500.
- " 4. \$169,929.
- " 5. Yes.
- " 6. Yes."

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

1. Are records available showing the hospitals from which members or ex-members of their staffs have been admitted as patients into Tranquille Sanatorium or the Vancouver Tubercular Unit since the year 1930?
2. If yes, what were the numbers of such patients so admitted and of what hospitals were they recorded as having been members or ex-members of the staff, segregated according to individual hospitals?

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

" 1. No. The Tuberculosis Division of the Provincial Board of Health was not formed until late in 1935, and the statistical system was not effective until the following year.

" 2. Answered by No. 1.

" Supplementary to the above, the following figures are available in connection with the Vancouver General Hospital, employing approximately 500 nurses:—Cases of tuberculosis: 1931, none; 1932, two; 1933, three; 1934, two; 1935, two; 1936, one; 1937, none; 1938 to date, none."

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

1. What mileage of construction or hard-surface of roads was done on Savary Island in 1937?

2. What was the cost of the same?

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

“1. Mileage of construction, none; mileage of hard-surface roads on Savary Island in 1937, 0.41.

“2. Cost of above hard-surface, \$590.96.”

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

1. Was there a Forestry Training Camp located at or near Cowichan Lake at any time since January 1st, 1937?

2. If such a camp existed, during what months did it operate?

3. How many men were situated there as (a) instructors, (b) students, (c) staff, apart from instructors?

4. Who supplied the groceries used at such camp?

5. Who supplied the meat consumed at such camp?

6. Were such groceries and meats supplied on contract?

7. Were tenders called for such supplies of groceries and meats; and, if so, when, and how many tenders were received for (a) groceries, (b) meats?

8. What were the contract prices (if any) for (a) flour, (b) tea, (c) coffee, (d) butter, (e) sugar, (f) beef, (g) pork, (h) mutton?

9. What was the total amount spent on freight and express for delivery of such groceries and meat between January 1st, 1936, and September 30th, 1938?

The Hon. Mr. *Gray* (Minister of Lands) replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.

“2. 1937: June, July, August, September, October. 1938: June, July, August, September, October.

“3. June to October, 1937: (a) 1 (part time); (b) 42; (c) 3. June to October, 1938: (a) 1 (part time); (b) 37; (c) 3.

“4. 1937: A. P. Slade & Co.; W. H. Malkin & Co.; Cowichan Lake Bakery; Gordon Stores, Cowichan Lake; and A. N. Wavell, Cowichan Lake. 1938: Kelly, Douglas & Co.; W. H. Malkin & Co.; Oscar Brown & Co., Vancouver; Northwestern Creamery, Victoria; Gordon Stores, Cowichan Lake; J. Harrow, Cowichan Lake; and George Hill, Duncan.

“5. 1937: Gainers, Ltd., and Swift Canadian Co. 1938: Pacific Meat Co.

“6. No.

“7. No.

“8. No contract prices.

“9. June to October, 1936, \$22.40; June to October, 1937, \$70.05; June to October, 1938, \$90.35. Total, \$182.80.”

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

1. Was the Liquor Store at Terrace razed by fire?

2. If so, when?

3. For how long thereafter was the manager on salary?

4. Did the auditor find a shortage in the accounts at any time?

5. Has the Liquor Store been reopened at Terrace?

6. If it has not been reopened, why has this not been done?

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

“1. Yes.

“2. February 9th, 1938.

“3. One month.

“4. Yes. Adjustment made by Vendor and Board did not suffer any loss.

“5. No.

“6. Under consideration.”

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

What number, if any, deaths occurred in the Provincial Mental Hospitals during each of the latest five years for which records are available in which "pulmonary tuberculosis" was given as the sole or contributing cause?

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

"1933, 15; 1934, 34; 1935, 43; 1936, 49; 1937, 35."

