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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA
SESSION 1931

Wednesday, February 11th, 1931.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

This being the first day of the third meeting of the Seventeenth Parliament or Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable ROBERT RANDOLPH BRUCE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, dated the 21st day of January, 1931,

HIS HONOUR ROBERT RANDOLPH BRUCE, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took his seat on the Throne.

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

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to announce that His Honour does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. His Honour hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, his reasons for calling you together.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. Mr. *S. F. Tolmie*, Premier, member for Saanich Electoral District, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, seconded by Mr. *Pattullo*, member for Prince Rupert Electoral District, that *Cyril Francis Davie*, Esquire, member for Cowichan-Newcastle Electoral District, do take the Speaker's chair, and preside over the meeting of this Assembly, and it was so *Resolved*.

William H. Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the House, having declared *Cyril Francis Davie*, Esquire, duly elected, he was then taken out of his place by the mover and seconder, and conducted to the chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the chair, and the mace was laid upon the table.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor again entered the House, and taking his seat on the Throne, the Speaker-elect then spoke to the following effect:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me,

the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. Mr. *Howe* then said:—

MR. SPEAKER:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all seasonable occasions, and their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the Third Session of the Seventeenth Parliament of British Columbia. In so doing, I think it fitting that I should express my personal regret, and that of the people of the Province, at the departure of the Right Honourable the Viscount Willingdon. Throughout his occupancy of the high office of Governor-General, both His Excellency and the Viscountess Willingdon endeared themselves to the hearts of our people by their unfailing courtesy and earnest efforts to promote the welfare of the country. I feel sure that our best wishes will accompany him to the new and important position in the councils of the Empire which he has been called upon to fill.

Since you last met, Mr. F. A. Pauline has retired from the position of Agent-General in London, and his place has been taken by Mr. F. P. Burden, former Minister of Lands. Mr. Pauline rendered valuable service to the Province during his term of office, and I am confident that the knowledge of our lands and resources acquired by Mr. Burden will prove serviceable in continuing the advancement of our interests in the British Isles.

The Imperial Conference in London was an important gathering affecting all parts of the Empire. The subsequent meeting of representatives of Australia and the representatives of Canada at Ottawa will, I hope, lead to closer trade relations beneficial to both Dominions.

A conference of representatives from all Governments within the Empire is to be held at Ottawa this year—the first meeting of its kind to be held outside the Motherland. This is a distinct recognition of Canada's importance within the Empire, a recognition which we all deeply appreciate.

Our Province has suffered as a result of world-wide business depression, but even under these conditions our production in agriculture, mining, and fishing has shown outstanding increase, though owing to lower prices the financial returns have been reduced. In forestry products congested markets have been followed by decreased output.

Unemployment problems, naturally expected under such world-wide business conditions, were anticipated by my Government and provision made for an active and extensive policy of road construction and reconstruction. This has not only brought needed relief; it has also resulted in a great improvement to our roads which had become a pressing necessity in order to accommodate our vastly increasing motor traffic. The better condition of our roads will not only contribute to the comfort and safety of our own people, but will prove an invaluable attraction to our rapidly growing tourist trade.

My Government deeply appreciates the cordial co-operation of the Dominion in dealing with the general unemployment situation.

The transfer of the Railway Belt lands and the Peace River Block from the Dominion to the Province has now been completed, and these areas are being administered by the Provincial departments. My Government, in co-operation with the two transcontinental railways, has completed the resources survey of the Pacific Great Eastern subsidy lands and the Peace River

Block. The completion of these reports has enabled my Government to proceed with the negotiations for the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern into the Peace River District.

Since the last Session my Government has been successful in its efforts to dispose of Provincial lands in the Sumas area, where extensive sales have been made.

The policy of market extension inaugurated by my Government has been steadily pursued with beneficial results to our producers.

The Commissioner appointed to investigate conditions in the fruit industry in the interior of the Province has presented his report, which will be submitted for your consideration.

My Government has taken over from the municipalities the care and control of arterial highways. This should result in a better co-ordination of our Provincial road system.

My Government, through the Premier, has conducted negotiations with the Dominion for the establishment of a quinquennial census similar to that obtaining in the Prairie Provinces. It is provisionally understood that this request will be granted and will be put into effect following the Dominion census of the present year. With the rapid increase in population that we may expect, this should have an advantageous effect in the adjustment of our subsidies.

Last summer my Government, through the Bureau of Information, organized a party which made a motor caravan journey from Vancouver to Hazelton, and which included many distinguished guests from the neighbouring Republic. As a result the possibilities and attractions of the Province have received a publicity which must redound to the benefit of our people because of a wider knowledge of our resources, and a great increase in our tourist trade.

Hydro-electric development during the past year has been eminently satisfactory. With our abundance of raw material for the manufacturer, this constantly extending use of water-power is encouraging as a sign of the faith of the investors in the possibilities of the Province.

Among matters submitted for your consideration will be Bills to provide for:—

Amendments of the "Bills of Sale Act" and the "Conditional Sales Act" to centralize registrations of liens on motor-vehicles.

Consolidation and revision of the "Stock-brands Act."

Consolidation and revision of the "Boiler Inspection Act."

"Threshers' Lien Act." (*New.*)

"Coal Sales Act." (*New.*)

The reports of the various departments of my Government will be laid before you.

The Public Accounts and the Estimates for the year will be submitted for your consideration.

In leaving you to your deliberations, may I say that in this Province, so richly blessed with the means of supplying all human needs, with a leadership in *per capita* wealth already established, with a virile population to maintain that leadership, it needs only wise management and firm resolve to ensure prosperity and happiness for all our people. Feeling as I do the importance of the responsibilities that rest upon you, I leave you in perfect confidence that a benign Providence will inspire and guide you in your labours.

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

Prayers by the Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott.

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 election of members to represent the respective Electoral Districts of North Okanagan, North Vancouver, Fort George, and The Islands at the recent by-elections were read as follows:—

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

February 10th, 1931.

