

Thursday, 6th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. F. P. Chadwick.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands presented copy of correspondence between the Department of Lands, Victoria, and the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, in regard to proposed Kootenay Reclamation Scheme.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on February 24th by Dr. McIntosh, as follows:—

That this Legislature resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the question of "State Health Insurance," with a view to discussing the advisability of appointing a Committee to bring in a Bill before the close of this Session of the House.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. Cowper on March 3rd, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "consider" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the following: "the following Resolution: Resolved, That the Committee rise and report, recommending the introduction of legislation providing for State Health Insurance."

The Hon. Dr. MacLean moved in amendment,—

To strike out all the words after the word "That" in the first line thereof, and substitute the following: "Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the early consideration by the Government of legislation with respect to State Health Insurance, Mothers' Pensions, and the broadening of the provisions of the 'Workmen's Compensation Act' is desirable."

The debate continuing was, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Sloan, adjourned to the next sitting.

On the motion of Mr. Weart, seconded by Mr. Pauline, it was Resolved,—

That the report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented and received by the House on Monday, March 3rd inst., be adopted.

The Rules were suspended to allow the following motion to be moved without notice:—

Mr. Pauline moved, seconded by Mr. Weart,—

Whereas a member of the Public Accounts Committee has given his certificate in writing, under Rule 108, to the Chairman of said Committee, that he believes Robert Walmsly and G. Young are necessary and important witnesses to appear before the said Committee in connection with Vote 150 (Kaslo District), item pay-lists, \$17,576.95, in the Public Accounts 1917-18:

And whereas it appears that the said Committee is also desirous of investigating the said pay-lists for the said district up to the present date:

And whereas it is advisable and necessary to inquire fully into the said matters:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the said Committee have power:—

- (a.) To compel the attendance of the said Robert Walmsly and G. Young and all other persons deemed by them necessary to be examined in connection with the said matters:
- (b.) To examine said persons under oath or affirmation, and to enforce the production of all books, letters, papers, documents, telegraph or telephone messages, or any other evidence material to the inquiry; and that the said Committee be instructed to allow counsel to appear before the Committee, and that no communication, oral or written, shall be kept from the Committee, whether the same shall be claimed to be confidential or personal or otherwise; and that the Committee report their findings and the evidence to the House.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. Dr. King, adjourned to the next sitting.

Mr. Hanes moved, seconded by Dr. McIntosh,—

Whereas by chapter 34 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1912, and chapter 36 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1912, and amending Acts, it was provided that the moneys arising from Government-guaranteed securities should be paid to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company in "the proportion of work done and materials and supplies purchased for the said railway as compared with the whole work done and to be done thereon, pending completion of the said line":

And whereas in breach of the said Statutes: (a) The entire amount of such securities has been negotiated; and (b) the entire proceeds paid over to the railway company; notwithstanding that said line is only partially completed:

And whereas the amount of publicly guaranteed money paid to the railway company is in excess of that spent in construction of said railway by several millions of dollars, out of which excess, or out of said moneys, the sum of \$500,000 was paid to one D'Arcy Tate for political purposes, and hundreds of thousands of dollars were diverted for other uses—as, loan to Bloedell, Stewart & Welch for \$240,000 and loan to Lloyd, Allan & Stewart for \$150,000, eight cheques for \$50,000 each in August, 1914, etc.—and as a result the promoters were not only financed out of public funds, but admit on statement by themselves that they made a profit, as appears by their own figures, of over \$5,000,000:

And whereas John Callaghan, chief engineer of said railway company, did prepare and sign estimates to be presented to the Government for payment, which were false and misleading:

And whereas said estimates were signed by R. D. Thomas, secretary-treasurer of said company:

And whereas by said false estimates the Government were defrauded out of hundreds of thousands of dollars, some of the following included: (a) The sum of \$150,000, approximately, was overpaid by wrongfully classifying "excavating" as "excavation in foundations"; (b) the sum of \$120,000, approximately, was overpaid in payments for ballasting; (c) the sum of \$90,000, approximately, was overpaid on wrongful classification by allowing approximately 10 per cent. of solid rock on approximately 1,000,000 cubic yards of clay:

And whereas in contravention or breach of said Statutes the Government overpaid the company \$5,705,316:

And whereas D'Arcy Tate, vice-president of said Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and chief counsel thereof, and W. J. Bowser, then Attorney-General of this Province, did arrange and procure said overpayments or part of same in contravention to or in breach of above-mentioned Statutes:

And whereas the above-mentioned facts were laid before this House in a report dated May 1st, 1917, and signed by J. W. de B. Farris:

And whereas this House did on May 19th, 1917, adopt said report:

And whereas the breaches of Statute aforesaid constitute an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada:

Be it therefore Resolved, That the facts set forth be laid before His Majesty's Attorney-General, with a direction that every person concerned in the offences aforesaid be forthwith prosecuted according to law, including the persons above mentioned.

Mr. Speaker Keen ruled the motion out of order, the House having already this Session expressed its opinion on the question. (See February 27th and March 5th. Speakers' Decisions, 52, 95 to 99.)

Dr. Rose asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. Has Professor Stansfield rendered a bill to the Mines Department for his services in connection with his investigation as to iron and steel production?
2. If so, what is the amount of same?
3. Has same or any part of same been paid?
4. If so, when, and the particulars of payment?
5. Has said Stansfield rendered a separate bill for his expenses?
6. If so, what is the amount of same, and has it been paid?

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

"1. Yes; but investigation not yet completed.

"2. \$6,319.61.

"3. Yes.

"4. By advances: June 24th, 1918, \$500; July 6th, 1918, \$500; January 23rd, 1919, \$2,000.

In addition, orders amounting to \$600 have been accepted for payment.

"5. No; his expenses are included in amount given in answer to No. 2.

"6. Answered by No. 5."

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Is a public school being built at Ocean Falls?

2. If so, what is the size of the building and number of rooms?

3. Is it being built by day-labour or contract?

4. If by day-labour, who is in charge of the work?

5. If by contract, were tenders called for?

6. In what newspapers were the advertisements inserted?

7. Was D. H. Morrison, a prominent Liberal of Prince Rupert, the successful tenderer?

8. What are the names of the tenderers and the amount of each bid?

9. Was the original plan carried out or were changes made?

10. Is the Pacific Mills providing part of the expense of erecting this school?

11. If so, what part of the expenditure, and is same to be reimbursed by the Government later?

12. Is there a clerk of the works employed on the job?

13. If so, give name in full?

14. Is he a returned soldier?

15. Is he a British subject?

16. Is he in the employ of the Pacific Mills?

17. What wages is he paid by the Government?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. 66 x 69; six rooms.

"3. Contract.

"4. Answered by No. 3.

"5. Yes.

"6. *Vancouver Daily Sun* and *Prince Rupert Daily News*.

"7. D. H. Morrison's tender, being only one received and considered fair and reasonable, was accepted.

"8. Answered by No. 7.

"9. Changes were made.

"10. No.

"11. Answered by No. 10.

"12. Yes.

"13. C. R. Lewthwaite, resident architect for the Pacific Mills.

"14. No information.

"15. No information.

"16. Yes.

"17. \$5 per week."

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

1. Is one Cameron at present acting as Superintendent of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway at Squamish?

2. If so, when was he appointed, and what salary is he receiving?

3. Was he formerly in the employ of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway?

4. If so, in what capacity?

5. Was he dismissed by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway?

6. If so, for what reason?

7. Is he a brother-in-law of W. C. Brown, late President of the Liberal Association at Vancouver?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. July, 1918; \$200 per month.

"3. Yes.

"4. No records on file.

"5. No information.

"6. Answered by No. 5.

"7. No information. Railway employees are not required to record a list of their relatives, by marriage or otherwise."

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

1. What quantity of Marquis seed-wheat was purchased by the Government during 1918?

2. From what points in the Province was it distributed?

3. What was the total cost per ton laid down at each distributing point?

4. Was any profit made; if so, how much per ton?

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

"1. 100 tons.

"2. Vernon, Fort Fraser, Cranbrook, and Kamloops.

"3. Average, \$2.75.

"4. No profit contemplated; the difference between cost at distributing centre and price to the farmer was estimated to cover distribution, freight charges, and handling expenses."

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

1. Did the Land Settlement Board or Department of Agriculture purchase any sheep for ranchers during 1918?

2. If so, where were they purchased?

3. How many were purchased?

4. What was the total price paid?

5. If sold, to whom and at what prices?

6. On what terms were they sold?

The Hon. Mr. *Barrow* 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.

"6. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Did the Minister of Lands in the election campaign of 1916 promise the electors that he would abolish hand-loggers' licence fees?

2. If so, why has the promise not been fulfilled?

3. Did he promise to allow hand-loggers to cut timber wherever they could get it, irrespective of whether on lands covered by timber licences or not?

4. If so, has that promise been carried out?

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

"1. No; but the Minister of Lands advised that he thought there should be a general revision of licence fees downward.

"2. Owing to the many years of extravagant and profligate administration of the old Government it has been impossible to carry out a revision downward.

"3. No.

"4. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Did the Minister of Lands during the election campaign of 1916 promise the electors to build a planked road from Port Clements to Tiell River, on Queen Charlotte Islands?
2. If so, has that work been done?
3. If not, is it the intention of the Government to carry out that work?

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

"1. No; the Minister advised the electors that he believed there should be a connecting road between Tiell and Port Clements as soon as conditions would warrant.