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 5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* presented the Report of the Comptroller-General, 1938-39, pursuant to the provisions of the "Audit Act," chapter 19, R.S.B.C. 1936.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* 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—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1940;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1939; Schedule A. Sums granted to His Majesty to make good certain sums expended for the public service for the period ended 31st March, 1938, and to indemnify the several officers and persons for making such expenditures;

and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 7th, 1938.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. Mr. *Hart* moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pattullo*, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

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

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

1. Has a petition been received asking for a Small Debts Court at Edgewood, B.C.?
2. If so, when was the said petition received?
3. What action has been taken?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. May 30th, 1938.

"3. None. The Department does not consider the establishment of a Small Debts Court in that area necessary."

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

1. Has a Fuel and Petroleum Board been appointed for British Columbia?
2. If so, what is the personnel of that board?
3. What remuneration are they receiving?
4. Have any inspectors or any other classification of employees been appointed under such board?
5. If so, how many?
6. What are their duties and salaries?

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

- " 1. A 'Coal and Petroleum Control Board' has been so appointed.
- " 2. Dr. W. A. Carrothers.
- " 3. \$10,000 per annum.
- " 4. Yes.
- " 5. Eleven.
- " 6. Secretary at \$175 per month; statistician at \$150 per month; temporary assistant at \$125 per month; temporary inspector at \$125 per month; office assistant at \$125 per month; clerk at \$85 per month; one stenographer at \$85 per month; three stenographers at \$65 per month; one temporary stenographer at \$65 per month."

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

1. How many men were employed in the Forestry Relief Project in 1937 at Cultus Lake?
2. What was the total cost of this camp?
3. Were the provisions for this camp purchased locally?

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

- " 1. 216 (during continuation of project, November 1st, 1937, to April 12th, 1938).
- " 2. \$32,366.82.
- " 3. Yes, in part."

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

1. What alphabetical section of the voters' list was used in choosing the juries for the Vancouver Assize in the years 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, and 1938?
2. How many jurors, if any, not drawn on the original panel, were used for each Assize during the said period?
3. Did any juror serve on more than one Assize during the said period; and, if so, on how many occasions did any or either of them so serve?
4. How were any jurors not on the original panel for any Assize, but serving upon the same, appointed?

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

- " 1. Jury list: 1933-34—men, F-G; women, *nil*. 1934-35—men, K-N; women, L-M. 1935-36—men, O-S; women, N-P. 1936-37—men, T-Y; women, R-T. 1937-38—men, A-C; women, U-Y. 1938-39—men, D-G; women, A-B.
- " 2. As many as have been required to replace an average of nine or ten per year, due to the fact that they could not be located, had left the jurisdiction, or had died; or had been excused by the Judge for business reasons.
- " 3. Yes; eight, on two occasions.
- " 4. By order of Judge of the Supreme Court under section 37 of the 'Jury Act.'"

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

1. Is there any Government land still unsold of the Sumas reclaimed area?
2. If so, how many acres?

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

- " 1. Lands in Sumas Reclamation Area vested in the Commissioners of Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District.
- " 2. 3,651.55 acres."

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

1. How many club licences are there at the present time in British Columbia?
2. What are the names and addresses of the same?

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

“ 1. Sixty-nine.

