

Thursday, November 19th, 1936.

HALF-PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.

Bill (No. 76) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Village Municipalities Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete with amendments, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 79) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Elections Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 77) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Court of Appeal Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 78) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Local Improvement Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 50) intituled "An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 52) intituled "An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster and the Agreement therein mentioned" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 20) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 65) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Workmen's Compensation Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to give Relief to Home-owners in the City of Vancouver" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 64) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

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

Bill (No. 72) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Greater Vancouver Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 74) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 71) intituled "An Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to adjust certain Agreements between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company dealing with Lands in and adjacent to the City of Prince Rupert" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Succession Duty Act'" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 63) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Ore Purchasing and Treatment Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 75) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Public Institutions Indemnification (Municipalities) Act'" was read a second time and by leave of the House committed forthwith, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" was committed, reported complete with amendment, to be considered as amended at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 73) intituled "An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement bearing Date the Fourteenth Day of November, A.D. 1936, between The Corporation of the City of Duncan, The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, The Board of School Trustees of the City of Duncan (Consolidated) School District, and The Board of School Trustees of the North Cowichan Municipal School District" was committed, reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate 'An Act relating to Trade-unions'" be now read a second time.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—8.

Messieurs

Bakewell
Swailes

Winch, E. E.
Uphill

Connell
Price

Winch, H. E.
Steeves, Mrs.

NAYS—30.

Messieurs

Forester
Connolly
Asselstine
McDonald, A.
Kenney
MacKay
Strachan
Burns

Anscomb
McPherson, D.
Leary
Hanna
Smith, Mrs.
Barrow
Sutherland
Hart

Pattullo
Sloan
Weir
Tupper
Carson
Putnam
Wismer

Johnson
Wilkinson
McKeen
MacPherson, F. M.
Pearson
Gray
MacDonald, K. C.

PAIRS:

Messieurs

Harris
Murray

Savage
Planta

By leave of the House, on the motion of Mr. *H. E. Winch*, the Order for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Health Act'" was discharged, and the Bill *Ordered* dropped from the Order Paper.

On the motion that Bill (No. 68) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Coal-mines Regulation Act'" be now read a second time, a debate arose.

The motion was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS—10.

Messieurs

Bakewell
Swailes
Winch, E. E.

Bruhn
Pooley
Uphill

Connell
Price

Winch, H. E.
Steeves, Mrs.

NAYS—27.

Messieurs

<i>Forester</i>	<i>Harris</i>	<i>Pattullo</i>	<i>Wilkinson</i>
<i>Connelly</i>	<i>Burns</i>	<i>Sloan</i>	<i>McKeen</i>
<i>Asselstine</i>	<i>McPherson, D.</i>	<i>Weir</i>	<i>MacPherson, F. M.</i>
<i>McDonald, A.</i>	<i>Leary</i>	<i>Tupper</i>	<i>Pearson</i>
<i>Kenney</i>	<i>Smith, Mrs.</i>	<i>Carson</i>	<i>Gray</i>
<i>MacKay</i>	<i>Barrow</i>	<i>Wismer</i>	<i>MacDonald, K. C.</i>
<i>Strachan</i>	<i>Hart</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	

PAIRS:

Messieurs

<i>Putnam</i>	<i>Anscomb</i>
<i>Murray</i>	<i>Planta</i>

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 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 19th, 1936.

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. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.
Report adopted.
Bill introduced and read a first time.

By leave of the House, the Hon. Mr. *MacDonald* moved, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

A debate arose.
The House continued to sit after midnight.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH.

Bill read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Mr. *D. McPherson* presented the First Report of the Select Standing Committee on Mining, as follows:—

REPORT NO. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,
November 19th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

1. We note with satisfaction the attitude taken by the Dominion Minister of Mines with respect to the importance of the mining industry, and desire to voice our appreciation of the financial assistance rendered to this Province in connection therewith.

2. We commend the Government for its progressive attitude towards the mining industry, as evidenced by Bills brought down at this Session to amend the "Metalliferous Mines

Regulation Act," the "Ore Treatment and Purchasing Act," and the "Workmen's Compensation Act" as affecting mine-workers afflicted with silicosis.