"2. No.

"3. This is a matter for future consideration."

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

1. Is the Hon. the Premier aware that the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia, at a meeting held in Revelstoke last month, passed a resolution placing themselves on record as of the opinion that the interior of British Columbia should be divided into a separate Province?

2. What has caused this feeling in the Kootenay country?

3. Does the Government propose to take action in this matter?

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

"1. No.

"2. No information.

"3. The Government, having no information, and disbelieving that such resolution was passed, does not contemplate any action."

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

1. The taxes on the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 397, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 443, Lots 436, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 437, Lot 441, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 470, Range 4, Coast District, not having been paid, why have the applications to purchase same not been cancelled?

2. The taxes on the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 437, Range 4, Coast District, having been paid on June 25th, 1918, will a Crown grant of same be made to the applicant to purchase same; if not, when will the application to purchase be cancelled?

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

"1. The matter is under consideration.

"2. The matter is under consideration."

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

1. Did the Minister of Lands promise the electors in the election campaign of 1916 to establish a land office at Port Clements?

2. Has such an office been established at that place?

3. If not, when will it be established?

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

"1. No.

"2. No.

"3. This is a matter for the future to determine."

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

1. Has one McKenzie been appointed Grazing Commissioner?

2. If so, at what salary, and the term of his appointment?

3. What was the said McKenzie's last position before coming to British Columbia?

4. Is said McKenzie a British subject?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$300 per month from August 1st, 1918.

"3. Assistant District Forester in charge of grazing in the North Pacific District of the United States, which comprises Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and part of California.

"4. Born in New Zealand; took out United States papers; has applied for Canadian papers."

Mr. *M. A. Macdonald* asked the Hon. the Minister of Lands the following question:—

How many Crown grants were issued under the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904"? Give names of applicants and date of issue of said Crown grants (if any).

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

"(a.) Fifty-five. (b.) Issued in 1904: David Hoggan, May 18th; George McGregor, May 31st. Issued in 1905: Estate of Isabella Bates, Hy. Wilkinson, executor, November 23rd; Thomas Cassidy, April 8th; Frank Chapman, November 23rd; Patrick Dolan, October 24th; Isaac Emblem, June 26th; Isaac Emblem, June 26th; Edward Evans, July 15th; Elizabeth Fiddick, April 8th; David Hoggan, February 14th; Archibald Hamilton, April 8th; Stylie B. Hamilton, April 8th; John Hemer, April 8th; William M. Hilbert, April 8th; John Hill, December 2nd; Samuel Jones, November 23rd; Laurence Manson, April 8th; James Malpass, April 8th; Annie McDonald, June 16th; Andrew McKinnell, April 8th; James Paterson, April 8th; James Paterson, April 8th; Edward Quennel, July 15th; Mrs. Ann Rowe, April 8th; Alois Styger, April 8th; Samuel Waddington, April 8th; Alexander Stewart, April 8th; Alexander Stewart, April 8th. Issued in 1906: Sarah Jane Barnes, March 24th; Daniel W. Cochran, May 14th; William Jack, March 24th; Elizabeth Nicholson, March 24th; William Noye, May 14th; George Vipond, the Elder, March 24th. Issued in 1907: Rowland Malpass, August 29th; Franck Doumont, August 29th; Henry S. Hollings, August 29th. Issued in 1909: William Hoggan, March 12th; William Hoggan, June 5th; Annie McDonald, November 12th. Issued in 1910: Andrew Mable, December 21st; Jos. Dougan, December 23rd; James Dougan, Jr., December 22nd. Issued in 1911: J. Frederickson, August 4th; Estate of J. T. O'Brien, September 2nd; Jos. E. Carr, July 15th; Amos Godfrey, November 3rd; James Dougan, January 26th; Charles Donner, October 4th; W. McP. Wilson, January 4th; Emanuel Jack, November 1st; W. H. Wall, January 24th. Issued in 1912: John Marwick, May 15th; George Graham, December 28th."

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

Of the moneys set aside for repairs and improvements of irrigation systems in the Okanagan Valley, how much was spent on each system during 1918, with full particulars in each case?

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

"(a.) Naramata, \$4,656.65; on construction dam at what is known as Big Meadow. (b.) Peachland, \$4,424.48; on enlargement storage capacity of reservoir at what is known as the North Fork Dam. (c.) Kelowna, \$6,629.21; on repairs to the system operated by the Kelowna Irrigation Company. (d.) \$6,500; on White Valley system."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Mines the following questions:—

1. What amounts have been authorized by the present Minister of Mines towards the construction of roads, trails, and bridges to mineral claims under the "Mines Development Act" of 1916?

2. In whose favour were these amounts authorized, what amounts in each case, the particulars of the work, and in what districts?

3. What amount to date has been spent or authorized of the original \$200,000?

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

"1. \$207,523.34.

"2. Alberni: Marble Cove Group, Copper Island, \$500; Columbia Mines, Sproat Lake, \$500; Canadian Mineral Claims, \$500; Victoria Group of Mineral Claims, \$200; Great Central Lake to Big Interior, \$200; Monitor Group Trail, \$500; Black Prince No. 2 Trail and bridge, \$225.

"Atlin: Esperanza Group, Alice Arm, \$367; Bush Mines, Salmon Bear River Co., \$5,000; Salmon River Wagon-road, \$7,500; Georgia River Trail, \$1,500; George Copper Mines, \$500; Grey Copper Group, Bear River, \$150; La Rose Mine Trail, \$600; Maid of Erin Group, Rainy Hollow, \$635.50.

"Cariboo: Proserpine Mount Mines, \$500; Killam Cement Gravel Mines, \$1,032.15; Upper Horsefly Road, \$1,569.

"Columbia: Bugaboo Trail, \$75; Brisco No. 3 Creek, \$91.33; Boulder Creek to Sitting Bull, \$1,130; Boulder Creek to Relief Mines, \$150; Boulder Creek to Pretty Girl Mine, \$150; Brisco to Lead Queen, No. 3 Creek, \$1,200; Canyon Creek Trail, \$55; Canyon Creek Trail to 15-Mile Creek, \$225; Giant Mine Road, \$8.50; Horse Thief Creek to Mabel Road, \$200; Horse Thief Road to Gallop Mines, \$98; Paradise Mine Road, \$109; Paradise Mine Bridges, \$700; Spillmacheen Road to Warren Creek, \$225; Tennessee and Tarheel Mines, \$100; Toby Creek Cut-off, \$11,500; Toby Creek Road, \$422.01; Toby Road above 11-Mile, \$600; I.X.L. Condor Mines, \$30; Four-foot Trail above 11-Mile Post, Toby Creek, \$500; Trojan Copper Mines Sleigh Road, \$4,000; Carbonate Spruce Camp Bridge, \$300; Carbonate Spruce Camp Trail, \$200; Lead Queen Sleigh Road, Francis Creek, \$1,050; Bugaboo Creek Trail (Mercier's), \$50; Fred Ball's Trail, Mineral Creek, \$250; Gallop's Claim, Horse Thief Creek, \$298.

"Comox: Valdes Island Copper Mines, \$3,000; Vanbert and Ophir Mines, \$250; Blue Bell Mine Trail, \$50.

"Cowichan: Blue Grouse Mines, \$1,023.50; Jubilee Mines to Cowie Mineral Claims, \$270.08; Robertson Silver Mines, \$475.

"Cranbrook: Dibble Mine Trail, Fort Steele, \$75; Society Girl Mine, \$50; North Star Mine, \$150.

"Dewdney: Molybdenum Stave River Pack Trail, \$1,000.

"Esquimalt: Section 93, East Sooke, \$4625; Leach River Trail, \$300; Sunloch Mines, Jordan River, \$7,500; McDonald Creek Bridge, \$200; Sooke Lake, Leach and Phillips, \$265.

"Fernie: Burton Mine, Elko, \$1,000.

"Grand Forks: Paulson-Christina Lake, \$2,500; Tursig Claim, Norway Mountain, \$200; Paulson-Molly Gibson Mines, \$150; Galloping Mountain Trail, \$2,600; Rock Candy Group, \$3,000; Gloucester Group, Maple Leaf Claim, \$1,200.

"Greenwood: Big Copper and King Solomon Mines (trail to First Chance, Jim Hill, and St. Paul Mines; see Galloping Mountain, Grand Forks), \$200; B.C. Mine to Junction, \$150; Providence Mine Road, \$100; Enterprise Mine Road, \$100; Standard Fraction Claims, \$400; Castor Fraction Claims, \$101.37.

"Kamloops: Dunn Creek, Windpass Group, \$300; Lydia Group, Canyon Creek, \$800; Copper King and McLeod Group, Seymour Road, \$3,000; Seymour River Bridge, \$1,000.

"Kaslo: Cork Mine, South Fork Road, \$2,500; Circle City, Elsmere Group, \$500; Levina-Butte Trail, \$200; Howser-Argenta Road, \$2,500; Cultus Creek, \$1,500; Eden and Crescent Mines, Coffee Creek, \$2,500; Jackson's Wagon-road, \$2,000; Bayonne Camp, Sheep Creek, \$100; Bannockburn Camp, Hall Creek, \$900; Lincoln Group, Spring Creek, \$100; Ainsworth Road, \$5,000; Tenderfoot Bridge (Porter), \$750.

