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Municipal Aid and Public Works Are Mentioned in House

Speech From Throne States Toll Bridge Will Be Finished Next Fall and Health Insurance Benefits Will Start in New Year—New Members

MUNICIPAL aid, removal of individual licences for commercial fishermen, revision of the senior high school curriculum, completion of the Fraser toll bridge by next Fall, early application of health insurance levies and benefits and the possibility of a loan bill for public works in 1937-38 proved highlights in the Speech from the Throne, delivered by Hon. E. W. Hamber in opening the British Columbia Legislature yesterday afternoon.

Read in a clear, firm voice by the Lieutenant-Governor, the Speech setting out Government policy for the coming session recited extensive improvement in the primary industries; mentioned Privy Council appeals by the Province against Federal enactments, which will take Attorney-General Sloan to London, England, next month, and suggested "conjunctive measures" between the Dominion and the Province for the relief of unemployment.

Touching on municipal aid taxation and public works, the text of the Speech said in part:

"Measures will be submitted to you in aid of the municipalities. Licence fees now paid by individual fishermen in respect of commercial fishing will be abolished. You will be asked for additional authority to enable my Government to carry out a useful and necessary programme of public undertakings."

The formal opening of the Legislature was carried through with time-honored form. The gaiety with which Premier Pattullo and two members of his Cabinet seated Mark Connelly, M.P.P., and Howard Forester, M.P.P., newly-elected Liberal members for Omineca and Burrard, respectively, brought desk-thumping applause from the House. A bill to amend the Legal Professions Act was carried one stage, and the main debate adjourned for the day.

ROYAL MESSAGE

From the private secretaries to His Majesty the King and Queen Mary, the Legislature received acknowledgment of formal addresses of condolence on the death of King George V.

"His Majesty and members of the Royal Family have received with sincere gratification this expression of sympathy in their great loss on the part of the members of the Assembly, whose kind message has touched them deeply," read the acknowledgment directed by King Edward VIII.

WITH FLOWERS

Following tradition, Liberals wore red roses in their lapels, while Conservatives wore primroses from the gardens of R. H. Pooley, K.C., M.P.P. Members of the official Opposition for the most part went without flowers.

The House arranged for the selection of customary standing committees, choosing Gordon Wismer, D. McPherson, Byron Johnson, Rev. Robert Connell and R. H. Pooley, K.C., as a committee on committees to that end. Premier Pattullo, Government leader in the House, moved adjournment after a brief sitting of thirty-five minutes, until 3:30 p.m. today.

Prayers for the day were said by Most Rev. J. H. MacDonald, Bishop of Victoria.

Province Improved Position on Current Account Last Year

Cash Surplus of \$2,619,176 Remained After Ordinary Costs Taken Out of Ordinary Receipts During 1935-36—Relief \$10,000,000

PRESENTING public accounts for the year ending March 31 last to the British Columbia Legislature yesterday, Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, announced a cash surplus of \$2,619,176 on current operations for the year, inclusive of some outlays on capital account. Total revenues for the year were \$25,862,077, and total budgeted expenditures \$23,242,901.

Explaining the accounts privately, Mr. Hart said he took pride in showing a cash surplus of \$2,619,176 on operating account, which included all expenditures save sinking funds not set up, and the borrowings from the Dominion

of the provincial share of the cost of direct relief.

The public accounts, the Minister of Finance pointed out, are prepared this time on a new basis, to conform with the presentation of estimates at the last session. Under this plan, interest on the P.C.E. guaranteed debt, at \$919,764; sinking funds on inscribed stock held in London, at \$224,952; and debt redemption otherwise of \$369,254, are all shown as current expenditures and part of Vote 1, the public debt. The surplus of \$2,619,176, he said, remained after these additional charges had been absorbed.

Though not falling within the same fiscal year, cash and other surplus balances accruing in 1935-36 were used by the Province on May 15 last to retire an external debenture issue of \$3,500,000 in cash, shortly after an earlier issue for \$5,000,000 had been met and retired with heavy Federal aid. Including the May 15 issue and incidental debt redemption in the last three years, \$5,000,000 of existing fixed debt of the Province had been retired, Mr. Hart said. New debt, of course, was created.

RECEIPTS GAINED

Major receipts during 1935-36 included \$3,061,808 from liquor control, \$2,293,791 from motor vehicle owners, \$1,624,561 from Federal subventions, \$2,530,155 from the gasoline tax, \$483,784 from fuel oil taxes, \$5,986,834 from income taxes and personal property taxes combined, \$1,850,000 from various land taxes, \$403,014 from mineral taxes, \$1,067,101 from succession duties, \$195,231 from amusement levies, \$3,295,300 from the Department of Lands (mostly in timber revenues) and \$240,215 from the Department of Mines under various headings. Actual revenues exceeded estimated receipts of the previous year by some \$3,000,000.