3. We recommend the establishment by the Government of small sampling plants at suitable locations, with a view to assisting the prospector and small mine operator who are denied the advantages of accurate information regarding their properties by the diminutive character of their operations and the high cost of transportation to existing smelters.

4. We urge the Government to consider the setting-up of Young Men's Training Camps in connection with the mining industry, patterned somewhat after the fashion of the camps which have been so successful in the Forest Service.

5. We believe that the Department of Mines should be provided with funds sufficient to permit the development of more adequate transportation facilities, by air and otherwise, in the more remote areas of the Province; to facilitate the assembling and distribution of useful geological information; and to dispel by vigorous publicity the prevailing ignorance of this Province's mining possibilities existing in Eastern Canada.

6. We respectfully request that the Government take steps to correct at the next Session of the Legislature the existing situation with respect to the status of reverted mineral claims, the encumbrance thereof with many years' tax accumulation, and other circumstances which tend to discourage mineral production. The co-operation of the Department of Finance, affecting taxation, is necessary in this connection, and we beg to remind the Government that this Committee made practical suggestions on this subject two years ago.

7. This Committee has learned with much regret of the serious illness of Mr. Robert Dunn, Deputy Minister of Mines, and desires to express its appreciation of his valuable services to the mining industry during the past number of years. We sincerely hope that he may soon be restored to health.

Respectfully submitted.

D. MCPHERSON, *Chairman.*

The report was read and received.

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

1. Has the Government been advised of the laying-off of 125 men by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, reputedly due to a shortage of water?

2. If such condition exists, will action be taken to ensure that other work is provided by: (a) The company; or (b) the Department of Public Works, so that these men do not become charges on the relief funds?

The Hon. Mr. Pearson replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2. Answered by No. 1."

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

And then the House adjourned at 12.12 a.m.

Friday, November 20th, 1936.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers by Mr. Speaker.

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

Bill (No. 17) intituled "An Act to give Relief to Home-owners in the City of Vancouver" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 80) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Act'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act'" was committed, progress reported, Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 70) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935'" was considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

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

1. Did the Public Works Department construct a road at Mara, in the North Okanagan, in 1935, to give Rupert Davy access to his pre-emption?

2. If yes: (a.) What was the approximate length of this road? (b.) What were the names of those employed and amounts paid to each?

3. Was any further work done on this road in 1936?

4. What was the total cost of any work done on this road?

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

"1. The Department built a road in 1935 to serve the properties of Hunt, Poirier, and Davy.

"2. (a.) Three-quarters of a mile. (b.) Foreman Zettergreen, \$48; W. Graham, \$52; A. Graham, \$52.80; J. Poirier, \$28.80; M. J. Davy, \$32; H. Ludwig, \$49.20; S. Cuddy, \$1.60; M. Davy, \$16; J. Olich, \$20.19; A. Makella, \$6.40; H. O. Johnson, \$20.80; E. Dale, \$22.40.

"3. Yes.

"4. \$503.26."

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

1. Have any lands been purchased, or have agreements to purchase lands been made, in respect of the new Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster?

2. If yes, with whom have such agreements been made, and from whom have such lands been purchased?

3. What are the areas of land and price paid in each individual case?

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

"1. Yes.

"2 and 3. Negotiations not complete; this information will be made available to the Public Accounts Committee in due course."

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

1. Was the firm of Fred Mannix & Company, of Calgary, Alberta, awarded a contract on the road between Golden and Windermere; and, if so, when?

2. What sum of money is being expended on this work?

3. Has this firm brought workmen from Alberta to work on highway; and, if so, how many?

4. How many teams of horses did this firm bring from the Province of Alberta in connection with this road-work?

5. Is this firm of contractors purchasing their supplies from local firms in the district?

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

"1. Fred Mannix was awarded a contract to construct a road between Radium and Golden, September 23rd, 1936.