"Lillooet: Sucker's Hill, Bridge River Road, \$1,000; Hautier Line, Texas Creek, \$125; Gun Creek to Copper Mountain, \$2,500; Timothy Mountain Trail, \$300; Shalath Siding, Bridge River, \$362.50.

"North Vancouver: Bowen Mines, Dorman's Ranch, \$100; Indian River Trail Bridges, \$3,000; Squamish-Summit Trail, \$100; Sun Group Trail, \$1,554.37; Mamquam River Trail, \$255; Tonquillo Creek Trail, \$1,000.

"Newcastle: Majuba Trail and Sutton Trail, \$400.

"Omineca: Road to Babine Bonanza Mining & Milling Company, \$150 and \$15,674; Dockrill Road, Howison Creek Mines, \$21,600; Delta Copper Mines, \$750; Hudson Bay Mountain Coronado Group, \$200; Nine-mile Mountain Road, \$2,500; Ashman's Coal Property Road, \$500; Quartz Creek Trail, \$250; Hudson Bay Mountain Sleigh Road, \$4,000; Shaefer, Wood, Anderson Claim, \$500.

"Prince Rupert: Drum Lummon Mines, \$1,250; Pacific International Copper Company's Trail, \$1,500; Tuttle's Account, Legate Creek, \$500; Golden Wonder Mine, \$125; Chindemash River Pack Trail, \$100.

"Revelstoke: North Road Big Bend Trail, \$17,000; Woolsey Group, Silver Creek, \$2,300; Fish Creek Trail (Stuart), \$150; Mastodon Mine Trail, \$1,500; Mountain Chief Mine, \$750.

"Rossland: Burlington and Anaconda Mines, \$1,000.

"Similkameen: Red Star Mineral Claims, \$100; Oregon Group Trail, Hedley, \$250; Princeton-Copper Mountain, \$1,000; Summit Camp Trail, \$200; Coalmont to Tulameen, Granite Creek,

\$350; Tulameen River Bridge, \$500; Pack Bridge, Champion Creek, \$550; Treasure Mountain Group Trail, \$50.

"Slocan: Carnation Mine Trail, \$300; Echo Mine Road, \$2,434; Silvertown-Four-mile Road, \$1,500; Elkhorn Mine Railway Siding, Sandon, \$1,000; Ten-mile Creek Road, \$500; Springer Creek Road, \$500; Millie Mack Trail, \$450; Sand Creek, Lightning Peak Trail, \$107.25; Sovereign Mine Road, \$483.48; Arlington Mine Road, \$200; Victor No. 6 Mineral Claim, near Sandon, \$80.

"Trail: Gordon Group Trail, \$187; Headland Trail, \$153.70; Lost Creek Trail, \$520.95; Wild Horse, \$100; Ore Hill Road to Sheep Creek, \$450; Reno Trail, Downey Brook Group, \$500; Eureka Mine Road, \$525; Noonday Group Trail, \$375; 49 Creek Road, Gold Hill Group, \$200; Aspen Mine Trail, Deer Creek, \$350; Hall Creek to Copper Mountain, \$100; Southern Bell Mine Trail, \$200; May and Jennie Mill, \$50.

"Yale: Coquihalla Foot Bridge, \$500; Emancipation Group Trail, \$1,200; Empress Mine Group, \$3,770; Siwash Creek Trail, \$250; Aberdeen Mines, \$200; Highland Transvaal Mines, \$600; Basque Mines Road, \$1,000; Emigrant Mine Trail, \$550; Ashcroft-Highland Valley to Forks, \$500; from Forks to Glossie Group, \$500; from Forks to Highland-Transvaal Group, \$500; Mary Reynolds Mine, Stump Lake, \$400.

"3. \$253,562.79; the original sum of \$200,000 being supplemented by \$75,000 under Vote 155 in the Estimates of 1918-19."

Mr. Schofield asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Is one Dr. Oliver working for the Health Department?
2. If so, in what capacity, and at what salary?
3. How long has he been working?
4. How long is it intended to keep him in the employ of the Department?
5. Is he a regularly registered qualified practitioner in this Province?
6. Is he a son of the Hon. the Premier?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

"1. No.

"2 and 3. During the influenza epidemic the Department of Health was in receipt of numerous requests from all parts of the Province for the services of medical men. Doctors were brought in from the United States and Alberta. Dr. Oliver, not being in active practice, was asked to assist the Department, which he willingly did. Dr. Oliver's services were requisitioned as occasion arose. He took charge at the following places in succession: Hope, Sooke, Delta, Sandon; remaining as long as necessary.

"The following are more detailed particulars of Dr. Oliver's employment: Hope, December 6th to 16th, for which the Doctor received \$44.30 from the Government for expenses and the following testimonial:—

HOPE, B.C., December 14th, 1918.

Dr. Robt. Oliver.

SIR,—The undersigned citizens of Hope have learned with feelings of deep appreciation the fact that you voluntarily tendered your professional services for their benefit during the recent epidemic of influenza which afflicted our community. The fact that the epidemic has been widespread, the mortality alarming, and the difficulties in the way of obtaining the benefit of trained assistance almost unsurmountable, especially in a small community such as ours, renders us doubly grateful for the fact that a man of your professional attainments should have come to our assistance. Your presence here, coupled with our knowledge of the quiet and efficient way in which you took charge, allayed our feelings of panic and gave the assurance that you were indeed a friend in need. The success which attended your efforts meets with our heartfelt appreciation, to which we wish to give tangible expression by asking you to accept the accompanying gifts that may in the future remind you of our gratefulness. We wish you every success in your professional career; the sterling qualities which you have shown argue well for your future; our good wishes go with you.

A. E. Raab, Frank Fritz, W. A. Lawes, J. D. Mowat, H. M. Cottrell, C. M. McCarthy, M. W. Cray, M. McCarthy, Wm. L. Percival, Chas. L. Flood, H. Hunter, Charlie Thomas, W. R. Lucas, Richard Duckering, A. H. McLeod, Chas. A. Morton, T. Wilburt, Thos. E. Scott, O. E. Anderson, D. P. Campbell, L. H. Johnston, Thos. Martin, G. J. Beason.

"Sooke, December 23rd to January 10th; salary and expenses, \$225. Delta, January 11th to 14th; salary, \$75; expenses, \$14.50. Sandon, January 15th to 21st; salary, \$150; expenses, \$46.70. On January 21st Dr. Oliver received an offer from mine operators of Sandon of \$500

per month and expenses, which offer was accepted for one month; a further offer for employment at the same place and rate was declined.

"4. Dr. Oliver is not now in the employ of the Department.

"5. Dr. Oliver's qualifications are: Graduated McGill, May, 1916, M.D.C.M. Degree; Licentiate of Medical Council of Canada; Licentiate of College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C.; Internship in Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, July, 1916, to March, 1917; Internship in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, March, 1917, to September, 1917; Board of Pension Commissioners, Ottawa, October, 1917, to October, 1918.

"6. The Premier says, he surely is."

Bill (No. 18) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Legal Professions Act'" was again committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Trespass Act.'"

Bill read a second time.

To be committed at next sitting.

On the second reading of Bill (No. 40) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Taxation Act'" a debate arose, which was adjourned to the next sitting.

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to make Provision for Access by the Public to Company Towns" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at next sitting.

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

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of July, 1918" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Labour Act'" was committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report adopted.

Third reading at the next sitting.

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

1. Did one S. Norse, of Francois Lake, act as Assessor in 1918 for this Department?
2. If so, how long did he work?
3. What was the total amount received by said Norse for salary and expenses?
4. Is said Norse an American citizen?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"1 to 4. Answered by replies to question No. 1, February 24th, 1919."

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

1. Did the Hon. the Minister of Lands make a trip East in 1918?
2. If so, what was the object of said trip?
3. How long was the Minister absent from Victoria?
4. What were the expenses of said trip to the Province?

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

- “1. Yes.
- “2. Public business.
- “3. October 26th to November 28th.
- “4. \$813.65.”

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. What was the expenses in each case of the attendance of the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, and the Minister of Public Works at the Mining Convention in Revelstoke in 1918?
2. What was the total cost to the Government in connection with said Convention?

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

“1. Hon. the Minister of Finance, \$85.95, which includes expenses while detained in Vancouver on other public business; Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, \$59.50; Hon. the Minister of Public Works, \$39.25.

“2. In addition, a grant of \$500 was made towards expenses of Convention.”

Mr. *W. A. McKenzie* asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Did the Minister of Public Works hold a convention or meeting of his District Engineers?
2. If so, who were at said Convention?
3. Where was it held, and the dates?
4. What was the cost of same to the Department?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

“1. Yes.
 “2. Public Works Engineer, A. E. Foreman; Assistant Public Works Engineer, G. P. Napier; District Engineers, Lieut.-Col. Hodgins, H. L. Johnston, P. Phillip, W. K. Gwyer, W. Ramsay, J. G. Cummings, A. L. Carruthers, A. Dixon; Assistant Engineers, H. C. Mann, H. E. Stevens, W. P. Beaven, G. B. Whitehead, E. D. Todd, E. H. Verner.

“3. Parliament Buildings; January 8th to 11th, inclusive.

“4. \$755.45.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Island Settlers’ Rights Act, 1904.’”

The debate was, on the motion of Mr. *Whiteside*, adjourned to the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled “An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors.”