“ 2. Name of club and location as follows: Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 62, Salmon Arm; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 56, Princeton; Cowichan Country Club, Duncan; Uplands Golf Club, Oak Bay; Port Alberni Social Club, Port Alberni; Terminal City Club, Vancouver; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, New Westminster; Pastime Club, New Westminster; Fraternal Order of Eagles' Home, Nanaimo; Kelowna Club, Kelowna; Elks' Club of Trail, Trail; The Railwaymen's Club, Vancouver; The Vancouver Club, Vancouver; Tillicum Athletic Club, Victoria; Victoria Elks' Club, Victoria; Kimberley Elks' Club, Kimberley; Pacific Club, Victoria; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 10, Nanaimo; North Vancouver Club, North Vancouver; Coal Creek Literary and Athletic Association, Coal Creek; North Vancouver Elks' Club, North Vancouver; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 98, Enderby; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 46, Revelstoke; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 35, Armstrong; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 51, Nelson; Stewart Club, Stewart; New Westminster Aerie No. 20, Fraternal Order of Eagles, New Westminster; Victoria Golf Club, Oak Bay; Fernie Club, Fernie; Gorge Vale Golf Club, Esquimalt; Canadian Italian Club, Vancouver; Harrison Hot Springs Golf Club, Harrison Hot Springs; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 25, Vernon; Arctic Club, Limited, Vancouver; Westminster Club, New Westminster; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 36, Fernie; Fraser Valley Rod and Gun Club, New Westminster; Irish Canadian Veterans' Association of Canada, Branch No. 2, Vancouver; Kamloops Elks' Club, Kamloops; British Public Schools Club, Victoria; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 24, Cranbrook; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Bulkley Valley Branch, Smithers; The United Empire Club, Vancouver; Pacific Athletic Club, Vancouver; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 52, Kamloops; The Vernon Club, Vernon; Union Club of British Columbia, Victoria; Royal Colwood Golf Club, Colwood; Canadian Legion British Empire Service League, Branch No. 26, Kelowna; Jericho Country Club, Vancouver; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 69, Duncan; Elks' Home No. 26, Nanaimo; Royal Victoria Golf Club, Oak Bay; Sourdough Club, Limited, Stewart; Quadra Club, Vancouver; Prince Rupert Club, Limited, Prince Rupert; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 60, Courtenay; Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club, Vancouver; Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Vancouver; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1, Vancouver; Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge 888, Vancouver; Olympic Athletic Club, North Vancouver; Marine Drive Golf Club, Vancouver; Peace Portal Golf Club, Douglas, near White Rock; Point Grey Golf and Country Club, Vancouver; Quilchena Golf Club, Limited, Vancouver; Rossland Club, Rossland; North Vancouver Miniature Rifle Association, North Vancouver; British Columbia Golf Club, Limited, Burquitlam.”

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 3.40 p.m.

Monday, November 14th, 1938.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *A. E. Whitehouse*.

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented the Annual Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

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.

Mr. *H. E. Winch* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Guthrie*, as follows:—

To add the following words:—

"And that this House regrets that the Budget Speech of the Hon. the Minister of Finance did not suggest that additional financial aid for municipalities would be provided; and that additional income taxation on excess profits of British Columbia corporations would be levied."

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

Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order as the requisite notice had not been given.

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

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

YEAS—28.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—13.

Messieurs

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

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Telford</i>
<i>Straith</i>	<i>Hunter</i>

On the motion of Mrs. *Steeves*, 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 Medical Inspection of Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1937.

Annual Report of the Administration of the "Mothers' Allowances Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1938.

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

By Mr. Speaker—

Annual Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ended December 31st, 1937.

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

1. What was the total cost of the Tubercular Hospital built in the City of Vancouver by the Government?
2. What items did such cost include?
3. How many beds are there in the said hospital?

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

1. If any, what road construction or repair contracts have been let during the past twelve months?
2. What policy was followed in calling for tenders: (a) Advertising for public tenders; or (b) inviting tenders from selected firms?
3. If the latter, on what basis was the selection made.
4. What was: (a.) The name of each firm tendering? (b.) Amount of tender, with the successful firm indicated in each case?

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

1. What is the total cost to date of the University Townsite Lands, including principal, interest, carrying charges, and all other expenditures in connection therewith?
2. How much has the Government received in payment of rent or otherwise in this area to date?

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

- "1. \$2,818,856.36; on University Endowment Lands.
- "2. \$956,255.59."

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

1. What is the total cost to date of the Creston reclamation scheme, including principal, interest, carrying charges, and all other expenditures in connection therewith?
2. How much has the Government received in payment of rent or otherwise in this area to date?

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

"No Government reclamation project at Creston. Camp Lister Development Area, in the vicinity of Creston, is administered by the Land Settlement Board, and these figures relate thereto:—

- "1. Total cost as at October 31st, 1938, \$1,001,751.
- "2. \$130,850.24."