"2. Between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

"3. Dominion-Provincial Agreement provides that 'no persons other than residents of Canada shall be employed'; employment, therefore, is not limited to local residents, though these are given preferential consideration.

"4. Ten.

"5. Yes."

Mr. *Bruhn* 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 1936?

2. During how many months were such tolls collected?

3. What was the total cost of operating the toll-gate during the year 1936?

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

"1. \$33,962.48.

"2. Seven.

"3. \$1,785.44."

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

1. What is the total amount of money spent from October 1st, 1933, to October 31st, 1936, on the Trans-Provincial Highway between Customs-house, Osoyoos, and Customs-house, Similkameen?

2. What is the total amount of money spent from October 1st, 1933, to October 31st, 1936, between Customs-house, Similkameen, and Cawston?

3. What did the work consist of?

4. Was the work done by day-labour? If so, who was the foreman in charge of the work, and what rate of pay per day?

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

"1. \$25,878, on the road from Customs-house, Similkameen, to Customs-house, Osoyoos, via Richter Pass.

"2. \$173.

"3. Widening rock bluff 4 miles south of Similkameen; 5 miles asphalt-surfacing, general repairs and maintenance.

"4. Day-labour. R. A. Whyte, \$2.80 to \$4; E. Lacey, \$4; H. M. Laing, \$4; S. Salter, \$3.50; surfacing done by contractor."

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

1. What is the total amount collected monthly from April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936, from the Kelowna-Westbank Ferry in: (a) Motor-cars; (b) trucks; (c) passengers; (d) freight?

2. How many round trips, daily, are made by such ferry?

3. What total amount has been expended in (a) salaries, and (b) other expenses during the same period, April to October?

4. Does the annual revenue so collected provide sufficient for interest, repairs, and sinking funds? If not, what is the annual loss?

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

"1. \$18,334.70 (not segregated as to trucks, freight, passengers, etc., and not available monthly).

"2. Average for 1935-36, 15.

"3. (a) \$9,167.25; (b) \$2,991.85.

"4. No; average annual loss, \$4,112."

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 12.40 p.m.

Friday, November 20th, 1936.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Bill (No. 81) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act'" was again committed, reported complete with amendment, considered as amended, read a third time and passed.

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

REPORT No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 20th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, instructed by Resolution of the Legislative Assembly dated November 9th, 1936, to make an investigation into the operation of the B.C. Coast Vegetable Marketing Board and its Agency, and in particular any alleged partiality or uneconomic administration in the handling of the produce grown within the areas under its jurisdiction, duly proceeded to investigate the above matters and received all evidence tendered.

It required ten sittings of your Committee to examine thirty-three witnesses and to receive all other relevant evidence.

The evidence submitted did not disclose partiality or uneconomic administration on the part of the Board or its Agency.

The evidence disclosed considerable dissatisfaction and misunderstanding among growers due to insufficient information. Your Committee suggest that, in addition to the present methods of supplying information to producers, the Board might usefully employ the radio and press for that purpose.

The evidence disclosed a considerable spread between the grower and the consumer. Your Committee feel that the question of the necessity or otherwise for this spread can only be determined by a commission having wider powers than your Committee.

Your Committee are of the opinion that a greater volume of produce marketed through the Board would reduce the costs of administration and consequently the cost to the individual producer. The unlawful marketing of produce otherwise than through the Board has tended considerably to reduce the volume handled by the Board.

Your Committee were satisfied from the evidence adduced that the Board are making every reasonable effort to curtail this unlawful marketing of produce.

Several growers appearing as witnesses, speaking for themselves and purporting to represent a considerable body of opinion among the growers, expressed the opinion that there should be an independent audit of the Agency's books.

As stated above, the evidence adduced did not disclose any irregularities in the operations of the Board or its Agency. Nevertheless, your Committee feel that such an audit would have a good effect and might tend to eliminate a great deal of the dissatisfaction which now exists.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Chairman*.

The report was read and received.