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

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

And then the House adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Friday, 7th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. H. S. Osborne

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith the amendment of Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 7th, 1919.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

"Amend clause 7 of the Bill by striking out all the words in lines 4 to 16, both inclusive, and substituting therefor the following:—

"In the case of any such licence in respect of which the said period of one year after the date of expiry terminates prior to the thirty-first day of December, 1919, the holder of the licence shall, at any time prior to the thirty-first day of December, 1920, be entitled to a renewal of the licence upon payment of:—

"(a.) The renewal fee and additional sums payable under this subsection in respect of that first period of one year; and

"(b.) The renewal fee or fees payable in respect of the further period elapsed at the date of payment; and

"(c.) An additional sum of three dollars and fifty cents for each full month or part of a month during the whole or such part of the period of twelve months following the termination of the said period of one year as is elapsed at the date of payment; and

"(d.) An additional sum of five dollars for each full month or part of a month during the further period (if any) between the expiration of the said period of twelve months and the date of payment."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendment 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 consideration and adoption of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported and adopted.

Ordered, That the Resolution and amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act.'"

Mr. Jackson presented the Tenth Report from the Private Bills Committee, as follows:—

REPORT No. 10.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM,

March 7th, 1919.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

That the preamble of Bill (No. 51) intituled "An Act relating to the Corporation of the City of Victoria" has been proved, and the Bill ordered to be reported with amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. B. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

On the motion of the Hon. the Premier, Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections Act'" was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved on February 24th by Dr. *McIntosh*, as follows:—

That this Legislature resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the question of "State Health Insurance," with a view to discussing the advisability of appointing a Committee to bring in a Bill before the close of this Session of the House.

And on the amendment thereto moved by Mr. *Cowper* on March 3rd, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "consider" in the first line, and to substitute therefor the following: "the following Resolution: Resolved, That the Committee rise and report, recommending the introduction of legislation providing for State Health Insurance."

And on the amendment moved by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean* on March 6th, as follows:—

To strike out all the words after the word "That" in the first line thereof, and substitute the following: "Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the early consideration by the Government of legislation with respect to State Health Insurance, Mothers' Pensions, and the broadening of the provisions of the 'Workmen's Compensation Act' is desirable."

The amendment moved by Mr. *Cowper* was withdrawn.

Amendment moved by the Hon. Dr. *MacLean* carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the point of order raised on the motion moved by Mr. *Hanes* on March 5th.

Mr. Speaker *Kcen* ruled the motion out of order, the subject-matter of the same being covered by and included in a motion passed by the House on February 10th last. (See *May*, 12th ed., page 267.)

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion moved by Mr. *Pauline* on March 6th, as follows:—

Whereas a member of the Public Accounts Committee has given his certificate in writing, under Rule 108, to the Chairman of said Committee, that he believes Robert Walmsly and G. Young are necessary and important witnesses to appear before the said Committee in connection with Vote 150 (Kaslo District), item pay-lists, \$17,576.95, in the Public Accounts 1917-18:

And whereas it appears that the said Committee is also desirous of investigating the said pay-lists for the said district up to the present date:

And whereas it is advisable and necessary to inquire fully into the said matters:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the said Committee have power:—

(a.) To compel the attendance of the said Robert Walmsly and G. Young and all other persons deemed by them necessary to be examined in connection with the said matters:

(b.) To examine said persons under oath or affirmation, and to enforce the production of all books, letters, papers, documents, telegraph or telephone messages, or any other evidence material to the inquiry; and that the said Committee be instructed to allow counsel to appear before the Committee, and that no communication, oral or written, shall be kept from the Committee, whether the same shall be claimed to be confidential or personal or otherwise; and that the Committee report their findings and the evidence to the House.

The Hon. Dr. *King* moved in amendment, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *Oliver*,—

To strike out all the words in the said Resolution after the word "Whereas" in the first line thereof, and to substitute the following therefor:—

"It appears from the report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts that the said Committee desires to inquire into matters arising out of the last item under Vote 150 in the Public Accounts for the period ending March 31st, 1918, and into the matter of expenditures on Public Works in the Kaslo District to date:

"Therefore be it Resolved, That the said Committee may: (a) Summon *duces tecum* such witnesses as it may deem necessary to attend before said Committee and give evidence under oath or affirmation in regard to the matters aforesaid; (b) report its findings in the premises to the House."

Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended carried.

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

1. Did the Government hold tax-sales of lands for arrears of taxes during 1918?
2. For what years were these lands in arrears for taxes?
3. In what assessment districts were tax-sales held?
4. What was the total amount of taxes in arrears at each tax-sale?
5. What was the amount collected as a result of each tax-sale?
6. In what newspapers were these lands advertised for sale?
7. For what time was the advertisement carried in each paper?
8. What was the amount paid each newspaper for this tax-sale advertisement?
9. Was the tax-sale advertisement published in a newspaper located in each electoral riding?
10. If not, what electoral ridings failed to have this sale published in a newspaper located in the electoral riding?
11. What are the names of the newspapers published in such of the above ridings?
12. For what reason was the tax-sale advertisement not published in one or more papers in each of the electoral ridings?

The Hon. Mr. Hart replied as follows:—

"1. Yes.

"2. 1913 to 1917, inclusive.

"3, 4, 5, 6, and 8. District, taxes in arrears, amount collected, paper advertised in, and cost of advertising are as follows:—

Alberni Assessment District: \$37,720.63; \$4,174.83; Port Alberni News; \$1,860.84.

Ashcroft Assessment District: \$4,202.15; \$209.71; Ashcroft Journal; \$220.32.

Barkerville Assessment District: \$197,927.18; \$4,239.18; Prince George Citizen; \$10,400.40.

Comox Assessment District: \$48,958.42; \$3,037.54; Comox Argus; \$1,964.52.

Cowichan Assessment District: \$11,325.58; \$1,368.52; Leader; \$635.04.

Fort Steele Assessment District: \$74,272.82; \$5,740.50; District Leader; \$2,454.

Golden Assessment District: \$33,398.28; \$6,007.48; Star; \$812.16.

Kamloops Assessment District: \$4,767.28; \$1,320.15; Telegram; \$357.12.

Kettle River Assessment District: \$19,126.01; \$2,051.28; Penticton Herald; \$447.12.

Lillooet Assessment District: \$14,130.30; \$883.30; Kamloops Telegram; \$403.20.

Mayne Island Assessment District and Pender Island Assessment District: \$638.49; \$447.83; Sidney and Islands Review; \$46.44.

Nelson Assessment District: \$27,087.66; \$3,926.36; Creston Review; \$972.

New Westminster Assessment District: \$11,424.56; \$5,984.36; Port Coquitlam Times; \$787.50.

Nicola Assessment District: \$18,758.54; \$8,555.85; Merritt Herald; \$169.56.

Omineca Assessment District: \$63,510.01; \$3,019.65; Interior News; \$2,665.44.

Prince Rupert Assessment District: \$105,928.71; \$6,483.02; News; \$3,997.65.

Princeton Assessment District: \$12,496.01; \$1,447.63; Star; \$381.

Quesnel Forks Assessment District: \$21,113.85; no bids received; Quesnel Observer; \$146.88.

Revelstoke Assessment District: \$29,560.35; \$864.05; Review; \$1,603.80.

Rossland Assessment District: \$63,425.46; \$6,415.37; Grand Forks Gazette; \$957.96.

Saltspring Island Assessment District: \$3,632.17; \$88.10; Sidney and Islands Review; \$86.40.

Slocan Assessment District: \$21,574.77; \$1,674.24; Kootenaian; \$835.92.

Telegraph Creek Assessment District: \$245.33; \$250; Prince Rupert News; \$58.32.

Vancouver Assessment District: \$26,122.75; \$7,053.98; Sum; \$8,089.20.

Vernon Assessment District: \$30,938.27; \$3,349.75; Kelowna Courier; \$1,085.76.

Victoria Assessment District: \$22,003.04; \$23,547.76; Times; \$1,080.80.

"7. Once a week for four consecutive weeks.

"9. Each Collector advertised his sale in one newspaper in his district, or in the next nearest district where no newspaper was published in his district.

"10. Answered by No. 9.

"11. Department has no list of newspapers by ridings.

"12. Requirements of the 'Taxation Act' were strictly observed."

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

1. To whom was Timber Sale X913 issued?

2. How far distant is the same from the City of Prince Rupert?

3. For what period was the same issued?

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

"1. Messrs. J. R. Morgan, Limited, after public tender.

"2. Approximately 125 miles.

"3. Three years, from June 9th, 1917, to June 5th, 1920."

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

1. To whom was Timber Sale X951 issued?

2. How far distant is the same from the City of Prince Rupert?

3. For what period was the same issued?

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

"1. J. R. Morgan, Limited, after public tender.

"2. Approximately 120 miles.

"3. Two years, from June 6th, 1917, to June 5th, 1919."

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

1. To whom was Timber Sale X920 made?

2. What was the period for which same was issued?

3. Where is the same located?

4. What is the approximate distance from this timber sale to the City of Prince Rupert?

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

"1. To J. R. Morgan, Limited, after public tender.

"2. For three years, May 21st, 1917, to May 20th, 1920.

"3. Juskatla Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands.

"4. Approximately 120 miles."

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

1. What is the total amount to date, with particulars, paid to W. W. B. McInnes, of Vancouver, for professional services?