"Whereas vacancies occurred in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the resignation of the members thereof for the North Okanagan, North Vancouver, Fort George, and The Islands Electoral Districts; and

"Whereas it was necessary to hold elections to fill the vacancies caused thereby, and for such purpose writs dated May 19th, 1930; October 21st, 1930; November 28th, 1930; and January 15th, 1931, respectively, were duly issued:

"Now I do hereby certify that from the returns received it appears that the electors have chosen the undermentioned as representatives in the Legislative Assembly of the districts aforesaid, namely:—

" NORTH OKANAGAN.....	George Heggie.
NORTH VANCOUVER.....	Jack Loutet.
FORT GEORGE.....	Roy Walter Alward.
THE ISLANDS.....	MacGregor Fullarton Macintosh.

" P. WALKER,

" *Deputy Provincial Secretary.*

" *To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*"

George Heggie, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. Mr. *Jones*, and took his seat.

Jack Loutet, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, and took his seat.

Roy Walter Alward, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. Mr. *Lougheed*, and took his seat.

MacGregor Fullarton Macintosh, Esquire, having been duly sworn, was introduced by the Hon. the Premier and the Hon. Mr. *Howe*, and took his seat.

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

That the Certificate of the Deputy Provincial Secretary of the result of the election of members be entered upon the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, Bill (No. 1) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Execution 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. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Jones*, it was *Resolved*,—

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

Ordered, 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. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, 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. *Lister*, *Cornett*, *Beatty*, *MacPherson*, and *Wrinch*.

The following papers were presented:—

By the Hon. the Premier—

Report of Commissioner under the "Departmental Inquiries Act" *re* Norman Watt.

By the Hon. the Provincial Secretary—

Annual Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the Year ended June 30th, 1930.

Annual Report of the Provincial Museum of Natural History for the Year 1929.

Annual Report of Vital Statistics for the Year 1929.

Annual Report of the Provincial Industrial School for Boys for the Year ended March 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Civil Service Commissioner for the Year ended March 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Business done in pursuance of the "Superannuation Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

Annual Report *re* "Teachers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended March 31st, 1930.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General—

Annual Report of the Liquor Control Board for the Period April 1st, 1929, to March 31st, 1930.

Balance-sheet of the Liquor Control Board as at September 30th, 1930.

Annual Report of the Provincial Game Warden for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Municipalities for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Mothers' Pensions Board on the Administration of the "Mothers' Pensions Act" for the Year ended September 30th, 1930.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Industrial School for Girls for the Year ended March 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Official Guardian for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Fire Marshal for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

Annual Report of the Oakalla Prison Farm for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

By the Hon. the Minister of Lands—

Return of Timber Licences reinstated by Order in Council under Section 42 of the "Forest Act."

Return of Lands exchanged under Chapter 14 of Statutes of British Columbia, 1926-27, being "Townsite Crown Lands Exchange Act."

Return of Alienations in Indian Reserves under Section 92 (2), R.S.B.C. 1924, Chapter 131.

By the Hon. the Minister of Finance—

Public Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1930.

By the Hon. the Minister of Education—

Annual Report of the Public Schools for the Year ended June 30th, 1930.

By the Hon. the Minister of Railways—

Annual Report of the Department of Railways for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

By the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture—

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the Year 1930.

By the Hon. the Minister of Public Works—

Annual Report of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works for the Year ended March 31st, 1930.

By the Hon. the Minister of Mines—

Annual Report of the Hon. the Minister of Mines for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

Preliminary Review and Summary of Mining Operations for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

By the Hon. the Minister of Labour—

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the Year ended December 31st, 1929.

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

And then the House adjourned at 4 p.m.

Thursday, February 12th, 1931.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Father A. W. B. Wood.

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. *Heggie* (North Okanagan) moved, seconded by Mr. *Loutet* (North Vancouver),—

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

“We, His Majesty's most dutiful and most 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, which was, on the motion of Mr. *Pattullo*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Hinchliffe* presented the Report of the Committee appointed to administer the “Education of Soldiers' Dependent Children Act.”

To lie upon the table.

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.

Friday, February 13th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. P. C. Hayman.

Mr. *Cornett* presented a petition from the Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending “The Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, 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.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—
That *Harold Despard Twigg*, fourth member for Victoria City Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker of this Legislative Assembly.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 13th, 1931.

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 'Bills of Sale Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 13th, 1931.

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. 3) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Conditional Sales Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 13th, 1931.

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 amend the 'Attachment of Debts Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 13th, 1931.

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. 6) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Police and Prisons Regulation Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 13th, 1931.

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. 8) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Motor-vehicle 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. *Lougheed* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the Boundary between the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta," and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 13th, 1931.

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. 7) intituled "An Act respecting the Boundary between the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta," 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. *Atkinson* presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 13th, 1931.

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. 5) intituled "An Act to consolidate and 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 Hon. Mr. *McKenzie* presented a Return pursuant to section 10, chapter 165, R.S.B.C. 1924, "Iron-ore Supply Act."

The Hon. Mr. *Tolmie* presented a report on the employment possibilities associated with the development of the natural resources of the Province.

To lie upon the table.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Monday, February 16th, 1931.

THREE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. W. G. Wilson.

The petition from the Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending "The Ladner Bridge Company, Limited, Act," and for other powers, 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. Pearson, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
February 16th, 1931.*

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

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Resolved, That the Committee rise and report to the House, recommending the introduction of a Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Game 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. Maitland presented to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, which read as follows:—

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
February 13th, 1931.*

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

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

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

R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

Government House,
February 13th, 1931.

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

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

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Loughced*—Bill (No. 11) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Lillooet Water Commissioner's Appointment Act, 1902.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Assignment of Book Accounts Act.'"

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*—Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the Removal of Disqualifications on Account of Sex."

Mr. *Pattullo* moved, seconded by Mr. *A. M. Manson*,—

That a Return be made to this House of all correspondence between the Prime Minister of British Columbia, or any member of the Government of British Columbia, or any official of any department of the Government of British Columbia, and any member of the British Cabinet, or departmental officer, relating to the resources of British Columbia and the possibilities of their development, reference to which was made in the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on Tuesday, January 28th, 1930.

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

The Hon. Mr. *Atkinson* presented Report (Part II.) of the Royal Commission investigating the "Fruit Industry Act" by W. Sanford Evans, Commissioner.

To lie upon the table.

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

1. What amount has Dr. W. H. Gaddes received as salary or emoluments since first entering the service of the Government?
2. What have been the expenses of his office, including salaries, travelling expenses, and other outlay?