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

1. Has the Province of Alberta tendered without prejudice 50 per cent. of interest due in payment of the interest on bonds held by the Government?
2. If yes, has the Treasury Department accepted with or without prejudice the 50 per cent.?

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

"1 and 2. The Treasury Department has not accepted the 50 per cent. of interest tendered by the Province of Alberta in payment of the interest on bonds held by the Government."

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

1. What was the gross debt of the Province on October 1st, 1933?
2. What was the gross debt of the Province on October 1st, 1938?
3. What was the net debt of the Province on October 1st, 1933?
4. What was the net debt of the Province on October 1st, 1938?
5. What part of this debt was owed to the Federal Government on October 1st, 1938?
6. What part of this debt was owed to the Canadian Bank of Commerce or any other chartered bank on October 1st, 1938.

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

- "1. Gross debt, November 1st, 1933, \$166,998,595.54.
- "2. Gross debt, October 1st, 1938, \$186,424,198.19.
- "3. Net debt, November 1st, 1933, \$136,818,446.34.
- "4. Net debt, October 1st, 1938, \$149,080,089.07.
- "5. \$34,667,710.55.
- "6. Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$6,190,906.48."

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

1. Was Senator J. W. de B. Farris employed by the Government in any capacity whatever, either in the preparation or presentation of the report made to the Rowell Commission? If so, what?

2. Why was Senator J. W. de B. Farris so engaged?

3. What salary, fees, or emoluments were agreed to be paid to Senator J. W. de B. Farris for such services?

4. Was any number of days specified for such services to be rendered?

5. Was it agreed that any *per diem* fees would be paid for a specified number of days? If so, how many?

6. What sum of the amount agreed upon has been paid?

7. What sum of the amount agreed upon yet remains to be paid?

8. If no amount of salary, fee, or emolument agreed upon, what rate *per diem* has been charged for such services?

9. How much of the said fees has been paid?

10. How much of the said fees yet remain to be paid?

11. Is Senator J. W. de B. Farris still employed by the Government in this work? If so, why?

12. If yes, when will such employment cease?

13. Has Senator J. W. de B. Farris been retained by the Government to appear before the Rowell Commission at its final sittings?

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

"1 to 13. Senator J. W. de B. Farris was retained in connection with the presentation of British Columbia's case to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations. It was thought his services would be of a valuable character. Remuneration has not yet been determined and Senator Farris is still under retention. No payments have yet been made to Senator J. W. de B. Farris."

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

1. What was the total amount in the Sinking Fund of the Province at October 1st, 1937?

2. What was the total amount in the Sinking Fund of the Province at October 1st, 1938?

3. Has any amount been taken from the Sinking Fund between October 1st, 1937, and October 1st, 1938? If so, why, and for what purpose was it used?

4. If any sums have been taken from the Sinking Fund, were these moneys taken from funds against loans for which they were originally named?

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

"1. \$36,018,746.32.

"2. \$37,344,109.12.

"3. Yes; for maturing debenture issues GI and I1; \$500,000.

"4. Yes."

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

1. Did any income tax remain unpaid at December 31st, 1937?

2. If yes, what percentage of the said unpaid income tax is deemed collectable?

3. What action does the Government take with reference to overdue payments?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Approximately 85 per cent.

"3. As provided by statute where necessary."

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

1. In whom is the title of the Fraser River New Westminster Bridge now vested?

2. Who has now control of its operation?

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

"1. The Crown in the right of the Province of British Columbia.

"2. The Railway Department. See chapter 56, 1927."

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

1. What proportion of the cost of maintenance of municipal unemployables is now being borne by the Provincial Relief Department?
2. When was the present agreement entered into with municipalities?

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

"1. Forty per cent. of the cost of assistance granted monthly based on the amount of assistance received immediately prior to transfer. This arrangement does not cover indigents who were a full responsibility of municipalities prior to March 1st, 1938.

"2. Municipalities were notified of the arrangement on August 13th, 1938, payments being retroactive to March 1st, 1938."