Expenditures were as budgeted. Expenditures attributed to relief totaled \$10,517,867, of which \$3,222,553 was for municipal direct relief, and \$2,250,000 deductible on account of Federal grants for relief. The Province's share of relief was set down as \$8,267,867, financed by borrowings.

British Columbia commitments overseas showed improvement, the total expenditure on the Agent-General's office at London, England, being reported as \$461, after deduction of rents received at \$71,663. At present the agency is under the control of W. A. McAdam, acting agent-general.

Detailed accounts for the year will go before the legislative committee on public accounts for examination, in due course.

Government Urged To Extend Health Insurance Scheme

Farmers, Prospectors and Others Should Be Covered, Legislature Told by Mover of Address—Reference to Toll Bridge Unhappy Incident

SPEAKING as mover of the Address in Reply at a forty-minute sitting of the British Columbia Legislature yesterday afternoon, Mathew M. Connelly, Liberal member for Omineca, urged the Government to extend the British Columbia Health Insurance Act to cover farmers, prospectors and others who run one-man businesses. Government policy, however, was nowhere foreshadowed in the debate.

In a twenty-minute speech in which he acquitted himself manfully of an initial effort, Mr. Connelly thanked the administration for building roads in Omineca, suggested governmental action to lower freight rates on livestock shipped from the Interior, and predicted that necessity for relief would end in his riding next year.

REFERS TO BRIDGE

John H. Forester, Liberal member for the second seat in Vancouver-Burrard, following to second the motion, was met with stony silence after the sole reference to the Fraser River toll bridge made during the day. Mr. Forester spoke of the bridge as a stately monument to the Premier and the Minister of Public Works, but dropped the subject abruptly when even whips and deputy whips on the Government side failed to respond.

In a twenty-minute speech, which was also his maiden effort, Mr. Forester told of the work of the various departments of the province, and had praise for them all. His election, he suggested, had been a complete endorsement of the administration. British Columbia had maintained its autonomy, conserved its finances, and experienced marked improvement in industry. Now aid was to be given to the municipalities, which should pass on any benefits received to their taxpayers, he concluded.

Rev. Robert Connell, Leader of the Opposition, adjourned debate in a featureless day, and will speak shortly after the House opens at 2:30 p.m. today. Premier Pattullo moved adjournment for the day at 3:20 p.m., forty minutes after the sitting commenced. Other than debate, the sole action taken was appointment of L. A. Hanna, M.P.P., as deputy speaker.

Ask B.C. Help—Members of the Vancouver Parks Board, led by Rowe Holland, chairman, met a committee of Mainland members of the Legislature yesterday, to urge that the Province support Vancouver's claims to the Kitsilano Indian Reserve property, take steps to conserve Grouse Mountain scenic attractions and proceed with development of the Peace Arch Park at Blaine. Heretofore, the Province has maintained it holds a \$300,000 equity in the Kitsilano property, under agreement with the Federal authorities. Government comment was withheld.

Will Continue Debate—Rev. Robert Connell, Leader of the Opposition, will continue the main debate when the Legislature resumes sitting at 2:30 p.m. today, and will be followed by George Murray (Liberal, Alisoet), with Olive Planta (Independent, Peace River) to adjourn, according to Liberal whips yesterday. Prayers at the opening of yesterday's sitting were read by Very Rev. C. S. Quinlan, Dean of Columbia.

Note and Comment

By Sandham Graves

The British Columbia Legislature has an economical and sure-fire method of choosing its pages, hiring the boys that will fit the uniforms in three dimensions, length, breadth and depth, as it were. Under this arrangement, boys recommended for the position are eligible up to a height of five feet four inches; a breadth of reasonable proportions; and of a depth or girth that does not put too great a strain upon the silver buttons.

Boys being what they are, inevitably reach that stage where they are taller than five feet four inches, and then there is a vacancy on the roster of pages—a blank page, so to speak. Thus, inching upward in life, pages come and pages go in a progressive if democratic succession through the same uniforms. Once every ten years the uniforms are renewed; the light blue suits with red facings in use now having been christened Spring, with nine hard years ahead of them still.