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

"1. As Commissioner appointed by Order in Council under the 'Public Inquiries Act,' November 21st, 1928: Salary, \$7,638.86; expenses, \$8,063.09; total, \$15,701.95. As Colonization Commissioner and Chairman of the Land Settlement Board up to January 31st, 1931: Salary (to January 31st), \$4,666.60; expenses (to January 31st), \$3,575.58; total, \$8,242.18.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. How many pupils have received instruction in high-school subjects by correspondence since such instruction was first offered by the Department?
2. When was such instruction first offered?
3. How many persons were employed giving such instruction?
4. How many persons are employed giving such instruction at present?

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

- "1. 1,023 to date.
- "2. September 1st, 1929.
- "3. During the school-year 1929-30 there were employed four full-time instructors on salary; six part-time instructors paid according to number of papers examined.
- "4. Four full-time instructors and seven part-time."

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

1. What is the maximum number of pupils under the charge of one teacher in any ungraded school?
2. In which of such schools has any one teacher over thirty pupils in his or her charge?

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

- "1. Under the provisions of the 'Public Schools Act,' a second teacher may be engaged when the enrolment exceeds thirty-five.
- "2. Each of the following schools under the charge of one teacher had over thirty pupils in attendance in January, 1931: Bamfield (31), Benvoulin (53), Blubber Bay (34), Brilliant, Division 1 (33), Brilliant, Division 4 (35), Camp Lister (33), Deep Creek (33), Denman Island (32), Eagle Valley (31), Glenora (33), Great Central (33), Harrop (32), Hosmer (36), Kaleden (32), Little Fort (31), Okanagan Falls (38), Outlook (31), Pass Creek (35), Sahtlam (32), Slocan Park (33), Taghum (31), Telegraph Creek (31, December), Valdes Island (32), Walthachin (34), Waterloo (33), Westwold (33), Willow Point (36), Willow River (35)."

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

1. Has any arrangement been entered into to purchase new carpet for the Legislative Chamber?
2. If so, what price has been paid, or will be paid?
3. If so, were tenders called for the purchase of this carpet?
4. If tenders were called, what were the amounts and the tenderers' names?
5. If so, were tenders opened in public?

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

- "1. Yes; through Provincial Purchasing Agent.
- "2. \$3,150, including removal of old carpet, supplying and laying new underfelt and new carpet. (NOTE.—Old carpet salvaged and used as far as possible.)
- "3. No. Carpet required was of special Canadian manufacture.
- "4 and 5. See answer to No. 3."

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

1. Is W. Sanford Evans employed in any capacity by the Government?
2. If so, in what capacity?
3. How much has he been paid to date?
4. Has he been paid in full?
5. What are total expenses of his duties exclusive of his own fee?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. W. Sanford Evans was appointed a Commissioner under the 'Public Inquiries Act' by Order in Council, August 26th, 1929.
- "3. Remuneration, \$12,730; personal expenses, \$2,024.45.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Exclusive of remuneration, \$15,571.84, inclusive of his personal expenses; total cost of Commission, \$28,301.84."

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

1. Has the rate on fruit from Okanagan points to Vancouver for export from the latter port been lowered by the railways concerned?
2. If so, to what extent?
3. If so, do such lowered rates apply to the port of Victoria?
4. Has the rate on fruit for domestic consumption been lowered to the aforementioned points?
5. If so, to what extent?
6. What fruits are affected by such new rates, if any?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. It has been lowered from 40 cents to 34½ cents per 100 lb. in car-lots, inclusive of handling charges at port of export.

"3. Victoria had not an export rate previously, but with the coming of the 34½-cent rate has received a 38-cent rate for export.

"4. No.

"5. Answered by No. 4.

"6. Apples and pears."

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

What amounts were collected in motor-licence fees: (a) For the year 1929? (b) For the year 1930?

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

"(a) 1929, \$2,097,598.21; (b) 1930, \$2,174,596.89."

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 4.47 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *G. C. F. Pringle*.

Mr. *Kirk* 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," 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.

Mr. *Pearson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *MacPherson*,—

To strike out all the words after "His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor," and insert the following:—

"This House disapproves of the improvident expenditures of public moneys by the Government and the pronounced curtailment of public expenditures, particularly at this period when the Province should be in a position to adequately and fully meet the demands of present conditions."

The debate continued.

Question proposed—"Shall the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question?"

Resolved in the affirmative on the following division:—

YEAS—31.

Messieurs

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

NAYS—10.

Messieurs

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

PAIRS :

Messieurs

Lister

Gray

Debate resumed on the main motion.

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

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Pooley*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Railways shall consist of six members, as follows:
Messrs. *Spencer, Alward, Carson, Loutet, Sutherland, and Buckham*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Atkinson*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture shall consist of eleven members, as follows: Messrs. *Lister, Heggie, Carson, Berry, Mackenzie, Michell, Kingston, Wrinch, MacPherson, Gillis, and A. M. Manson*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McKenzie*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills shall consist of nine members, as follows: Messrs. *Kirk, Twigg, Spencer, Loutet, Cornett, Macintosh, A. M. Manson, Hanna, and Kergin*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Lougheed*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Mining shall consist of nine members, as follows:
Messrs. *Borden, Schofield, Kingston, Lister, Fitzsimmons, Uphill, Gillis, Kergin, and Wrinch*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Maitland*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters shall consist of eight members, as follows: Messrs. *Hayward, Spencer, Berry, Alward, Heggie, Gray, Hanna, and Gillis*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Jones*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Fisheries shall consist of nine members, as follows:
Messrs. *Spencer, Mackenzie, MacNaughton, M. Manson, Macintosh, Carson, Hanna, Wrinch, and Pearson*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Jones*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Printing shall consist of four members, as follows:
Messrs. *Cornett, Dick, Schofield, and Gillis*.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Howe*, it was *Resolved*,—
That the Select Standing Committee on Forestry shall consist of six members, as follows:
Messrs. *MacNaughton, M. Manson, Fitzsimmons, Spencer, Kergin, and Gray*.

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

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of twelve members, as follows: Messrs. *Twigg*, *Beatty*, *Loutet*, *Rutledge*, *Kirk*, *Fitzsimmons*, *Cornett*, *M. Manson*, *Sutherland*, *Pearson*, *A. M. Manson*, and *Pattullo*.