2. What was the date of the last services rendered by said McInnes?

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

"1. Total amount \$1,050, made up as follows: Lim Jim vs. McRae, counsel fees, February 9th to 28th, 1918, \$100; Vancouver Spring Assize, counsel fees, April 30th to May 18th, 1918, \$950.

"2. May 18th, 1918."

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

1. Is Henry Pike employed as a road foreman in Esquimalt District?

2. If yes, when was he employed by this Government?

3. Was the said Pike formerly employed as road foreman by previous Government?

4. Was said Pike formerly discharged by the Department under the McBride Government?

5. Was said Pike discharged for improperly appropriating moneys to his own use?

6. If not, what was the reason for dispensing with his services?
7. On whose recommendation was said Pike re-employed?
8. Was Pike's record before the Department when the said Pike was re-employed?
9. If yes, why was he re-employed?
10. If not, will the Minister look into the case and discharge the said Pike?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Since May, 1917.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. No record.
- "5 and 6. Answered by No. 4.
- "7. General Foreman.
- "8. No.
- "9. Answered by No. 8.
- "10. Yes; will be discharged if that course is justified."

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

1. How much was spent on public works on the Francois Lake and Ootsa Lake County in 1918?
2. To what vote was it charged?
3. Was any money spent in 1918 on Railway Avenue or any other street in Smithers?
4. If so, how much, and full particulars of same?
5. To what vote was this Smithers work charged?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. \$13,626.33.
- "2. Vote 194.
- "3. Report not received.
- "4 and 5. Answered by No. 3."

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

1. Is it the intention of the Government to build a bridge across the Skeena River at or near Terrace?
2. If so, when will construction begin?
3. Did the Minister of Lands during the election campaign of 1916 promise the electors to build a bridge at that point?
4. If so, why has the promise not been fulfilled?
5. Will provision be made in the Estimates at this Session for that work?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

- "1. Under consideration.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Have no knowledge of such promise.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. Answered by No. 1."

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

1. Who were authorized to sell game licences in 1918, giving their names and addresses?
2. What commission was allowed them, and the amounts paid each?

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

"1. Government Agents, Provincial constables, and such persons as were authorized by Government Agents. The instructions sent Government Agents were as follows: 'Commissions have been allowed on collections to private individuals in many instances in the past, but you are requested to avoid the payment of any commissions on revenue collections under the "Game Act" as much as possible in the future.'

"2. Edgar Archibald, Rosedale, \$1; W. E. Adams, Marpole, \$39; L. A. Agassiz, Agassiz, \$10.25; Edward Burgoyne, Pitt Meadows, \$6.25; N. J. Barwick, Merritt, \$50.25; L. A. Brown,

Salmon Arm, \$19.75; P. Close, Rosedale, \$14.75; Cunningham Hardware Co., Vancouver, \$6.25; M. A. Curwen, \$4; T. J. Cook, Sechelt, \$10.50; L. P. DeLair, Abbotsford, \$7.75; W. J. Dunseith, Simoon Sound, Cumberland, \$16.50; A. Davies, North Vancouver, \$19.25; T. Dames, Pender Harbour, \$5; J. R. Edwards, Port Alberni, \$22; E. Elliott, Aldergrove, \$9; E. Evensen, Quatsino, \$1; J. A. Flett, Ltd., Vancouver, \$69.25; J. A. Fraser, Union Bay, \$2.25; Lisle Fraser, Vancouver, \$42.25; G. F. Guernsey, Penticton, \$8; D. J. Harding, Chilliwack, \$6; B. Hughes-Games, Salmon Arm, 50 cents; A. R. Horne, Union Bay, \$10.25; S. D. Johnston, Port Coquitlam, \$28; F. C. Jones, Qualicum Beach, \$10; P. S. Jack, Stewart, \$1; P. R. Keay, Mount Lehman, \$9.50; Mrs. A. Kingsley, Shawnigan Lake, \$12; C. Lifton, North Vancouver, \$12.75; F. W. Liversidge, Port Crawford, 25 cents; J. L. Logie, Summerland, \$26.25; Martin, Finlayson & Mather, Vancouver, \$36.25; A. D. Matheson, Cloverdale, \$29; F. L. Mosher, Houston, \$1; C. J. Monk, Chemainus, \$18; A. Macdonald, Ladner, \$11.25; Thomas McCubbin, Pacific, \$1.50; W. J. McIntosh, Langley Fort, \$6.25; McLennan & McFeeley Co., Ltd., Vancouver, \$47; A. M. Noble, Port Moody, \$18.25; L. R. Pearse, Adelphi, \$13.50; J. Partridge, Union Bay, \$33.25; Joseph Page, Galiano, \$4.75; James H. Parkin, Sandwick, \$31.25; Wm. Parkinson, Edmonds, \$4.75; J. A. Pauline, Bella Bella, \$4; J. Pelly, Chilliwack, \$43.50; E. Pope, Hammond, \$41.25; J. A. Porter, Cobble Hill, \$10.25; James Palmer, Esquimalt, \$1.50; W. S. Parker, Marron Lake, 50 cents; T. H. Rotherham, Hedley, \$13.75; G. Robertson & Son, Vancouver, \$3.25; W. S. Simpson, Gibson's Landing, \$1.50; P. R. Skinner, Copper City, \$3; Stelly & Geiger, Riverside Inn P.O., \$8; Walter Scott, Nakusp, \$2; Charles Tucker, Bella Coola, \$42.50; Tisdalls, Ltd., Vancouver, \$142; Henry Twidle, Granite Bay, \$5.75; H. Taylor, Fort St. John, \$20.50; A. Taylor, Ladner, \$1; Malcolm White, Falkland, \$5.25; E. J. Wilson, Langley Prairie, \$16; Wood, Vallance & Leggatt, Vancouver, \$15; J. M. Wright, Armstrong, \$25.50; Hugh Williams, Peachland, \$13.50; A. Waddell, Steveston, \$25."

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

1. Is F. J. Stackpoole Registrar-General and District Registrar of Titles at the City of Victoria?
2. If so, when was he appointed, and at what salary?
3. Was any advertisement of this vacancy made before said appointment?
4. What is the age of said Stackpoole?

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

- "1. Mr. F. J. Stackpoole was appointed Registrar-General of Titles.
- "2. Appointment dates from November 12th, 1918; salary, \$300 per month.
- "3. No.
- "4. Fifty-eight years of age."

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 15) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act Relief Act.'"

Bill (No. 10) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Amusements Tax Act.'"

Bill (No. 14) intituled "An Act to ratify an Agreement between His Majesty the King and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company bearing Date the Fifteenth Day of July, 1918."

Bill (No. 33) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Department of Labour Act.'"

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors."

On the motion of Mr. *Fisher*, the debate was again adjourned until the next sitting.

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

Bill (No. 36) intituled "An Act to repeal the 'Employment Agencies Act.'"

Bill (No. 37) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Proportional Representation Act.'"

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

And then the House adjourned at 4.53 p.m.

Monday, 10th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. G. H. Andrews.

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith an amendment of Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act,'" enclosed herewith, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Government House,
March 8th, 1919.*

(ENCLOSURE.)

"To amend said Bill by adding thereto the following clause:—

"3. Where, since the fourth day of August, 1914, moneys have accrued due and been paid to the Crown on account of payments, fees, or taxes in respect of any pre-emption claim by any person to whom section 2 of said chapter 35, as amended by this Act, applies, the Minister of Finance, on the written application of that person or his personal representatives, approved by the Minister of Lands, shall by payment from the Consolidated Revenue Fund refund without interest all moneys so paid."

Ordered, That the said Message, and the amendment 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 consideration and adoption of the proposed amendment to Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act,'" a draft of which is annexed to the Message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

Resolution and amendment reported and adopted.

Ordered, That the Resolution and amendment be referred to the Committee of the Whole having in charge Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act.'"

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

F. S. BARNARD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

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

*Government House,
March 10th, 1919.*

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. 43) intituled "An Act respecting the Dewdney Dyking District," a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Mr. *McGeer* presented a report from the Select Committee appointed by Resolutions of the 20th and 24th days of February, 1919, to deal with schemes and suggestions made with a view to rehabilitating the returned soldiers, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee was attended on by representatives of the Provincial Great War Veterans' Association in the person of Captain Whittaker, President of that association, and Walter Drinnan, Esquire, Field Organizer of that association in the Province of British Columbia, and representatives of other soldier bodies, who made representations to your Committee with reference to the conditions and circumstances surrounding the rehabilitation of soldiers returning to the Province of British Columbia, and particularly with reference to the necessity of the maintenance of an organization financially assisted by the Provincial Government for the purpose of extending relief to and the assistance of soldiers' dependents who are in need of relief and assistance from time to time.

Your Committee on investigation find that, while considerable work along this line has been done by the Soldiers' Aid Commission of the Province, the Labour Bureaus established or in course of establishment throughout the Province, soldier organizations such as the Great War Veterans' Association, the Comrades of the Great War, the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, the British Campaigners' Association, and other associations, yet your Committee is of the opinion that the growing burden will prove altogether too heavy for these associations and bodies without a further substantial measure of relief and assistance from the Provincial Government.

Your Committee, therefore, humbly recommends to the Government that the body known as "The Soldiers' Aid Commission" be reorganized, that it be established as consisting of seven members—a Chairman, a representative of the Government; three civilians, representing the civilian population; and three returned soldiers, representing the returned soldiers and their dependents.