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

How many workmen were deported from British Columbia to the United Kingdom and other countries during the years 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938?

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

"No workmen have been deported. The Provincial Government has no power to deport any one; but assistance is being given to persons who were destitute and likely to continue in a destitute condition in this Province and who could show that they would become self-supporting or would receive proper support upon their return to England. The number of persons so assisted is as follows: 1933, *nil*; 1934, 8; 1935, 8; 1936, 28; 1937, 32; 1938, 34."

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

1. Has any (a) hypothecation of anticipated revenue from specific sources, or (b) securities other than treasury notes been given to a bank, or banks, as security for temporary loans?
2. If yes: (a) What security, (b) what bank, and (c) what amount is involved?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. What rate of interest does the Treasury receive upon bank balances standing to the credit of the Province.
2. What rate of interest does the Government now pay upon current (a) Bank loans; (b) Treasury bills; (c) Federal Government loans?

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

"1. $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 per cent.

"2. (a) *See* (b). (b) Treasury bills: To bank (guaranteed by Dominion), $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; to bank (not guaranteed), $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.; to Dominion, 3 per cent. (c) *See* (b)."

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

1. What is the student capacity (a) day, (b) resident, respectively, of the Provincial Deaf and Blind School?
2. What number of (a) deaf, (b) blind students are now attending the Deaf and Blind School as day or resident pupils?
3. What is the known number of (a) deaf, (b) blind children of school age in the Province who, by reason of their infirmity, would be eligible for admission to the above school?

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

"1. (a) Day pupils: The total capacity for day pupils is contingent upon available space in the individual class-rooms. Roughly, the total capacity would represent the difference between a total enrolment of 90 or 95 and the number of children in residence. (b) Resident pupils, 54 (17 girls, 37 boys).

"2. (a) Deaf pupils, 66; (b) blind and with partial sight, 19.

"3. Applicants awaiting admission: Deaf, 10; blind and with partial sight, 5. Cases reported by teachers, school nurses, welfare visitors, and the like: Deaf, 16; blind and with partial sight, 36."

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

1. What amount of money has been collected from the gasoline tax from March 1st, 1937, to February 28th, 1938?
2. What amount of money has been collected from motor-car licences from March 1st, 1937, to February 28th, 1938?
3. What amount of money has been collected from motor-truck licences from March 1st, 1937, to February 28th, 1938?
4. What amount of money has been collected from drivers' licences from March 1st, 1937, to February 28th, 1938.

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

- "1. \$3,108,551.65.
- "2. Passenger motor-vehicles, \$1,819,668.57.
- "3. Commercial motor-vehicles, \$629,881.26.
- "4. \$151,229."

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

1. Was any amount refunded during the year 1938 of the 1-per-cent. tax?
2. If yes, how much?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. \$1,094,647.32."

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

1. Was any money borrowed by the Province between July 1st, 1937, and October 1st, 1938?
2. If yes, from whom was the money borrowed, and for what purposes, and what amount at present remains unexpended?
3. What is the rate of interest on each loan?
4. When are the loans repayable?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. From the Canadian Bank of Commerce for Pacific Great Eastern Railway construction, \$125,000; unexpended at November 9th, 1938, *nil*. From the Dominion Government for unemployment relief purposes, \$2,000,000; unexpended at November 9th, 1938, *nil*. From the Superannuation Fund Account for Public Works, \$500,000; unexpended at November 9th, 1938, \$342,365.90.

"3. Rate of interest on borrowings from Canadian Bank of Commerce, 3¼ per cent. (as amended); from Dominion Government, 3 per cent.; from Superannuation Fund Account, 3 per cent.

"4. Loans repayable to: The Canadian Bank of Commerce, on demand; Dominion Government, one year from date of issue; Superannuation Fund Account, on demand."

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

1. Are any amounts still available for borrowing purposes under the various Loan Acts, with particulars, as at February 28th, 1938?
2. If so, how much?