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

Return pursuant to section 43, "Revenue Act."

Return pursuant to section 124A, "Taxation Act."

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

1. Has the loan of \$60,000 by the Land Settlement Board to the Lister Waterworks District, reported incomplete by the Minister in this House on February 5th, 1930, yet been completed?
2. If so, what terms of repayment have been arranged?
3. What interest does this loan bear?
4. What security does the Board hold?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Twenty-year loan with provision to retire debentures from time to time as funds available.
- "3. 6 per cent.
- "4. Debentures of the Lister Waterworks District."

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

1. Has one Arthur Shotbolt been employed by the Department of Agriculture? If so, in what capacity?
2. Is this the same Arthur Shotbolt who was previously in the employ of the Government?
3. Was said Arthur Shotbolt previously discharged; and, if so, for what reason?

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

- "1. Yes. Fruit Display Specialist.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. See Votes and Proceedings, November 12th, 1925."

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

1. Have any well-drilling operations been carried on by the Government, or by governmental direction?
2. If so, where, and upon whose property?
3. How much have operations cost in each case?
4. Has any provision been made for repayment to the Government of moneys expended? If so, what?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Pine View District, Prince George, on public property.
- "3. \$891.04.
- "4. This was a Land Settlement Board well drilled for test purposes and no repayment for moneys expended is possible."

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

1. How much money has been borrowed on account of Pacific Great Eastern Railway since August 20th, 1928, giving particulars for each year?
2. How much of amounts borrowed was applied to deficits, and how much to new construction, not including maintenance?

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

- "1. 1928, *nil*; 1929, \$475,000; 1930, \$526,000; 1931, \$20,000 to date.
- "2. 1929: \$56,000 for deficits; \$80,000 for Corporation of District of West Vancouver; \$339,000 on Capital Account. 1930: Figures not available; accounts for year not yet closed."

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 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18th, 1931.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. Canon A. P. Chadwick.

Mr. Speaker presented the Report of the Provincial Library and Archives for the Year ended December 31st, 1930.

The petition of the City of Vancouver for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921," and for other powers, 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.

Mr. *Hanna* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Buckham*,—

That on the motion of the honourable member for North Okanagan, seconded by the honourable member for North Vancouver, in reply to the Address of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the following words be added:—

"This House records its disapproval of the action of the Government in granting exclusive franchise for the operation of public vehicles on public highways of the Province as being contrary to sound public policy, and notes that the action of the Government in so doing is in direct contravention of the undertaking of the Minister of Public Works given to this House at its Session of 1930."

Mr. Speaker stated that he had grave doubts as to the motion being in order, and reserved his decision.

Debate resumed on the main motion.

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

Mr. *Wrinch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kergin*,—

That a copy of the reports of the resources survey of the Pacific Great Eastern subsidy lands and the Peace River Block, referred to in the address of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor under date of February 11th, 1931, be tabled in this House forthwith.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. *Pooley* (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. *Tolmie*), adjourned to the next sitting.

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

That the Public Accounts for the fiscal year 1929-30 be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. A. M. *Manson* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Is one Captain Cox in the employ of the Department, or any other department, or was he so employed in July, 1930?
2. If so, in what capacity?
3. What were or are his duties?
4. What salary or emolument does he or did he receive?
5. Was he, for any reason, given leave of absence from his duties if employed for any length of time immediately prior to July 28th, 1930?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1.

"3. Answered by No. 1.

"4. Answered by No. 1.

"5. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Was a letter, together with a copy of the "Unemployment Relief Act, 1930," and regulations pursuant thereto, addressed to the clerk of every municipality, inviting the Council of each municipality to submit proposals to the Department as to the public works and undertakings to be carried out by the municipality under the terms of the said Act and regulations?

2. If so, what was the date of the letter?

3. Were any stipulations made, either at the time the letter was sent out or subsequently, with regard to the use of machinery or the purchase of materials; and, if so, what stipulations were made, and when were they made?

4. How many municipalities have entered into an agreement or into agreements with the Provincial Government under the terms of the said Act, and what is the total value of public works and undertakings provided for by such agreements?

5. What proportion of the said total cost is payable by the Dominion Government, the Provincial Government, and the municipalities, respectively?

6. What are the amounts payable jointly by the Province and the Dominion to each individual municipality under such agreement, and is the amount payable jointly by the Province and the Dominion to each municipality 50 per cent. of the total cost of the works in each case?

7. What is the total value of public works and undertakings authorized to be carried out by the Province under the terms of the "Unemployment Relief Act, 1930"?

8. What is the Dominion Government's total contribution payable in respect to such works and undertakings?

9. What is the total amount which has been allocated for such works and undertakings to be carried out by the Province in each electoral district, respectively?

10. What is the total number of individuals who had been afforded employment under the "Unemployment Relief Act, 1930," as at January 31st, 1931: (a) in organized territory; (b) in unorganized territory?

11. What is the total number of man-days' employment so afforded?

12. What is the average number of days' employment per individual so afforded?

13. What arrangements are in force for the inspection by the Province of works carried out by the municipalities?

14. What has been the policy with regard to wages paid for work carried out under the terms of the "Unemployment Relief Act, 1930"?

15. Has any contribution been authorized from the relief funds towards the cost of materials forming an integral part of the completed works: (a) in organized territory; (b) in unorganized territory?

16. If not, why not?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. October 3rd, 1930.

"3. Yes; the following night lettergram was sent to municipalities on October 15th, 1930: 'Government contribution to unemployment relief is primarily for payment of wages stop only applicable to approved purchase of materials which are not an integral part of the completed work stop power shovel work and major bridge construction not subject to contribution stop proposals already made to be amended by wire if possible. ends.' District Engineers were similarly advised in connection with work carried out by the Department.

"4. Sixty-three; \$1,868,196.

"5. Payable by Dominion Government, \$467,049; payable by Provincial Government, \$467,049; payable by municipalities, \$934,098.