That the Commission be given full and sweeping powers to extend aid and relief to soldiers and their dependents, either by extending relief directly to the individuals or through the medium of soldier organizations; and, further, that the Commission shall have power to assist in the maintenance of soldier organizations having as their interest the welfare of the soldiers, either returned or returning to British Columbia.

It is further recommended that a vote of \$250,000 be placed in the Estimates of this Session and voted and placed at the disposal of the said Commission.

Provided, further, however, that the Commission be given power to raise moneys by public subscription or donation to supplement such funds.

G. G. MCGEER, *Chairman.*

The report was received.

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

1. What bonus or subsidy was paid to the B.C. Express Corporation for operating their steamer "B.X." between Prince George and Soda Creek during the season of navigation in 1918?
2. When did the steamer "B.X." make her first trip between Prince George and Quesnel during the season of navigation in 1918?
3. When did the steamer "B.X." make her last trip between Prince George and Quesnel during the season of navigation in 1918?
4. How many round trips between Prince George and Soda Creek did the steamer "B.X." make during the season of navigation in 1918?
5. How many tons of steel rails or other construction material did the steamer "B.X." carry between Soda Creek and way-points to Prince George during the season of 1918?
6. Had these steel rails or construction material been used in the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway?
7. If so, to whom did these rails and construction material belong?
8. What consideration did the Government receive for the subsidy paid to the B.C. Express Co.?
9. Does the Government propose to grant a subsidy to the B.C. Express Co. for the season of 1919?

10. Did the Government call for tenders for the performance of the work done by the steamer "B.X." during the season of 1918?

11. If so, on what date were tenders advertised and in what paper?

12. What firms or persons tendered to perform the services, and what was the amount of bonus or subsidy asked by each tenderer?

13. How many tons of farm produce did the steamer "B.X." carry between Soda Creek or way-points to Prince George during the season of 1918?

14. Why was the money for this subsidy not voted in the Estimates of the Session of 1918?

The Hon. Dr. *King* replied as follows:—

"1. \$10,000.

"2. May 2nd.

"3. October 26th.

"4. Forty-six.

"5. No information.

"6 and 7. Answered by No. 5.

"8. The cost of carrying construction freight in connection with building the Pacific Great Eastern Railway would be accepted in lieu of payment in cash of the subsidy or any part thereof.

"9. Tenders have been called for.

"10. Yes.

"11. May 7th, 1918; B.C. Gazette, Cariboo *Observer*, and Prince George *Observer*.

"12. British Columbia Express Company; \$10,000.

"13. No information.

"14. It was omitted in error."

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

1. If J. D. Hall was dismissed as Sheriff for the County of Vancouver?

2. If so, when, and for what reason?

3. How long had said Hall been in the Service?

4. What was his age at time of dismissal?

5. Was said Hall given any retiring allowance?

6. If not, is it the intention of the Government to consider granting him a retiring allowance?

7. Was one Charles McDonald appointed to succeed him?

8. If so, at what salary?

9. What is the age of said McDonald?

10. Was said McDonald in the Crown Service at the time of his appointment?

11. Why was not some one in the Service promoted?

12. Why was a returned soldier not appointed?

13. Was one Joseph A. Bourque appointed Deputy Sheriff to Sheriff McDonald?

14. If so, when, and at what salary?

15. Had said Bourque any previous experience?

16. Was said Bourque formerly in the service of the Crown?

17. What was the age of said Bourque?

18. Why was not some one in the Service promoted?

19. Why was a returned soldier not appointed?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. July 1st, 1918; reorganization.

"3. Twenty-five years.

"4. No information.

"5. No.

"6. Three months' salary in lieu of notice. As for some years the said Hall received over \$20,000 a year from his position, it is considered that he has received his retiring allowance in advance.

"7. Yes.

- "8. \$4,000 per annum.
 "9. Sixty-five.
 "10. No.
 "11. The appointment made was considered to be in the public interest.
 "12. Answered by No. 11.
 "13. Yes.
 "14. June 29th, 1918; \$1,680 per annum.
 "15. He was considered and has proved to be a competent official.
 "16. No.
 "17. Forty-four.
 "18. The appointment made was considered to be in the public interest.
 "19. Answered by No. 18."

Mr. A. M. McDonald asked the Hon. the Minister of Public Works the following questions:—

1. Is the Department aware of the dangerous condition of the Big Creek Bridge on the Gang Ranch, Hanceville Road?
2. Was the said bridge condemned by the Bridge Inspector as unsafe for traffic?
3. If so, when?
4. Is the Department aware that the Chilcotin freighters have to make the long detour via Chimney Creek Bridge?
5. Is it the intention to build a new bridge this year? If not, why not?
6. What is the estimated cost of proposed new bridge?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

- "1. No. The Inspector reported in July there was no apparent change in the structure since previous year, and if traffic did not increase it could be carried for another year.
 "2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.
 "4. No.
 "5. Yes.
 "6. \$3,450."

Mr. Ross asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:—

1. Has the Workmen's Compensation Board applied to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for approval of salaries of the Secretary, Medical Officer, and other officials, clerks, and servants of the Board for 1918, as provided by subsection (1) of section 63, "Workmen's Compensation Act"?

2. If so, what are the names of such Secretary, Medical Officer, and other officials, clerks, and servants, with occupation and monthly salary in each case?

The Hon. Dr. MacLean replied as follows:—

- "1. Yes.
 "2. Names, occupations, and monthly salaries are as follows: F. W. Hinsdale, Secretary, \$325; Miss L. R. Renwick, Stenographer, \$75; F. J. Harding, Cashier, \$200; F. P. Archibald, Accountant, \$165; W. Meston, Claims Adjuster, \$145; W. A. McMinn, Auditor, \$100; A. E. Postill, Assistant Cashier, \$110; Miss M. Collins, Stenographer, \$82.50; Miss W. Underwood, Stenographer, \$76.50; Miss M. E. Muir, Stenographer, \$71; Miss D. Russell, Clerk, \$65; Miss Lena McLennan, Clerk, \$70; Miss M. Solloway, Stenographer, \$65; R. B. Fulton, Chief Claims Officer, \$165; J. M. Armitage, Chief Claims Adjuster, \$147.50; F. Hart, Correspondence Clerk, \$110; H. S. Watson, Assistant Adjuster, \$100; Mrs. A. I. Till, Stenographer, \$90; Miss B. Fennell, Clerk, \$82.50; Miss H. Fennell, Clerk, \$66; Miss E. M. Abbott, Stenographer, \$82.50; Miss F. M. Maxam, Clerk, \$82.50; Mrs. Ada Small, Stenographer, \$77; Miss E. S. Cook, Clerk, \$60.50 Mrs. J. Ball, Stenographer, \$76; Miss E. McNeill, Stenographer, \$82.50; Miss H. L. Nash, Clerk, \$72; Dr. G. A. B. Hall, Chief Medical Referee, \$325; Miss M. MacRae, Chief Clerk, \$90; Miss C. C. Haggart, Stenographer, \$65; Miss E. M. Dickey, Stenographer, \$70; Miss L. McRae, Clerk, \$76.50; Miss I. Westwood, Stenographer, \$77; Miss O. M. Freeman, Chairman's Secretary, \$90; Miss M. Worswick, Stenographer, \$100; Miss M. Ledwell, Exchange Operator, \$49.50; F. V. Bodwell, Information Department, \$126.50; S. Humphreys, Statistician, \$125; Miss G. E. Tait, Clerk, \$82.50; E. N. Brown, Departmental Solicitor, \$192.50; Miss Nora Wilson, Stenographer,

\$82.50; Miss Alberta House, Stenographer, \$65; W. B. McDonald, Auditor, \$165; Wm. McNeish, Auditor, \$165; T. P. Wilson, Auditor, \$126.50; T. S. Brown, Auditor, \$126.50; H. Pontifex, Auditor, \$137.50; H. Mackenzie, Auditor, \$132; William Morris, Auditor, \$132; Miss M. Croft, Stenographer, \$77."

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

1. How many free ferries are being operated by the Government?
2. Where are these ferries located?
3. How many passengers were handled by each ferry during last year?
4. How many horses and vehicles were handled by each during last year?
5. What amount has the Government invested in each ferry?
6. What is the annual cost of operation of each ferry?

The Hon. Dr. King replied as follows:—

"1. Forty-five.