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

"1 and 2. Borrowing-powers available under various Loan Acts, at February 28th, 1938, were as follows: 'Loan Act, 1925,' \$63,213.50; 'Loan Act, 1927,' \$20,000; 'P.G.E. Construction Loan Act, 1928,' \$2,259,000; 'Loan Act, 1930,' \$73,590; 'Loan Act, 1932,' \$582,000; 'Loan Act, 1933,' \$2,795,000; 'Loan Act, 1935,' \$3,000,000; 'Loan Act, 1936,' \$2,042,300; total, \$10,835,103.50. 'Revenue Act,' R.S.B.C. 1936, contingent upon requirements. 'Unemployment Relief Act,' R.S.B.C. 1936, contingent upon requirements for loans from Dominion for relief purposes."

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

1. How often are the school-children medically examined in schools under Provincial Government control?
2. How are the doctors who perform this examination appointed?
3. What is their remuneration?
4. What supervision is there over doctors to ascertain whether a thorough and efficient job is done in the matter of the medical examination of school-children?
5. Is there any follow-up examination or treatment in cases where the examination reveals some serious defect?
6. If yes, how often are subsequent examinations given, and in which cases are treatments given?

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

"1. Under 'Public Schools Act,' R.S.B.C. 1936, at least once in each school-year or oftener if required by the Board of School Trustees.

"2. Appointment made by city and municipal school boards for their areas; in unorganized territories, by the Provincial Board of Health.

"3. Remuneration in cities and municipalities as agreed between governing bodies and the doctor; in unorganized territories an allowance is made of 50 cents per pupil and mileage of 25 cents a mile, one way.

"4. All doctors make a full report of their work, which report is used as a basis of consultation, if necessary.

"5. Any defects discovered are referred to the parents by the examining physician, with the suggestion that they consult their family physician.

"6. Where Public Health Nurses are employed, subsequent examinations are carried out to check up as to whether cases have been attended to by parents."

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

1. What is the total number of patients who have received treatment at Provincial clinics for V.D.?
2. What is the actual or average monthly number of patients receiving treatment at the Vancouver clinic?
3. What is the number of children now receiving such treatment?

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

"1. Total number of patients receiving treatment from May, 1937, to September, 1938, was 4,996.

"2. The actual number of patients receiving treatment at the Vancouver clinic from June, 1937, to September, 1938, was as follows:—1937: June, 1,201; July, 1,189; August, 1,213; September, 1,187; October, 1,296; November, 1,330; December, 1,340. 1938: January, 1,389; February, 1,611; March, 1,600; April, 1,517; May, 1,458; June, 1,486; July, 1,470; August, 1,528; September, 1,545.

"3. The number of children, 20 years and under, receiving treatment for syphilis and gonorrhœa at Provincial clinics at September 30th, 1938, is 164."

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

1. Is exclusion from the schools of children suffering from infectious diseases strictly enforced in unorganized districts?
2. If yes, by what method is it enforced?

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

"1. The local Medical Health Officer reports to the Provincial Board of Health the existence of an infectious disease and takes such measures as are necessary to handle the case. A pupil suffering from infectious disease is excluded from the school. The local Medical Health Officer is responsible for the oversight of the case.

"2. The local Medical Health Officer has full power to enforce the rules and regulations in regard to infectious disease."

Mrs. *Steeves* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines and Minister of Trade and Industry the following questions:—

1. Were Government advertisements, relative to the Department of Mines and the Department of Trade and Industry, placed in "The Review," North Vancouver, of Friday, October 28th, 1938?

2. If yes, what price was paid for these advertisements?

3. Is "The Review" the only weekly newspaper being published in North Vancouver City and District?

4. Were these advertisements placed in other weekly newspapers in the Province?

5. If yes, in which papers?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Department of Trade and Industry, \$4; Department of Mines, \$3.50.

"3. No.

"4. Yes.