"6. Alberni City, \$4,500; Armstrong City, \$1,250; Burnaby, \$69,000; Burns Lake Village, \$800; Chilliwack City, \$1,400; Chilliwack, \$2,000; Coquitlam, \$9,500; Courtenay City, \$1,600; Cranbrook City, \$7,000; Cumberland City, \$807; Delta, \$2,000; Duncan City, \$3,500; Fernie City, \$11,000; Gibsons Landing Village, \$500; Glenmore Village, \$500; Grand Forks City, \$5,000; Kamloops City, \$13,000; Kaslo City, \$5,000; Kelowna City, \$11,000; Kent, \$5,500; Ladysmith City, \$1,500; Langley, \$8,500; Maple Ridge, \$14,000; Matsqui, \$4,000; Merritt City, \$7,500; Mission, \$5,000; Mission Village, \$2,000; Nanaimo City, \$22,500; Nelson City, \$8,316; New Denver Village, \$900; New Westminster City, \$45,000; North Cowichan, \$3,750; North Vancouver City, \$27,000; North Vancouver, \$11,000; Oak Bay, \$3,400; Peachland, \$600; Penticton, \$2,250;

Pitt Meadows, \$1,500; Port Alberni City, \$5,500; Port Coquitlam City, \$2,000; Port Moody City, \$3,750; Prince George City, \$10,000; Prince Rupert City, \$16,250; Quesnel Village, \$1,700; Revelstoke City, \$11,000; Richmond, \$17,200; Saanich, \$15,000; Salmon Arm City, \$7,500; Salmon Arm, \$3,750; Silverton Village, \$100; Slocan City, \$1,000; Smithers Village, \$1,000; Spallumcheen, \$2,125; Sumas, \$2,000; Summerland, \$5,000; Surrey, \$10,000; Terrace Village, \$700; Vancouver City, \$440,200; Vanderhoof Village, \$750; Vernon City, \$4,000; Victoria City, \$42,000; West Vancouver, \$6,500; Williams Lake Village, \$1,500; total, \$934,098. The amount payable by the Province and the Dominion to each municipality is 50 per cent. of the total cost of works in each case.

"7. \$797,919, exclusive of work provided for as in answer to question No. 4.

"8. \$397,459.50.

"9. Alberni, \$27,500; Comox, \$30,000; Cowichan-Newcastle, \$22,000; Esquimalt, \$38,169; Islands, \$20,000; Nanaimo, \$10,000; Mackenzie, \$30,000; Victoria, \$750; Burnaby, \$50,000; Chilliwack, \$1,000; Dewdney, \$5,500; New Westminster, \$600; Richmond-Point Grey, \$55,000; Kamloops, \$28,000; Salmon Arm, \$26,500; Yale, \$23,000; Grand Forks-Greenwood, \$21,000; North Okanagan, \$20,000; South Okanagan, \$16,500; Similkameen, \$52,000; Creston, \$30,600; Kaslo-Slocan, \$21,500; Revelstoke, \$9,300; Rossland-Trail, \$20,000; Columbia, \$15,000; Cranbrook, \$30,000; Fernie, \$26,000; Atlin, \$16,500; Prince Rupert, \$10,500; Skeena, \$10,000; Fort George, \$54,000; Omineca, \$10,000; Cariboo, North and South, \$15,000; Lillooet, North and South, \$36,000; North Vancouver, \$16,000; total, \$797,919.

"10. (a) 12,453; (b) 9,753; total, 22,206.

"11. 321,802.

"12. 14.5.

"13. All work is inspected by officials of the Department of Public Works under direction of the District Engineers of the Department.

"14. All work is subject to the condition laid down by the Dominion Government that fair wages will be paid and hours of work not exceeded on all public works in accordance with the intent of the 'Fair Wages and Eight Hour Day Act, 1930,' and the fair-wages policy of the Government of Canada, as set forth in Order in Council (P.C. 1206) dated June 7th, 1922, and amendments thereto.

"15. (a) No; (b) no.

"16. See answer to question No. 3."

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

1. Who was appointed to the position of lookout, Mount Shepherd, Esquimalt Riding, for the season 1930?

2. Upon whose recommendation was he appointed?

The Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied as follows:—

"1. John Cogswell.

"2. Mr. Cogswell applied for the position, and as he apparently was qualified for the work through intimate knowledge of the district, he was employed and gave satisfactory service throughout the season."

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

1. How many timber licences were reinstated in 1930?

2. What amount was paid in connection with such reinstatements?

The Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied as follows:—

"1. Sixty-five.

"2. \$38,077.41."

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

How many oil-burning locomotives in British Columbia have been equipped with screens in accordance with the "Forest Act Amendment Act, 1930"?

The Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied as follows:—

"The 'Forest Act Amendment Act, 1930,' does not specify that oil-burning locomotives be equipped with screens."

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

1. Have any complaints been received by the Minister regarding relations between the Department and Women's Institutes?
2. If so, what was the nature of such complaints, and what action has been taken?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Complaints were received that the Women's Institutes organization was not representative of the wishes of the institutes throughout the Province. The Minister circularized all the institutes in the Province, asking an expression of opinion from each institute on the points at issue, and the percentage of the replies indicated that such complaints were not justified."

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

1. At what date was an agreement entered into between the Dominion Government and the Provincial Government under the terms of the "Dominion Unemployment Relief Act, 1930," and who were the signatories to such agreement?

2. What was the maximum amount provided in the said agreement as the contribution of the Dominion Government towards the cost of public works and undertakings in the Province?

3. Was a Committee of the Executive Council appointed for the purpose of dealing with questions arising out of unemployment relief?

4. If so, who is the Chairman and who are the members of the Committee, and on how many occasions have regular meetings of the Committee been held?

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

"1. October 14th, 1930. Hon. Gideon D. Robertson, Minister of Labour, on behalf of the Government of Canada; and Hon. Simon Fraser Tolmie, Premier of the Province of British Columbia.

"2. \$900,000.

"3. Yes.

"4. The Committee consists of Hon. W. A. McKenzie (Chairman), Hon. R. W. Bruhn, and Hon. S. L. Howe. Forty-three."

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

1. Has a Mining Engineer been appointed to conduct a survey of the Greater Vancouver watershed, as provided in the "Greater Vancouver Watershed Mineral Reserve Act"?

2. If so, what was the name of such engineer?

3. If so, has a report been made to the Department?

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

"1. No.

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

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

1. Have any payments been made under the "Iron and Steel Bounties Act" since March 31st, 1930?

2. If so, what amounts, and to whom?

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

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has the Minister of Trade and Commerce made any representations to the Department regarding checking of importations of American coal to Canadian points?