"2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Answered as follows:—

Name of Ferry.	Location.	April to December, 1918.				1917-18, Annual Cost Operation.
		No. Passengers.	No. Horses.	No. Vehicles.	Amount Invested.	
Barnston Island Ferry, Fraser River.....		1,161	12	266	\$2,500	\$ 981 25
Briscoe Ferry, Columbia River		*	*	*	350	78 35
Goldstream Ferry, Columbia River		*	*	*	*	185 13
Francois Lake Ferry, Omineca (a)		1,487	89	310	3,800	1,992 58
Alexandria Ferry, Fraser River		1,334	443	300	4,300	1,140 50
Macalister Ferry (boat), Fraser River ...		*	*	*	50	300 00
Agassiz-Rosedale Ferry (private), Fraser River		5,942	*	2,338	*	3,500 00
Big Bar Ferry (b), Fraser River		*	*	*	2,000	1,272 65
Chilliwack-Harrison Ferry (c), (private boat), Fraser River		*	*	*	*	800 00
Dunster Ferry, Fraser River		1,224	63	147	2,500	904 87
High Bar Ferry (d), Fraser River		*	*	*	1,000	640 90
Lytton Ferry (e), Fraser River		906	*	*	400	575 97
Mission Ferry, Fraser River		40,352	468	19,084	9,653	5,787 68
Quesnel Ferry, Fraser River		3,236	1,504	1,428	1,090	1,408 90
Soda Creek Ferry, Fraser River		1,659	1,025	361	1,350	1,209 45
Pavilion, 20 M.P. Ferry (boat), above Lil- looet, Fraser River		*	*	*	100	508 00
Ladner-Woodward Ferry, Fraser River ...		57,729	375	14,632	23,800	13,465 42
Hall's Landing Ferry, Columbia River		3,800	236	1,881	5,009	5,228 18
Lewis Ferry (small boat), Kootenay River		*	*	*	*	123 00
Reclamation Farm Ferry, Kootenay River		*	*	*	1,600	1,335 67
Nehaco River Ferry, Fort Fraser		3,360	494	477	3,425	959 51
Nehaco River Ferry, No. 3 Indian Reserve		959	58	212	2,800	590 43
Blackpool Ferry, North Thompson River ..		2,612	77	1,187	692	645 98
Birch Island Ferry, North Thompson River		1,929	155	337	543	650 58
Chinook Cove Ferry, N. Thompson River		944	184	324	500	600 00
Vinsulla Ferry (g), North Thompson River		153	13	52	1,300	†
Vavenby (or Jones) Ferry, North Thomp- son River		1,957	184	469	300	585 00
Mt. Olie (Little Fort) Ferry, North Thomp- son River		8,896	450	3,613	270	1,124 70
Lost Creek Ferry, North Thompson River*						
Clearwater Ferry, North Thompson River		4,166	346	588	700	1,000 00
Sorrento-Scotch Creek Ferry, Shuswap Lake		1,581	94	476	1,575	1,900 00
Ducks Ferry, South Thompson River		1,665	226	81	...	644 23

* No returns.

† Ferryman allowed \$50 per month.

Name of Ferry.	Location.	April to December, 1918.				1917-18. Annual Cost Operation.
		No. Passengers.	No. Horses.	No. Vehicles.	Amount Invested.	
Pritchard Ferry, South Thompson River ..		5,224	274	726	\$ 300	\$ 600 00
Stuart River Ferry, Ft. St. James		787	289	477	2,990	867 01
Breckenridge Ferry, Skeena River		*	*	*	600	650 00
Copper City Ferry (out of commission now)		*	*	*	1,000	750 00
Hazelton Ferry (<i>h</i>); Skeena River		*	*	*	*	350 00
Kitwanga Ferry, Skeena River		1,231	49	31	4,500	700 00
Cedarvale Ferry, Skeena River		6,258	16	241	3,000	786 00
Pacific Ferry (<i>j</i>), Skeena River		*	*	*	4,000	900 00
Terrace Ferry, Skeena River		4,101	87	1,549	2,500	1,200 00
Usk Ferry (<i>k</i>), Skeena River		229	18	185	2,500	900 00
Tacla Lake Ferry		*	*	*	500	100 00
Upper Nass River Ferry (<i>l</i>) (small boat), Grease Harbour		*	*	*	50	250 00
Nelson Ferry, West Arm Kootenay Lake ..		30,723	378	4,250	9,000	4,500 00
Waterloo Ferry (<i>m</i>) (privately owned), Columbia River		2,641	65	452	*	500 00

* No returns.

"NOTE.—(a) August to December records only; (b) no records, canoe being operated till pontoon is replaced; (c) private ferry, subsidized; (d) pontoon carried out by high water, June 13th, 1918; (e) April till September, inclusive; (g) returns from September to December only; (h) canoe for summer months; (j) this is a boat service; (k) returns from September to December only; (l) boat service for convenience of community; (m) ferry owned and operated by Doukhobors."

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

By Mr. *Manson*—Bill (No. 44) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Administration Act.'"

By the Hon. Mr. *Farris*—Bill (No. 29) intituled "An Act to secure Uniform Conditions in Policies of Fire Insurance."

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of Works to prevent the Encroachment of Rivers upon their Banks" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1918,'" and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 10th, 1919.

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. 42) intituled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Loan Act, 1918,'" a draft of which is annexed to this Resolution.

Resolution and Bill reported.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Second reading at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 31) intituled "An Act to make Provision for Access by the Public to Company Towns" was again committed.

Reported without amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probates Recognition Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Civil Servants" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act'" was committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 30) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Forest Act'" was committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.59 p.m.

Tuesday, 11th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Joseph Johnston*.

The Hon. Mr. *Oliver* moved, seconded by the Hon. Dr. *King*,—

Whereas the citizens of this Province owe a debt of the deepest gratitude to its sons and daughters who have served the cause of freedom and democracy by giving of their best in active military and naval service during the Great War:

And whereas that gratitude should find expression in sincere endeavour to rehabilitate with the utmost speed those who have served, and in sincere endeavour to obviate to the greatest degree any loss, physical, financial, or otherwise, which they may have sustained through the service they have rendered:

And whereas our gratitude further requires that the needs and comforts of our gallant sons and daughters and their dependents should have our first care:

Therefore be it Resolved, That the people of British Columbia, through this Legislative Assembly, record their deepest thanks to each and all of those who have made sacrifice in connection with the war, and more especially to those who have made sacrifice through service in His Majesty's Forces in any branch.

And be it further Resolved, That in the opinion of this House Canada, through its governing bodies—Federal, Provincial, and municipal—should put forth every endeavour towards the speediest possible rehabilitation of our returned citizens who have been engaged in the said war.

And be it further Resolved, That in the opinion of this House Canada should, through its appropriate governing bodies, see to it that nothing is left undone in the matter of caring for its aforementioned returned citizens and making good to them their loss through service.

And be it further Resolved, That in the opinion of this House Canada should similarly, through its appropriate governing bodies, see to it that nothing is left undone in the matter of caring for the dependents of those who have fallen or been incapacitated in naval or military service.

And be it further Resolved, That, in so far as this Province is concerned, this House is of the opinion that every possible preference should be shown to our aforementioned returned citizens not only in the Civil Service, but in the matter of public employment.

And be it further Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the Government of this Province should co-operate with and encourage private employers in giving every possible preference in the matter of employment to our aforementioned returned citizens.

Mr. *F. J. A. MacKenzie* moved in amendment, seconded by Dr. *McIntosh*,—

To add the following paragraph:—

“And be it further Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the Government should proceed at once in this Session with a definite financial policy in the form of expenditures of moneys for public works or otherwise with a view to giving immediate practical relief to the returned soldiers and their dependents.”

On objection taken by the Hon. the Premier, Mr. Speaker *Keen* ruled the amendment out of order as dealing with the expenditure of public money and Government policy. (*See* section 52, Constitution Act; *May*, 12th ed., 437; *Speakers' Decisions*, 80, 81.)

Mr. *MacKenzie* appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair was sustained on the following division:—

YEAS—31.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Nelson,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>	

NAYS—8.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>

Debate resumed on the original question.

Resolution agreed to.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney-General, Bill (No. 45) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Administration Act’” was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be read a second time at the next sitting.

Mr. *Giolma* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burde*,—

That an Order of the House be granted for the return of the agreement referred to in Bill No. 17 now before this House. Further, for return and production of all correspondence which passed between the Dominion representative on the Indian Lands Commission and this Government or any other Government of the Province, or any member of said Governments, dealing with a suggested policy for the Province in connection with the said lands.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of the Hon. the Minister of Lands, adjourned to the next sitting.

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

1. Is the Government aware that the Independent Doukhobors have been holding nude parades in the vicinity of Thrums during the summer and fall of 1918?
2. Has the Provincial Chief of Police at Nelson been advised of this?
3. Has a Provincial constable been sent to investigate this?
4. If so, what was his report?
5. If he found these parades had been held, what has been done by the Department to prevent repetition of this reprehensible practice?

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

- "1. No.
- "2. Have no information.
- "3. Answered by No. 2.
- "4. Answered by No. 2.
- "5. Answered by Nos. 1 and 2."

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

1. Was Mr. Findlay a prisoner at Oakalla Prison Farm during the month of January, 1919?
2. Was he confined in said prison by reason of being guilty of contempt for not answering questions before the Royal Commission dealing with the administration of the "Prohibition Act"?
3. Was he allotted a cell similar to other prisoners confined in said prison for a similar offence?
4. If not, why was he allotted a cell or room in a different wing?
5. If not, why was he not placed in a cell in the same part of the prison as the other prisoners?
6. Did he receive the same treatment as other prisoners?
7. If not, why not?
8. Under whose instructions was he given special accommodation; were those instructions in writing or verbal?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Yes.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. Answered by No. 3.
- "5. Answered by No. 3.
- "6. Yes, for same offence.
- "7. Answered by No. 6.
- "8. Not aware of any such instructions."

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

1. What is the area of the Fort George Land District?
2. How much land has been sold by the Government to date in the Fort George Land District?
3. How much has the wild-land tax in the Fort George Land District amounted to?
4. How much revenue was derived from the sale of lands in the Fort George District?
5. What have the forestry stumpage and licence fees amounted to in the Fort George District to date?
6. How much of this revenue has been secured?