And what a sensible arrangement it is! Supposing, now, the Province as a body corporate could be confined and compressed into a measured suit of money bills, with \$5 gold pieces for the buttons. The size of our income would determine the size of the suit, and we would have balanced budgets forever. At present, it would be a \$26,000,000 suit, or thereabouts; that limit corresponding to the five foot four inches of the page boys.

But Governments do not work that way. For one reason or another, they have insisted upon an extensible suit for the body corporate; one that can be blown up and extended almost indefinitely; one that will take a bulge this way, or incline that way; one, in fact, that can be made to fit almost any kind of financial weather. And, sometimes, it puts a strain upon the buttons of the suit; not that they pop or anything like that, but just that they are stretched very tight.

Looking at it fairly, the Province, as a corporate body, has alarming biological tendencies. This branch or member starts out as quite a little thing; grows to sizable proportions in a few years; and becomes a very giant in size after a little

leeway and a few budgets. That department once had revenues far exceeding income; then rubbed along on a nearly balanced ledger; and now, perhaps, requires assistance so that outgo will match income without bursting the buttons on the suit.

Perhaps a more correct analogy of what happens would be the lizard, which molts its entire skin, taking ever a larger and a larger size of suit, until its last and final covering. Under political influences, the lizard may become a chameleon, blushing red and green by turns as the surroundings seem to indicate.

This is not the fault of Parliament entirely. It is rather the strange and incontrovertible fact that governmental services seem to enlarge and grow by a form of cell-division, adding rings and layers to the body politic, until the original suit will not fit at all. Why not a size limit for provincial budgets? Why not a one-piece suit into which everything must go, and of a cloth and cut that can be readily afforded by the people who pay for the suit?

If we can afford a \$26,000,000 suit, let us have a \$26,000,000 suit. But if we can afford only a \$26,000,000 suit, why try to wear a \$30,000,000 one? Of course, in emergent times, one must take the clothes one finds at hand; but emergencies pass, and some day we will be setting out to buy ourselves a brand new suit of clothes again, only with ingrained habits of selecting the \$30,000,000 variety.

Every time I see a page rushing with a message along the august corridors of the Legislative Buildings, I fear for the third button. The third button has become identified for me as that point at which the suit will some day pop, if girth keeps on increasing. Three dimensional limits are necessary to a tailor. How about three dimensional finance, including the costs off yesterday, the costs of today and the anticipated costs of tomorrow? A little reducing exercise might work wonders, because mainly it is a case of big-feeling.

Is Deputy Speaker Of Legislature



L. A. HANNA, M.P.P.

WHO was appointed Deputy Speaker of the British Columbia Legislature yesterday for a further term. Mr. Hanna is the Liberal member for Comox riding, and is popular on all sides of the House.

Connell Group Has Selected Name for New B.C. Movement

"Social Constructives" Is Title Picked for Supporters of Leader of Opposition in Legislature —Lillooet Member Suggests B.C. Sales Tax

INDEPENDENT Socialists in the British Columbia Legislature will call themselves "Social Constructives" and will seek under his guidance to build up an independent party in British Columbia from the present nucleus, Rev. Robert Connell, Leader of the Opposition, declared yesterday in a thirty-five-minute address in the main debate.

Mr. Connell reaffirmed the principles of the Regina manifesto of the C.C.F., but admitted their application could only come nationally. These principles were, he said, social planning for the development of national resources and the equitable distribution of national income; public control of all financial machinery; extension of public ownership to include industries and services necessary to "social planning," and governmental encouragement of producers and consumers' co-operative institutions.

A NEW ORDER

"What we need is a definite step forward in the control and management of our national resources. We are moving not only to a new order of society, but a new conception of Government. Governments must make a place in their system for a planned economy. The new planning, made possible by an age of plenty, will be aimed at making poverty impossible. Politics, in short, has ceased to be a game," Mr. Connell declared.

The Leader of the Opposition touched briefly upon unemployment, which he described as a permanent factor, and criticized the manner in which young men had first been herded into relief camps, then turned out to work as cheap labor on the railways, and now, he said, arrested for vagrancy in Coast towns.

WOULD EXTRACT SPEAKER

Paying a warm tribute to Mr. Speaker Perry, Mr. Connell suggested the speakership be removed from politics and become a non-elective seat after a speaker had been chosen.

While he made no direct reference to the dwindled group of three C.C.F. members in the Legislature, Mr. Connell said pointedly that capital was a necessary element of production, and could never be dispensed with in any system of economy. He pictured the day, however, when Socialism would infiltrate the present system to such an extent that it would in reality have taken over the administration of the country.

The Leader of the Opposition was given a courteous, attentive hearing, and a burst of desk-thumping from most sides of the House at the close of his address.