2. What amount of coal was exported from British Columbia to American points in 1930?

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

"1. No.

"2. Tonnage exported to United States, 123,020 tons; exported to points other than United States, 19,338 tons."

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

1. Is Lieut.-Colonel R. R. Napier still employed as Commissioner for the purposes of reorganizing the Civil Service?
2. If not, when did he complete his duties?
3. If not, is he employed by the Administration in any other capacity?
4. If so, what are his duties and salary?
5. What is the total cost to date of such reorganization, including salary, printing, travelling and other expenses?

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

- "1. Lieut.-Colonel R. R. Napier is still employed as Departmental Commissioner.
- "2, 3, and 4. Answered by No. 1.
- "5. Expenses, 1929-30, \$6,146.60; 1930-31, \$6,975.24; total expenses, \$13,121.84, from date of appointment on June 1st, 1929, to January 31st, 1931."

Mr. *Pattullo* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following question:—

What is the estimated total of current liabilities of the Province, not including Treasury bills?

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

"See Balance-sheet of Province of British Columbia, page O vii., Public Accounts, 1929-30. (No appreciable change, except as to further investments in connection with Superannuation Fund and Teachers' Pensions Fund.)"

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

1. Is there cash in bank or in the Treasury to cover all credit accounts in the Treasury Department?
2. What is the total of these credit accounts, and what is the total of cash held against these accounts?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. See Balance-sheet of Province, pages O vi., O vii., Public Accounts, 1929-30."

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

1. How many trust accounts are in the Treasury?
2. What is the total credit of these accounts?
3. Is there cash on hand or in bank to cover these credits?

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

"1, 2, and 3. See Schedule C, Public Accounts, 1929-30, page O xii. All accounts covered by either investments or cash on hand."

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

1. How much money has been paid into Superannuation Fund?
2. How much money has been invested from money at the credit of the Superannuation Fund, and what is the total amount of securities now held in the Treasury on account of this fund?

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

- "1. \$5,168,235.09.
- "2. Paid out in superannuation, \$925,917.33; cash invested, \$3,996,774.09; balance, cash uninvested, \$245,543.67. (Par value of securities purchased for fund, \$4,230,368.15, at cost \$3,996,774.09; securities purchased but not yet delivered to Treasury, \$245,000.)"

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

What amount has been collected as tax upon gasoline since the "Gasoline Tax Acts Amendment Act, 1930"?

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

"\$1,544,581.92."

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

1. What salary is paid annually to the Purchasing Agent?
2. What portion of this salary, if any, is paid by the Liquor Control Board?
3. Have purchases for the Liquor Control Board been made by this official during 1930?

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

- “ 1. \$5,400 per annum.
- “ 2. \$3,600 per annum.
- “ 3. Yes.”

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

1. Upon what date did the “Fuel-oil Tax Act,” assented to March 25th, 1930, come into force?
2. What amounts have been collected under the provisions of this Act?

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

- “ 1. No Proclamation issued.
- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.”

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

What is the total collected to February 1st, under section 17 of the “Public Schools Act Amendment Act, 1930,” permitting assessment of property outside school districts for school purposes?

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

“\$342.44.”

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

1. Which of the stenographers of any whose names were submitted to this House on February 12th, 1930, as having been temporarily appointed to the Service since August 20th, 1928, have since received permanent appointment in the Service?
2. Which of these stenographers have since February 12th, 1930, passed their qualifying examination as such?

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

“ 1. Miss K. E. H. Edmondson, Miss L. O. Clarke, Miss J. Read, Miss O. Cashato, Miss J. K. Walters, Miss M. Dahl, Miss E. M. Dalby (since resigned), Miss D. E. Ross, Miss M. J. Peake, Miss M. H. Kyle, Miss M. K. Duncan, Miss M. E. Edwards, and Miss F. O. I. Spraggett (clerk-stenographer).

“ 2. All these stenographers had already passed the qualifying examination held on December 7th, 1929.”

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

Is one W. J. Baird, member of the Liquor Control Board, the same W. J. Baird who was appointed member of the Appeal Board under the “Moving Pictures Act”?

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

“ Yes.”

Mr. A. M. *Manson* asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:—

1. Has one Southcott, reported to this House as temporarily employed in the Sheriff's office, Vancouver, as on March 14th, 1930, been permanently employed?
2. If so, from what date, and at what salary?
3. If so, what are his duties?

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

“ 1. No; but has continued to be so temporarily employed at \$175 per month as from said October 15th, 1929, in connection with additional work arising out of collection of delinquent taxes.

- “ 2. Answered by No. 1.
- “ 3. Answered by No. 1.”

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

1. What was the total strength of the Provincial Police Force as at August 20th, 1928?
2. What was the total strength of the Provincial Police Force as at January 1st, 1931?
3. How many police were transferred to the Game Board?

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

- "1. 241 officers and 17 stenographers.
- "2. 224 officers and 26 stenographers.
- "3. 49 of all ranks."

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

1. Were any temporary assistants employed at the Provincial Museum during the summer months of 1930?
2. If so, who were they, and what were their respective salaries?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. H. W. Hart, Attendant, \$100 per mensem; Miss P. A. Robins, Stenographer (holiday relief—two weeks at rate of \$65 per mensem)."

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

1. Were lectures conducted in the interest of prospectors on practical geology and mineralogy during the winter season 1929-30?
2. If yes: (a) Where were such lectures given; (b) who was appointed to conduct them; (c) how many meetings were held, and what support was received in respect of attendances; (d) what expenditure did the work entail?
3. Is it proposed that these lectures shall be given during the winter season 1930-31?
4. If yes: (a) Where are such lectures being given; (b) who is appointed to conduct them?
5. Have any lectures been given this year?
6. If yes, where have they been held, and what attendances have been obtained?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. (a.) Nelson, Kaslo, Cranbrook, Kamloops, Prince Rupert, Stewart, Smithers, Prince George, and Quesnel. (b.) Dr. W. V. Smitheringale and Mr. Geo. E. Winkler. (c.) Forty-four meetings conducted by Dr. Smitheringale, with an aggregate attendance of approximately 1,800; fifty meetings conducted by Mr. Winkler, with an aggregate attendance of approximately 2,000. (Both Dr. Smitheringale and Mr. Winkler gave a number of addresses on general mining subjects before public service organizations.) (d.) \$1,432.98.