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

- "1. The Fort George Land Recording District comprises approximately 10,000,000 acres.
- "2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. This information is not readily available. It will take considerable time and labour to extract it from the records, no separate account of the various transactions being kept by Land Recording Districts. Some of the information will have to be obtained from the local officials at South Fort George and Quesnel and would take several weeks to assemble."

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

1. How many new appointments have been made in the Cranbrook Government Agency for all purposes since April 1st, 1918?

2. What are the names of such appointees and the service in which each is employed?

The Hon. Dr. *MacLean* replied as follows:—

"1 and 2. All persons at present on the staff of the Cranbrook Government Agency have been in the Service since April 1st, 1918, but the work of the office was reorganized and the positions redistributed under Order in Council No. 2619, approved November 20th, 1918."

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

1. Why was T. G. Wynn dismissed as Inspector of Police?

2. When was he dismissed?

3. Was he succeeded by F. R. Murray?

4. If so, when was said Murray appointed?

5. Is said Murray a brother-in-law of the Minister of Finance?

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

"1. For greater efficiency of the Service.

"2. May 13th, 1918.

"3. Yes.

"4. June 29th, 1918.

"5. No information in the Department."

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

1. The Minister, in reply to questions, states that the Commission on Taxation have made their report: Will the Minister present the report forthwith?

2. How are the two Commissioners now employed?

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

"1. The report will be printed and presented to the House as soon as possible, and before the close of the present Session.

"2. Their duties as members of the Board being ended, they are not now employed by the Government."

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

1. Did the Government pay for the transfer of E. C. Lunn, Government Agent at Quesnel, his family and effects, when he was removed from Clinton to Quesnel?

2. If so, what was the cost?

3. Did the Government pay for the transfer of G. Milburn, Government Agent at Clinton, his family and effects, when he was removed from Quesnel to Clinton?

4. If so, what was the cost?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$374.15.

"3. Yes.

"4. \$274.60."

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

1. Did the Government pay the expenses of transferring L. A. Dodd, his family and effects, from Yale to Barkerville when he was appointed Gold Commissioner at Barkerville?

2. If so, what was the cost of same?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$224.35."

Dr. *Rose* asked the Hon. the Minister of Finance the following questions:—

1. Has the Government guaranteed a further amount of the principal and interest of the bonds of the French's Complex Ore Reduction Company, Limited, of Nelson, in accordance with chapter 16 of Statutes of 1918?

2. If so, for what amount and at what rate of interest, and when was same guaranteed?

3. Have said bonds been sold?

4. If so, to whom, and at what discount?

5. Were said bonds sold by the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd.?

6. If so, what commission was paid them, and by whom?

7. What insurance was carried by the old Government on this property?

8. What agents carried this insurance?

9. Has this insurance been changed to other agents since the present Government came into office?

10. If so, to what firm was it given?

11. What insurance is carried now?

12. Did the firm of Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., place this insurance?

13. Is the Minister of Finance a shareholder in said firm?

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

"1. Yes.

"2. \$25,000 at 7 per cent.; debenture dated June 1st, 1918.

"3. Yes.

"4. Government has no authority in connection with sale of bonds.

"5. The French's Complex Ore Reduction Company made all arrangements about the loan

"6. Answered by Nos. 4 and 5.

"7. \$20,000.

"8. No information.

"9. The Government has no authority in connection with placing of insurance on French's Complex Ore Reduction Company.

"10. Answered by No. 9.

"11. \$30,000.

"12. Answered by No. 9.

"13. Yes."

The Report on Bill (No. 26) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Probates Recognition Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 13) intituled "An Act respecting the Construction of Works to prevent the Encroachment of Rivers upon their Banks" was again committed.

Reported with amendment.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of Civil Servants" was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Report on Bill (No. 38) intituled "An Act to amend the 'Pre-emptors' Free Grants Act'" was adopted.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

1. Did one S. Norse, of Francois Lake, act as Assessor in 1918 for this Department?

2. If so, how long did he work?

3. What was the total amount received by said Norse for salary and expenses?

4. Is said Norse an American citizen?

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

“1. Answered by replies to question No. 1, February 24th, 1919.

“2. June 12th to October 19th.

“3. Answered by replies to question No. 1, February 24th, 1919.

“4. No information.”

Bill (No. 30) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Forest Act’” was again committed.

Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

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

And then the House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.

Wednesday, 12th March, 1919.

HALF-PAST TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers by the Rev. *Theo. Habershon*.

The House proceeded to the Orders of the Day.

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

F. S. BARNARD,

Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits herewith—

Estimates of sums required for the service of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1920;

Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year ending 31st March, 1919; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

March 12th, 1919.

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

Order for Committee of Supply called.

The Hon. the Minister of Finance moved, seconded by the Hon. the Premier, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.”

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of Mr. *W. A. McKenzie*, adjourned until to-morrow.

Bill (No. 36) intituled “An Act to repeal the ‘Employment Agencies Act’” was committed. Progress reported.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 37) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Municipal Proportional Representation Act’” was committed.

Reported with amendments.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Vancouver Island Settlers’ Rights Act, 1904.’”

Bill read a second time on the following division:—

YEAS—32.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Cowper,</i>	<i>Manson,</i>	<i>Barrow,</i>
<i>Yorston,</i>	<i>McIntosh,</i>	<i>Thompson,</i>	<i>Walters,</i>
<i>Giolma,</i>	<i>Sloan,</i>	<i>Anderson,</i>	<i>McGeer,</i>
<i>Duncan,</i>	<i>Farris,</i>	<i>Macdonald, K. C.,</i>	<i>Stewart,</i>
<i>Burde,</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>	<i>Weart,</i>	<i>Pauline,</i>
<i>Hawthornthwaite,</i>	<i>King,</i>	<i>MacLean,</i>	<i>Hall,</i>
<i>Mobley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, M. A.,</i>	<i>Pattullo,</i>	<i>Buckham,</i>
<i>Wilson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>	<i>Hart,</i>	<i>Fisher.</i>

NAYS—9.

Messieurs

<i>Pooley,</i>	<i>MacKenzie, F. J. A.,</i>	<i>Bowser,</i>	<i>McKenzie, W. A.</i>
<i>Schofield,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Whiteside,</i>
<i>Jones,</i>			

To be committed at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the second reading of Bill (No. 34) intituled "An Act to provide for the Initiation and Approval of Legislation by the Electors."

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

The Hon. the Minister of Public Works presented a report on work executed by the Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage and Drainage Board to December 31st, 1916, with recommendations as to future procedure.

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

1. Was one Geo. R. Fisher a Deputy Game Warden at Prince George in 1918?
2. How long had he been in the Service?
3. When was he dismissed?
4. Was he a returned soldier?
5. Has he been offered any other position in the Service?
6. If not, why not?
7. Was he sent by the Department to the headwaters of the Wapiti River, accompanying a Smithsonian Biological Expedition?
8. If so, how long was he away from Prince George?
9. Did he lose on said trip a large amount of personal property?
10. Has he put in a claim for the value of said property?
11. If so, why has it not been paid?

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

- "1. Yes.
- "2. Since February 1st, 1917.
- "3. May 12th, 1918.
- "4. Yes.
- "5. Yes.
- "6. Answered by No. 5.
- "7. Fisher made a suggestion that he should accompany this expedition, stating the expenses would not exceed average monthly expenses. He was accordingly given permission to go.
- "8. January 24th, 1918, to May 12th, 1918.
- "9. Am not aware that he lost a large amount of personal property. He reported a loss of some personal effects owing to wrecking of a raft.
- "10. No. He mentioned the loss and suggested that the Provincial Government should take care of same. He has furnished no particulars of the property he claims to have lost.
- "11. Answered by No. 10."

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

1. Is Mrs. J. H. McGill still acting as Assistant Juvenile Court Judge in the City of Vancouver?
2. What salary is she now in receipt of?
3. Has said salary been raised lately?
4. If so, when, and for what amount?
5. Who pays said salary?
6. What salary does H. C. Shaw, Police Magistrate of Vancouver and Juvenile Court Judge, now receive?

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

- "1. Mrs. J. H. McGill is a Judge of the Juvenile Court for the City of Vancouver and is still acting as such.
- "2. \$900 per annum.
- "3. Yes.
- "4. February 1st; from \$600 per annum to \$900 per annum.
- "5. City of Vancouver.
- "6. \$4,700 per annum."

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

1. Has the Superintendent of Provincial Police made any reports to the Attorney-General in writing from time to time covering the enforcement of the "Prohibition Act," as provided for by section 56 of the Act?
2. If not, why not?
3. If yes, what are the dates of said reports?
4. If yes, what was the nature of said reports?
5. What remarks were made by the said Superintendent as to the working of the law?
6. Who were prosecuted under the provisions of said section as shown by said reports, with the fines or sentences covering each case?
7. What amount of business was transacted by each vendor under the Act as shown by said reports?
8. Will the Attorney-General table said reports?

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

- "1. If the Honourable Member for Esquimalt will post himself on the provisions of the Statute he will find that section 56 of the 'Prohibition Act' does not provide for any reports by the Superintendent of Police.
- "2. Answered by No. 1.
- "3. Answered by No. 1.
- "4. Answered by No. 1.
- "5. Answered by No. 1.
- "6. Answered by No. 1.
- "7. Answered by No. 1.
- "8. Answered by No. 1."

Bill (No. 41) intituled "An Act to amend the "Provincial Elections Act'" was read a second time, and *Ordered* to be committed at the next sitting.

Resolved, That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. to-day.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.