"5. Department of Mines advertisement appeared in the following papers: Arrow Lakes News, Nakusp, B.C.; Bridge River-Lillooet News, Lillooet, B.C.; Cariboo Observer, Quesnel, B.C.; Cranbrook Courier, Cranbrook, B.C.; Creston Review, Creston, B.C.; Interior News, Smithers, B.C.; Kamloops Sentinel, Kamloops, B.C.; Kimberley News, Kimberley, B.C.; Kaslo Kootenaian, Kaslo, B.C.; Merritt Herald, Merritt, B.C.; Nechako Chronicle, Vanderhoof, B.C.; Northern Argonaut, Stewart, B.C.; Omineca Herald, New Hazelton, B.C.; Penticton Herald, Penticton, B.C.; Western Canada Mining News, Vancouver, B.C.; North Vancouver Review, North Vancouver, B.C.; Prince George Citizen, Prince George, B.C.; Prince Rupert News, Prince Rupert, B.C.; Revelstoke Review, Revelstoke, B.C.; Rossland Miner, Rossland, B.C.; South Kootenay News, Salmo, B.C.; Stewart News, Stewart, B.C.; Silver Standard, Nakusp, B.C.; Vernon News, Vernon, B.C.; West Coast Advocate, Port Alberni, B.C.; Williams Lake Tribune, Williams Lake, B.C.; Zeballos Miner, Zeballos, B.C. Department of Trade and Industry advertisement appeared in the following weekly papers: Abbotsford, Sumas, and Matsqui News, Abbotsford, B.C.; Armstrong Advertiser, Armstrong, B.C.; Cranbrook Courier, Cranbrook, B.C.; Surrey Leader, Cloverdale, B.C.; Comox District Free Press, Courtenay, B.C.; Fernie Free Press, Fernie, B.C.; Golden Star, Golden, B.C.; Kaslo Kootenaian, Kaslo, B.C.; Omineca Herald, New Hazelton, B.C.; Kimberley News, Kimberley, B.C.; Ladysmith Chronicle, Ladysmith, B.C.; Merritt Herald, Merritt, B.C.; The Review, North Vancouver, B.C.; Powell River News, Powell River, B.C.; West Coast Advocate, Port Alberni, B.C.; Penticton Herald, Penticton, B.C.; Maple Ridge Leader, Port Haney, B.C.; Cariboo Observer, Quesnel, B.C.; Rossland Miner, Rossland, B.C.; Northern Argonaut, Stewart, B.C.; South Kootenay News, Salmo, B.C.; Vernon News, Vernon, B.C.; West End Gazette, West Vancouver, B.C.; West Vancouver News, West Vancouver, B.C.; Cariboo News, Williams Lake, B.C.; Salmon Arm Observer, Salmon Arm, B.C.; Western Canada Mining News, Vancouver, B.C.; Ashcroft Journal, Ashcroft, B.C.; Burnaby Advertiser, Burnaby, B.C.; Creston Review, Creston, B.C.; Comox Argus, Courtenay, B.C.; Peace River Block News, Dawson Creek, B.C.; Grand Forks Sun, Grand Forks, B.C.; Kamloops Sentinel, Kamloops, B.C.; Kelowna Courier, Kelowna, B.C.; Daily-Ad News, Trail, B.C.; Bridge River-Lillooet News, Lillooet, B.C.; Langley Advance, Langley, B.C.; Arrow Lakes News, Nakusp, B.C.; Oliver Echo, Oliver, B.C.; Town Crier, Powell River, B.C.; Prince George Citizen, Prince George, B.C.; Port Coquitlam Herald, Port Coquitlam, B.C.; Port Moody Advance, Port Moody, B.C.; Revelstoke Review, Revelstoke, B.C.; Interior News, Smithers, B.C.; Stewart News, Stewart, B.C.; Nechako Chronicle, Vanderhoof, B.C.; Producer-Consumer, Vancouver, B.C.; Kitsilano Times, Vancouver, B.C.; Williams Lake Tribune, Williams Lake, B.C.; Cowichan Leader, Duncan, B.C.; Zeballos Miner, Zeballos, B.C.; Similkameen Star, Princeton, B.C.; Wells Chronicle, Wells, B.C."

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 6 p.m.