"3. Yes.

- "4. (a.) At Prince Rupert, Alice Arm, Anyox, Stewart, Smithers, Prince George, Terrace, Usk, Hazelton, Revelstoke, Golden, Nelson, Kaslo, Rossland, Greenwood, Beaverdell, Princeton, Hope, Kamloops, Lillooet. (Arrangements for Cariboo, Lower Mainland, and Vancouver Island not yet decided.) (b.) Classes, Prince Rupert, Alice Arm, Anyox, Stewart, Hazelton, and Prince George, by Dr. W. V. Smitheringale; at Terrace, Smithers, and Usk, by Dr. J. T. Mandy, Resident Mining Engineer, Prince Rupert; at Revelstoke, Golden, and Vernon, by H. G. Nichols, Resident Mining Engineer, Kamloops; at Nelson, Kaslo, and Rossland, by P. B. Freeland, Resident Mining Engineer, Grand Forks; at Greenwood, Beaverdell, Princeton, Hope, Kamloops, and Lillooet, by A. M. Richmond, Assistant Resident Mining Engineer, Nelson; in Cariboo (yet to be arranged), by Mr. Douglas Lay, Resident Mining Engineer, Hazelton; in Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island (yet to be arranged), by George Clothier, Resident Mining Engineer, Vancouver.

"5. Yes.

- "6. Information now available to effect Dr. Smitheringale opened classes at Prince Rupert on February 2nd, with attendance of sixty-eight, which was well sustained throughout five-day course of instruction."

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 4.45 p.m.

Thursday, February 19th, 1931.

Prayers by the Rev. J. Hood.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Walkem* presented the following petitions:—

From The First Narrows Bridge Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purpose of amending "The First Narrows Bridge Company Act," and for other powers.

From the Greater Vancouver Tunnel Company, Limited, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purposes of constructing a tunnel under the First Narrows, Burrard Inlet, and for other powers.

Mr. *Kirk* presented a petition from the Corporation of the City of Chilliwack, for leave to introduce a Private Bill for the purposes of validating certain by-laws, and for other powers.

Mr. Speaker delivered his reserved decision on the point of order with reference to the proposed amendment moved by Mr. *Hanna* on 18th instant to the Address in reply to the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, as follows:—

"Yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of the address to the House by the honourable member for Alberni, he offered the following amendment to the Resolution of the mover and seconder in reply to the King's Speech, namely:—

" 'This House records its disapproval of the action of the Government in granting exclusive franchise for the operation of public vehicles on public highways of the Province as being contrary to sound public policy, and notes that the action of the Government in so doing is in direct contravention of the undertaking of the Minister of Public Works given to this House at its Session of 1930.' "

"When the motion was read I at first inclined to the opinion that it was out of order, by reason of being an amendment to the main motion of the mover and seconder of the Address, the words of which main motion had already been directed to stand part of the question. (See Mr. Speaker Pooley's decision on this point in Vol. 1, Speakers' Decisions, at pages 5 and 6.)

"Since taking time to consider, however, and perusing the authorities quoted by the honourable Leader of the Opposition, the honourable and learned Attorney-General, and the honourable and learned member for Omineca, I feel satisfied that, as a matter of procedure, the honourable member for Alberni is in order in moving his amendment to the Resolution Address. Sir *Erskine May* lays it down (13th ed., pp. 286-287) that, 'when the House has agreed that certain words shall stand part of a question, it is irregular to propose any amendment to those words, as the decision of the House has already been pronounced in their favour; but this rule does not exclude addition to the words, if proposed at the proper time.' In view of this statement of the practice in the British Commons, which appears also to be followed in the Canadian House, it seems clear to me that, as a matter of procedure, the amendment is in order.

"I have, however, come to an opposite conclusion regarding the form of contents of this amendment. It is to be noted that the amendment proposes to ask the House to disapprove of the action of the Government in 'granting exclusive franchise for the operation of public vehicles on public highways of the Province.' I am of the opinion that in order to incorporate such an allegation in the Resolution Address it should be, if not relevant, at any rate within the subject-matter of legitimate complaint. I am led to this consideration by reason of the well-known parliamentary principle that the House will not entertain reflections which impute discredit to itself. The motion alleges or complains that the Government has granted exclusive franchise for the operation of public vehicles on public highways. A reference to chapter 24 of the Statutes of this Legislature for 1930 discloses that, by subsection (2) of section 68, the Minister of Public Works is empowered to confer exclusive rights with respect to the operation of public vehicles. The amendment, therefore, offends in that it seeks to censure the Minister for the very thing that this Legislature has empowered him to do, and thus reflects upon the determination of this House. Such a complaint cannot, in my opinion, be offered by way of amendment to the Resolution Address, but can be offered only, and spoken to only, upon a substantive motion to rescind the determination of the House; for instance, to repeal the Statute complained of.

"The necessity for the repeal of a Statute justifies, as an argument leading to such repeal, the condemnation of the Statute in debate, but such argument can only be brought about by direct or substantive motion for that purpose, and not by way of amendment to an altogether extraneous motion. (See in this connection *May*, 13th ed., p. 323, and *Campion on Procedure of the House of Commons*, pp. 168-9.)

"There are also other objections to this amendment on the grounds of relevancy. Notably the decision of Mr. Speaker Buckham as recorded in Vol. 2, *Speakers' Decisions*, pp. 5-6, which, if followed, would be a further bar to the amendment. I am not, however, at all sure whether the question of relevancy is applicable to proceedings surrounding consideration of the King's Speech. But, in view of my decision on the other points, it does not become necessary to consider this.

"I accordingly rule that the proposed amendment of the honourable member for Alberni is out of order and cannot be put."

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. *Gillis*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting.

The Hon. Mr. *Bruhn* presented a Return pursuant to subsection (2) of section 3 of the "Public Works Act Amendment Act, 1930."

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

1. What was the total value of eggs from the United States imported into British Columbia during 1929?

2. What quantity of eggs have been imported into British Columbia, and reported in accordance with the provisions of sections 3 and 7 of the "Eggs Marks Act" and amendments; and what was the value of same?

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

"1. 69 cases of 30 dozen eggs each were imported from the United States; value not reported.