Mr. *Whittaker* presented the Second Report of the Select Standing Committee on Municipal Matters, as follows:—

REPORT No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

November 20th, 1936.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Various delegations, including representatives of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, were heard by the Committee and their representations carefully reviewed, and such

matters as received the approval of the Committee were submitted to the responsible Minister to deal with.

Various amendments to the "Municipal Act," the "Village Municipalities Act," and the "Municipal Elections Act," have been submitted to the Legislature for consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was read and received.

N. W. WHITTAKER, *Chairman.*

The Hon. Mr. *Pearson* presented a Return in reply to the following questions by Mr. *Pooley*:—

1. Have any arrangements been made with the Department of Labour by the B.C. Loggers' Association for the opening of an employment agency on Vancouver Island for the securing of loggers and other workers for lumbering operations on Vancouver Island?

2. If so, when were such arrangements made?

3. Where are such agencies located on Vancouver Island?

4. Are such agencies (or agency) operated in conjunction with the Employment Service of Canada?

5. Has the Department of Labour sought to make such arrangements?

6. Has the Department of Labour approved of the operation of any such private or association of labour agency, or agencies, in the City of Vancouver?

7. If yes, what efforts have been made, if any, by the Department of Labour to encourage the employment of residents of Vancouver Island in lumbering operations on Vancouver Island?

8. Does the Department of Labour check up on logging camps in British Columbia to assure the payment of proper wages under the provisions of the minimum-wage laws?

9. If so, how many such logging camps were checked up or investigated under the said Act on Vancouver Island during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1936?

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

What total amount has been expended as travelling expenses by (a) the Minister, (b) Departmental officials, since April 1st, 1936, to October 31st, 1936?

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

"Returns for the period mentioned are incomplete, but in due course will appear in the Public Accounts for the current year."

At 3.40 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the sitting until 3.55 p.m., and left the chair.

FIVE MINUTES TO FOUR O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

(No. 1) An Act to amend the "Legal Professions Act."

(No. 2) An Act to amend the "Apprenticeship Act."

(No. 3) An Act to amend the "Male Minimum Wage Act."

(No. 4) An Act to amend the "Female Minimum Wage Act."

(No. 5) An Act respecting the Abandonment of certain Tax Sales in the City of Prince Rupert.

(No. 6) An Act to amend the "Town Planning Act."

(No. 7) An Act to amend the "Fire Departments Hours of Labour Act."

(No. 8) An Act to amend the "Game Act."

(No. 9) An Act to amend the "Vital Statistics Act."

(No. 10) An Act to amend the "Fisheries Act."

(No. 16) An Act respecting the Disposal by Destruction or otherwise of Valueless Public Documents.