MINING BRINGS HOPE

George M. Murray (Lib., Lillooet) carried to the House something of the faith and optimism of the upper country ridings, where mining is bringing about a new lease of life for hundreds of men and women dependent on them. He praised the Government for aggressive development of mining trails this year, and pleaded for a continuation of this work. Primary industries of the province would lift British Columbia out of the depression if given a chance, he declared.

Turning to large provincial and other expenditures in Vancouver city, the member for Lillooet con-

demned what he said was the extravagance of building a million-dollar city hall, and more recent plans to develop Kitsilano property as a \$2,000,000 playground on borrowed money, and gave plain warning that up-country members would scrutinize any further appeals by Vancouver to the Government for "aid."

Relief in Lillooet had almost become unnecessary, except for unemployables who should be treated under a different heading, Mr. Murray continued. More than 1,000 men were at work at Britannia Mines, compared to a bare skeleton crew there three years ago, and many individual small gold and other mines had boosted employment in the district. Roads and trails to open the country were needed.

SUGGESTS SALE TAX

In conclusion, Mr. Murray suggested that the treasury send a commission to investigate the operation of sales taxes in Washington and other northwest states, with the idea of imposing a sales tax in British Columbia. A 2 per cent (token) sales tax in Washington, he said, had proved popular when it was known what funds so raised would be used to cover.

Three bills were introduced by message from the Crown by Hon. G. S. Pearson and received first reading. Though not yet explained, they appeared to be routine amendments to the Apprenticeship Act and Male and Female Minimum Wage Acts, with the object of removing loopholes from existing statutes.

Premier Pattullo moved adjournment for the day at 4:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. today, when Byron Johnson (Lib., Victoria) will resume the main debate.

COMMITTEES IN HOUSE CHOSEN

Legislative Groups Same as Last Session With Two Names Added

Standing committees approved by the British Columbia Legislature yesterday for the present session were the same as in last Spring, with the addition of M. M. Connelly, M.P.P., to three groups, and J. H. Forester, M.P.P., to three others. The House adopted the report by the committee on committees, as presented by D. McPherson, M.P.P. The committees now are:

Public Accounts—Messrs. Wismer, Sutherland, Asselstine, Burns, Harris, Johnson, Kenney, King, Wilkinson, Leary, Connell, H. E. Winch, Anscumb, Bruhn, Planta and Forester.

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Municipal Matters—Messrs. Whittaker, Gillis, Carson, Hanna, McKeen, Putnam, Johnson, (Mrs.) Smith, Burns, Price, (Mrs.) Steeves, Connell, Anscumb and Forester.

Agriculture—Messrs. Barrow, Carson, Gillis, Murray, A. McDonald, MacKay, D. McPherson, Putnam, Strachan, Tupper, Swalles, Planta, Savage and Connelly.

Fisheries—Messrs. McKeen, Gillis, Barrow, Hanna, Kenney, A. McDonald, Swalles, E. E. Winch, Savage, Bakewell, Pooley, Planta, Harris and Johnson.

FORESTRY

Forestry—Messrs. Leary, Carson, A. McDonald, McKeen, Strachan, Whittaker, Bakewell, Bruhn, Harris, Savage and Connelly.

Mining—Messrs. D. McPherson, Asselstine, Burns, King, Leary, Tupper, Murray, Putnam, MacKay, Carson, Wilkinson, Connell, E. E. Winch, Bruhn, Pooley, Uphill, Kenney and Connelly.

Private Bills—Messrs. Wismer, Hanna, Harris, Johnson, McKeen, Wilkinson, Strachan, Price, (Mrs.) Smith, (Mrs.) Steeves, Pooley, Whittaker and Forester.

Railways—Messrs. MacKay, Johnson, Murray, Tupper, Price and Planta.

Printing—Mrs. Smith and Messrs. Leary, Murray, D. McPherson, H. E. Winch and Savage.

Committee work will get into full operation next week, it is anticipated, with Forestry, Private Bills, Municipal, Mining and Public Accounts groups with extended programmes ahead of them.

Government Urged To Tax Companies And Build Arenas

British Columbia Legislature Adjourns for Week-End Recess With Main Debate Still On—Polls Are Variouslly Interpreted

BRITISH Columbia's Legislature ground slowly to a halt for its first week-end recess yesterday, in a third day of unrelieved debate on the main Address. Byron I. Johnson, first member for Victoria, called for a new tax on British Columbia insurance companies, and suggested creation of a British Columbia sports commission, which would build arenas at Burnaby, North Vancouver, Nanaimo and elsewhere, if Federal funds could be secured to finance the plan under provincial management.