"2. 293 dozen eggs for hatching and 72 cases for commercial use were imported during the year 1930. Inspection was carried out upon arrival at ports of entry before importers had an opportunity to report arrival; value not reported."

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

1. Was one Lyle Jesty employed during 1930 by the Department in Kaslo-Slocan District?

2. If so, what were his duties, for how long was he employed, and what remuneration did he receive?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Dispatcher. July 1st to September 10th, 1930; \$4 per day."

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

1. Did one W. J. Baird act for the Government as Crown Prosecutor, or in any other capacity, during 1929-30?

2. If so, what sums were paid him for such services?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. See Public Accounts, 1929-30."

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

1. Is one W. J. Baird, member of the Liquor Control Board, the same W. J. Baird who was appointed member of the Board of Commissioners for the Promoting of Uniformity of Provincial Legislation in Canada, on November 14th, 1928?

2. If so, does said W. J. Baird still hold this appointment?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. Resigned. Successor not yet appointed."

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

1. What is total amount advanced from the Conservation Fund to each of the water improvement districts?
2. What is the total interest charge in each case?
3. How much, in each case, has been rebated on principal?
4. How much, in each case, has been rebated on interest?
5. Is it the intention to rebate any amount of principal or interest on any advances made since August 20th, 1928?

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

"1, 2, 3, and 4.

District.	Total Amount advanced.	Total Interest Charge to March 30th, 1930.	Rebated on Principal.	Rebated on Interest.
Black Mountain	\$557,258.02	\$276,365.48	\$162.70	\$187,549.29
Cawston	2,400.00	247.36	.....	.....
East Creston	146,667.86	4,681.45	.....	.....
Erickson	12,500.00	4,833.42	4,298.01	662.34
Glenmore	269,832.88	72,744.62	9,965.39	55,333.02
Grand Forks	269,192.67	142,056.35	.....	127,288.73
Heffley	30,000.00	19,481.24	.....	12,111.38
Keremeos	17,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Malcolm Horie	3,000.00	1,139.11	889.57	220.92
Marble Canyon	9,000.00	949.71	.....	.....
Naramata	112,578.68	50,840.49	476.87	34,892.17
Oyama	5,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Peachland	46,062.68	23,612.67	646.05	15,421.76
Penticton Municipality	35,000.00	12,319.39	6,794.07	2,692.69
Robson	20,000.00	8,395.28	2,671.56	4,529.06
Scotty Creek	40,646.03	20,760.10	785.34	13,507.41
South-east Kelowna.....	404,343.12	177,104.33	.....	145,580.81
Vernon	914,526.56	437,613.29	.....	288,481.06
Vinsulla	10,000.00	5,052.19	25.99	3,745.09
Westbank	50,080.00	15,908.07	.....	12,231.51

"5. Matter under consideration."

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

1. What has been the total cost of all surveys in connection with lands reserved in connection with the Pacific Great Eastern since August 20th, 1928?
2. What has been the total cost to the Province in connection with joint surveys with the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways?

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

"1. Total expenditure accounted for to date in connection with Pacific Great Eastern resources survey, \$474,671.70.

"2. Expenditure by Province accounted for to date in connection with Pacific Great Eastern resources survey, \$158,223.90."

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

1. Were Benjamin Parkinson, Edmund Parkinson, Clifford Bowes, Gordon Baird, James Baird, and Marsden Baird, all of Nakusp, employed by the Department during the fire season of 1930?

2. If so, what remuneration did each receive?

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

"1 and 2. Payments to fire-fighters are not recorded by names of individuals, but so far as can be ascertained the men were paid at the following rates: Benjamin Parkinson, 266 hours at 40 cents per hour and board; Edmund Parkinson, 22 hours at 40 cents per hour and board; Clifford Bowes, 30 hours at 40 cents per hour and board, 56 hours at 25 cents per hour and board; W. G. Baird, 56 hours at 30 cents per hour and board; J. Baird, 104 hours at 25 cents

per hour and board; Marsden Baird, *nil*. Under the regulations, 'Forest Act,' R.S.B.C. 1924, chapter 93, the following rates apply: 25 cents per hour for fire-fighters; 30 cents per hour for straw-bosses or sub-foremen; 40 cents per hour for foremen."

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

1. Did the Government enter into an agreement with a private sales organization to dispose of University Endowment Lands? If so, with whom?
2. If a corporation, who is the Provincial manager thereof?
3. If agreement was entered into, will the Government table copy thereof?
4. How many parcels were sold during 1930?
5. How many parcels were leased during 1930?
6. What was the total sale price? What was the total lease price?
7. What was the total commission paid, or to be paid: (a) On sales; (b) on leases?
8. Is an annual retainer paid in addition to commissions?

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

- "1. Yes. The London and Western Trusts Company, Limited.
- "2. Brigadier-General J. A. Clark.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Five.
- "5. Thirteen.
- "6. \$16,780 and \$41,345.
- "7. On sales, \$533.50; on leases, \$1,776.
- "8. No; but \$5,000 is allowed annually, which sum covers administration of all services, including salary of salesman on the site, and a proportionate cost of advertising."

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

1. What amounts were paid in Kaslo-Slocan District for hire of automobiles or motor-trucks during the fire season of 1930?
2. To whom were such amounts paid?

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

- "1. Costs are not recorded by electoral districts, and as ranger districts overlap electoral district boundaries, and five ranger districts are involved, the payments requested cannot be segregated.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Has the Department entered into any negotiations for the acquisition, by purchase or exchange, of timber known as "Cathedral Grove," Vancouver Island?
2. If so, what was the purchase price or details of exchange, and with whom was the Government negotiating?

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

- "1. The matter is under consideration.
- "2. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Did the Government purchase, or agree to purchase, any standing timber during 1930?
2. If so, from whom; where situate; quantities by species; and prices?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Messrs. Bloedel, Stewart & Welch, at Elk Falls, Campbell River. Douglas fir, 5,804 M. feet B.M.; cedar, 770 M. feet B.M.; hemlock, 275 M. feet B.M.; pine, 48 M. feet B.M.; spruce, 78 M. feet B.M.; white fir, 5 M. feet B.M.; cedar poles, 78 pieces. \$4.50 per M. feet all species. Purchase made to establish a park at Elk Falls, Campbell River, Vancouver Island."

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.