- (No. 17) An Act to give Relief to Home-owners in the City of Vancouver.
- (No. 18) An Act to consolidate certain Taxes due the City of Vancouver.
- (No. 19) An Act to amend the "Health Act."
- (No. 20) An Act to amend the "Forest Act."
- (No. 21) An Act to amend the "Public Schools Act."
- (No. 22) An Act to amend the "Court Rules of Practice Act."
- (No. 23) An Act to regulate Trade-schools.
- (No. 24) An Act to amend the "Factories Act."
- (No. 25) An Act to amend the "Land Registry Act."
- (No. 27) An Act to amend the "Dentistry Act."
- (No. 28) An Act to amend the "Naturopathic Physicians Act."
- (No. 29) An Act to amend the "Attachment of Debts Act."
- (No. 30) An Act to amend the "Short Form of Mortgages Act."
- (No. 31) An Act to define Residence in Local Areas and the Responsibility of the Crown and of the Municipalities under certain Acts relating to Relief, Health, or Welfare Services.
- (No. 32) An Act to borrow the Sum of Five million Dollars for the Purposes therein specified.
- (No. 33) An Act to amend the "Infants Act."
- (No. 36) An Act to amend the "Barbers Act."
- (No. 37) An Act to amend the "Hairdressers Act."
- (No. 39) An Act to amend the "Drainage, Dyking, and Development Act."
- (No. 40) An Act respecting Crown Grants of Lands in the Municipality of the Corporation of the District of West Vancouver.
- (No. 41) An Act to amend the "Dewdney Dyking District Relief Act, 1929."
- (No. 42) An Act respecting certain Members of Municipal Councils and Municipal Officers.
- (No. 43) An Act to amend the "Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905."
- (No. 44) An Act to amend the "Real-estate Agents' Licensing Act."
- (No. 45) An Act to amend the "Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, 1934."
- (No. 46) An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
- (No. 47) An Act to amend the "Official Guardian Act."
- (No. 48) An Act to amend the "Succession Duty Act."
- (No. 49) An Act to amend the "Amusements Tax Act."
- (No. 50) An Act relating to The Corporation of the City of Victoria.
- (No. 51) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1921."
- (No. 52) An Act to validate a certain By-law of the Corporation of the City of New Westminster and the Agreement therein mentioned.
- (No. 53) An Act to amend the "Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting, and Power Company Act, 1901."
- (No. 61) An Act to amend the "King's Counsel Act."
- (No. 62) An Act to amend the "Unemployment Relief Fund Act."
- (No. 63) An Act to amend the "Ore Purchasing and Treatment Act."
- (No. 64) An Act to amend the "Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act."
- (No. 65) An Act to amend the "Workmen's Compensation Act."
- (No. 66) An Act to reduce the Rate of Interest on Moneys payable to the Crown.
- (No. 67) An Act to amend the "Insurance Act."
- (No. 69) An Act to amend the "Inferior Courts Practitioners Act."
- (No. 70) An Act to amend the "Vancouver Enabling Act, 1935."
- (No. 71) An Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to adjust certain Agreements between His Majesty and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company dealing with Lands in and adjacent to the City of Prince Rupert.
- (No. 72) An Act to amend the "Greater Vancouver Act."
- (No. 73) An Act to ratify and confirm an Agreement bearing Date the Fourteenth Day of November, A.D. 1936, between The Corporation of the City of Duncan, The Corporation of the District of North Cowichan, The Board of School Trustees of the City of Duncan (Consolidated) School District, and The Board of School Trustees of the North Cowichan Municipal School District.

(No. 74) An Act to amend the "Sumas Drainage, Dyking, and Development District Act."

(No. 75) An Act to repeal the "Public Institutions Indemnification (Municipalities) Act."

(No. 76) An Act to amend the "Village Municipalities Act."

(No. 77) An Act to amend the "Court of Appeal Act."

(No. 78) An Act to amend the "Local Improvement Act."

(No. 79) An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."

(No. 80) An Act to amend the "Municipal Act."

(No. 81) An Act to amend the "Natural Products Marketing (British Columbia) Act."

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

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Honour at the close of our labours with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance Bill (No. 60) intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province of British Columbia."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I desire to express appreciation of the earnestness of purpose which has characterized your deliberations. I feel sure that the measures which have been enacted will inure to the welfare of the people of the Province.

The position of the municipalities will be greatly improved through the assumption by the Province of the entire cost of numerous social services.

It is noteworthy that the financial position of the Province has been greatly improved and that the assistance to be given to the municipalities will not entail any increase in taxation.

More effective measures are being adopted in connection with the unemployment problem and practical proposals are being effectuated in conjunction with the Dominion Government to provide work of essentially useful character.

The establishment of ore-purchasing plants will much encourage prospecting and development in our mining industry.

Provision for capital expenditure upon necessary and desirable public undertakings will be of great benefit to the public service, as well as furnishing employment for large numbers of our people.

It is to be hoped that legislation in respect of the important problem of the marketing of our natural products may effectually accomplish its purpose and thereby be beneficial alike to the industries concerned and to the public generally.

The provision to facilitate refunding of municipal obligations upon a basis of agreement between the municipalities and the bondholders, with proper safeguards, should be mutually advantageous.

In relieving you of your labours, I pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may accompany you to your respective homes.

The Hon. Mr. Weir, Provincial Secretary, then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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

H. G. PERRY, *Speaker*.

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