E. E. Winch, now leader of the C.C.F. in the House, attacked the Government upon its relief policies, which he described as feudal, and ignored all references to the split in the ranks of the C.C.F., from which Social Constructives under Rev. Robert Connell have broken away.

Convening at 2:40 p.m., the House rose at 4:13 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Monday. Premier Pattullo left on the midnight boat for Vancouver to attend a garrison dinner there today.

UNDER FIRE

It was a day of criticism for the Government, the shafts coming equally from one of its own supporters and from the C.C.F. Mr. Johnson took occasion to remind the administration that the existence of 7,000 Socialist votes in Burrard at the by-election disclosed a condition that could give rise to a very few party cheers. Mr. Winch followed this lead by reciting the vote at the Omineca by-election, to show Liberals had dropped 180 votes, while the C.C.F. had gained 169 there.

Opening debate for the day, Mr. Johnson complained that though the Dominion housing loan scheme had been in effect for three years, no advantage of it had been taken in British Columbia. Large Eastern finance companies, he said, could not be persuaded to invest within the Province.

Between 1932 and 1935, life insurance companies had collected some \$52,000,000 in premiums in British Columbia, paying out \$15,000,000 in claims, for a net withdrawal of \$37,000,000 in cash from the Province. British Columbia investments by the same companies had been reduced by \$5,000,000 in the same period, he said.

WOULD LEVY TAX

Mr. Johnson recited the case of a businessman who would have spent \$3,000,000 in British Columbia, if he could have got the \$3,000,000; and urged the Government "to consider seriously a tax on companies sending wealth out of the Province." He rehearsed the East-West trade argument, to reiterate that British Columbia citizens spent more for automobile market protection than they earned in disposal of its timber resources yearly; and invited the Government to set up a Department of Trade, before advocated.

Pointing to conditions among unemployed youths at Burnaby and North Vancouver, Mr. Johnson suggested that the Government consider creation of a commission to administer playgrounds; and to seek Federal funds for the construction of sports arenas at several Coast points in a works programme to be carried out by the Province.

The work, he urged, would help employment, and the completed arenas would serve as sports centres for youths. Municipalities could be asked to donate the sites, and the operating costs, leaving gate receipts free as revenues to the commission, if set up.

POLICY SCORED

E. E. Winch (C.C.F., Burnaby) took the Government to task for its repudiation of responsibility for transient single men within the Province. He told of the plight of homeless men gathered around camp fires along the railroad tracks, and of the arrest of some of them for selling flowers on the streets in Vancouver. Under feudal conditions, their lot could not have been worse, he averred.

Warming to his task, Mr. Winch declared that at one place in Vancouver "3,047 families are living in one room," an assertion which the House mildly questioned. Back of the speech, however, which touched on mental homes, jails, and the plight of the under-privileged generally, was a warm human understanding which earned for Mr. Winch a generous round of desk-thumping at the close of his remarks.

Clive Planta (Independent, Peace River) adjourned debate for the day, the House rising almost immediately, until 3 p.m. on Monday.

PRESS GALLERY NAMES OFFICERS

A. H. Williamson, News-Herald, Vancouver, Chosen President for Ensuing Term

A. H. Williamson, of The News-Herald, Vancouver, was chosen president of the British Columbia Legislative Press Gallery yesterday, succeeding Sandham Graves. James G. Dyer, of The Sun, Vancouver, was appointed secretary, and O. F. Moriarty, of the Canadian Press, re-elected treasurer.

Honorary officers chosen included Hon. G. M. Sloan, K.C., honorary president, and Gordon Wismer, M.P.P., and Hugh Savage, M.P.P., honorary vice-presidents.

Francis G. Aldham, a former member of the Canadian Press and now representing The Province, Vancouver, was welcomed as a new member. Arrangements were made for a gallery dinner on November 19, if this can be managed.

Note and Comment

By Sandham Graves

One week of the session having brought forward nothing more original than the claim that government is carrying business recovery on its shoulders, a claim that will have to fight for its life before the session is two weeks old, my attention wandered today to a subject of inexhaustible interest, namely, seats in the Legislature. There are forty-seven seats in our Legislature and one Chair, that occupied by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker is getting ready to carry his Chair when the time comes to do so. He has caused to be prepared, to his own design and at his own expense, a most handsome Chair in carved oak with blue leather furnishings. One day before the present session ends, Mr. Speaker will have his own Chair carried in and placed upon the dais in the Assembly Chamber, where he will put in a normal day's work from that point of vantage and authority.

Other Speakers have done likewise. One within recent memory carried his Chair straight out of the Legislature and into a Cabinet Office. Others have carried theirs into retirement, into business far removed from the shoulders of government, to distant parts of the Empire, or to cosy and well-furnished homes at different points in the Province. It is Mr. Speaker's prerogative to take the Chair home with him at the end of his Speakership.

It is not only the Chair, however, that is interesting and important. There are forty-seven other seats in the House. Some of these in the past have led directly to Senatorships, to the quiet cloisters of the Upper Chamber at Ottawa, and honorary memberships in the councils of the nation for life. But that is only one destination for those who occupy seats in the Legislature. There are many others.

Some seats have led to far-away London and the Agent Generalcy, the highest diplomatic post in the gift of the Province. This estrangement from the land of the Maple Leaf was once considered as was banishment from older countries of the world, but not so now; now it is a plum reserved for retiring Ministers, sometimes even for retiring Prime Ministers.

Other seats have led to judge-ships where their occupants were barristers-at-law. On the Benches of the County, Supreme and Appeal Courts you will find some who once served their Province in the Legislature. What a change of viewpoint it must be to go from the making of laws to their interpretation!

Still other seats have led back into Provincial and Dominion Civil Services, in a variety of posts having to do with farms, health, credit, and many other matters. Seats in the Legislature, especially for the pliable who turned their backs to adverse winds, have led to some imposing heights; springboards on the bank of the river Opportunity, in fact.

But it is Mr. Speaker who is concerned with the Chair and not the opportunity. Mr. Speaker develops an affection for the Chair far out of proportion to its intrinsic value; an affection that must, one suspects, border upon the thoughts of early Christian martyrs who at last escaped their doom and carried away parts of the rack and the thumb screw with them.

For, surely, never was man more tortured than the arbiter of procedure in Parliament. Here is the contending play of forty-seven wills, grouped in seven or eight different parties. There is an old-time member jealous of the rights and privileges of Parliament. Here is a new member thrusting aside the rules without knowing what he is about. There is an administration that would cheerfully swallow a camel if it came in the clear line of duty, but would strain, too, at the smallest and most insignificant gnaw.

What a world of memories will go with Mr. Speaker's Chair, when he carries it! What a host of friends will rise up out of reverie to comfort him; for it has been a good Chair, a Chair with little blemish.

Enters Victoria Petition—Byron Johnson, M.P.P., introduced Victoria city's petition for a private bill in the Legislature yesterday, the House admitting notice of the petition for the first time. The bill will go in due course to the private bills committee for review.

Suggests Credit Unions—Mrs. R. P. Steeves, M.P.P., has filed notice of motion in the Legislature asking leave to introduce a bill to "provide for the organization of co-operative savings and credit societies, termed credit unions." E. E. Winch, M.P.P., will offer bills to amend the Game Act and the Marriage Act, other notices set out.

Committee Work Starts—The Legislative committee on forestry will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, under Captain S. C. Leary, M.P.P., to commence its work for the session. Slides and pictures of the forest training camp scheme will be shown to members during the morning.

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Public Works Promised At B.C. House Opening

Colorful Pageant Thrills Victoria

DISSOLUTION RUMORS RIFE

ROYAL MOURNING PERIOD ENDED

Special to The Vancouver Sun

VICTORIA, Oct. 27.—For the second time this year, a 21-gun salute this afternoon boomed out over James Bay as His Honor Lieutenant-Governor E. W. Hamber came to the Parliament Buildings to open the fourth session of the 18th Parliament of British Columbia.

This, the first session for His Honor may be the last for this Parliament, for the rumors of dissolution and general election in 1937 multiply in the corridors of the buildings.

Without the signs of mourning for his late Majesty George V, which were evident at the spring session, the opening ceremonies this afternoon provided all the color to which Victorians thrill.

Added distinction to the opening, following the lengthy speech from the throne, was the presentation to the House of two new members, Mark H. Connelly of Omineca and J. Howard Forester of Vancouver-Burrard, who, tomorrow, will move and second, respectively, the address in reply to that speech.

And after these arduous labors were performed—the whole taking up about 48 minutes—the House adjourned until 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, when the session will get down to serious business.

WORKS PROGRAM

A forecast of "a useful and necessary program" of public works to be carried out by the Provincial Government was made in the speech from the throne.

Measures to aid municipalities and the abolition of license fees paid by individual fishermen in commercial fishing operations were other highlights of the speech.

It was intimated that benefits under the Health Insurance Act will be available early in 1937.

No indication was given either as to the size of the public works program nor of the measure of assistance to be given to the municipalities. Of public works His Honor merely said:

"You will be asked for additional authority to enable my Government to carry out a useful and necessary program of public undertakings."

VICE-REGAL SALUTE

The Lieutenant-Governor, accompanied by his aides, Lieut.-Commander F. R. W. Gow, R.C.N., and Major W. M. Turner, and his private secretary, A. M. D. Fairbairn, arrived from Government House about 3 o'clock as the salute fired by the 58th Battery, C.F.A., thundered across the bay.

After the inspection of the guard of honor, furnished by the 16th Scottish Regiment, His Honor entered the buildings and was escorted with traditional ceremony to the Executive Chamber by Premier Pattullo, while Speaker Perry called the House to order.

The floor and galleries of the House were packed with distinguished visitors, including Mrs. Hamber, the Hon. W. L. Walsh, former Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, and Mrs. Walsh; Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Molson, Mrs. Hepdry, mother of Mrs. Hamber, and Mrs. Mae Rice, private secretary.

ROYAL MESSAGES

Two messages from the Royal Family, one from the King, the other from Queen Mary, acknowledging expressions of condolence on the death of King George V, were read by Mr. Speaker.

Then Attorney-General Sloan rose to exercise the prerogative of introducing a public bill, an amendment to the Legal Profession Act, as the first item of business.

Then followed the usual formal motions, prime of which was the Premier's motion giving to the debate on the throne speech the right of way over all other public business.

SPEECH FROM THRONE AT B.C. LEGISLATURE

BUSINESS CONDITIONS BETTER— WORLD UNREST PREVALENT

VICTORIA, Oct. 27.—The Speech from the Throne at the opening of the British Columbia Legislature today read as follows:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the fourth session of the Eighteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

While business conditions have been showing marked improvement, tragic unrest and uncertainty prevails in many parts of the world.

During the year Our Gracious Sovereign King Edward VIII has been the messenger of good-will to various countries of Europe.

His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, visited our province, much to the interest and pleasure of our people.

In connection with the Vancouver Jubilee, Right Honorable Sir Percy Vincent, Lord Mayor of London, visited our province, and was cordially welcomed by our citizens.

The year has been marked by the presence of many distinguished visitors and the tourist traffic generally has been the heaviest in the history of the province.

ROADS POLICY

In conjunction with the Dominion Government, my Government has been carrying out a considerable amount of necessary and desirable road construction.

It is the aim of my Government to provide first-class road accommodation for the benefit of the industrialist, the settler, and the tourist as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

Extraordinary floods did a very considerable amount of damage in many portions of the province and every effort was put forward to meet the situation caused thereby.

Difficulty was experienced in the construction of the Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster through the extraordinary high water, but this has been overcome. Satisfactory progress is being made on the structure, and it is expected that the bridge will be open for traffic early next fall.

Continued advancement in the timber industry is indicated by the returns, the heaviest increase being with the United Kingdom. Prospects appear very encouraging for the future.

There is good reason to believe that increased activity will take place in the pulp and paper industry.

YOUNG FORESTERS

The advancement of the young men's forestry training plan has been very gratifying. Young men participating are given a fair grounding in all branches of forestry work and steady employment has been found for a considerable number through this movement.

Measures are under way for the adjustment of boundaries of counties, mining divisions, land recording districts, assessment and collection districts, and land registration districts throughout the province. This will very much simplify as well as lessen the cost of administration.

Definite progress has been made in the field of public health, especially with respect to treatment and control of tuberculosis and venereal disease. The problems of juvenile delinquency and mental hygiene have also been attacked.

RADIUM PURCHASE

My Government has, under Legislative authority, made the necessary guarantee to enable the British Columbia Cancer Foundation to purchase a supply of radium.

Preliminary work relative to the organization of health insurance is near completion and it is expected that benefits under the Act will be available early in 1937.

During the past year two successful experiments involving a change in school administration were carried out—one in the Peace River block, where fifty-six rural school districts were united under an official trustee, and one at Abbotsford, where two municipal school districts and the Village of Abbotsford were made a unit for school purposes, and a Director of Education appointed.

The change has already resulted in greater efficiency in the schools and much improvement in the school plant and equipment.

NEW CURRICULUM

In September a new program of studies came into use in all the elementary and junior schools of the province. The program, which reflects the latest developments in the science of education, has met with general satisfaction.

The senior high school curriculum will undergo thorough revision during the ensuing year.

The program of physical and recreational education for youths over school age has met with great favor and will be extended this year.

The present year has been marked with a very satisfactory increase in quantity and quality of agricultural production in almost all branches of the industry. This increase, together with a firming of prices is expected to result in the highest returns to our farmers since 1930.

Legislation recently enacted, having to do with employment and labor conditions, has been very beneficial and has resulted in increased employment.

Mining production continues to increase and the general world demand indicates continued activity.

The policy of joint construction of roads and trails to mining properties carried out by the Dominion Government during the year will be of much advantage to the industry.

PRIVY COUNCIL APPEALS

Appeal to the Privy Council has been taken by my government in respect of a number of measures of major importance of the Dominion Parliament to determine the competence of the Dominion Parliament therein.

The Province is blessed with great variety and extent of natural resources, and it is gratifying that development and progress have been appreciable in every avenue of endeavor.

Concurrently with improved business conditions, revenues of the province have also increased.

Notwithstanding general business revival, unemployment of large numbers of our people is still with us. It seems obvious that the problem can be met only by conjunctive measures over a period of years. It is the hope of my government that these measures may be taken in co-operation and collaboration with federal authority.

Measures will be submitted to you in aid of municipalities.

License fees now paid by individual fishermen in respect of commercial fishing will be abolished.

The public accounts will be submitted and estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you.

You will be asked for additional authority to enable my government to carry out a useful and necessary program of public undertakings.

In leaving you, I pray that Divine Providence may guide you and bless the fruit of your labors.

\$2.6 MILLIONS B.C. SURPLUS

\$5,000,000 Relief
Cost Excluded
From Account

Special to The Vancouver Sun
VICTORIA, Oct. 27.—A surplus of \$2,619,175.42 on operating account for the fiscal year ending March 31 was revealed by Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, when he tabled the British Columbia public accounts in the legislature this afternoon.

This surplus was left when all expenditures were met save two items—the cost of relief and certain sinking funds.

The year was a record one for revenue, with income of \$25,862,077.32, an increase of \$3,100,357.86 over the previous year, when Mr. Hart had a current surplus of \$1,164,175.56.

Expenditures were higher by \$1,645,358 than in the year 1934-35.

The two surpluses combined enabled the minister to meet the \$3,500,000 loan maturity on May 15 of this year.

Other debt redemption measures made possible were a payment of \$370,000 a year in serial debentures and the provision of \$225,000 for sinking fund against inscribed stock.

Since November, 1933, the province, as a result, has paid off more than \$5,000,000 of its debt.

BURDEN OF RELIEF

While this has been going on, however, unemployment relief costs have been piling up at \$5,000,000 a year on borrowings from Ottawa. These costs, however, have not been charged to current account.

During this period also only inscribed stock has been looked after, with sinking fund payments having been suspended.

Rapidly improving business conditions, helped somewhat by improved collection methods, have swelled treasury returns to the new high mark of \$25,862,000.

REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the revenue collections are:

Income and personal property taxes, \$5,986,934, as against \$5,139,367 the previous fiscal year.

Liquor profits, \$3,061,808, as compared with \$2,487,323.

Gasoline tax, \$2,520,155, as compared with \$2,284,196.

Motor vehicle licenses, \$1,942,457, as compared with \$1,808,613.

Succession duties, \$1,067,101, as against \$979,401 last year.

Amusement tax, \$195,231, against \$176,362.

Timber royalties, \$1,744,450, against \$1,173,170.

On the expense side the treasury paid out \$697,000 on public debt, including payment of the P. G. E. guaranteed \$224,000 for sinking funds, and \$369,234 for redemption of serial debentures.

Charges for interest, premium and exchange were \$7,184,728, as against \$6,384,713 last year.

Education took \$3,534,928, some \$150,000 more than last year; while the provincial secretary's department, which includes health and welfare, ranks second only to education as the big spending department, took up \$3,237,653, some \$424,000 more than in the previous year.

Public works increased its expenditures \$23,000 to \$1,971,780.

Effect of labor troubles were seen in the attorney general's department, which required \$1,633,559, nearly \$315,000 more.

Finance department expenses went up nearly \$280,000 to \$1,787,533, and the lands department \$1,077,733, as compared with \$1,014,163.

A Surprise Party In Mother Hubbard's Cupboard?



'BY-ELECTIONS O.K. PATTULLO POLICIES'

—J. Howard Forester

NEW MEMBERS LAUNCH DEBATE AT VICTORIA

Special to The Vancouver Sun
VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—The significance of the by-elections in Burrard and Omineca as tests of public confidence in the Pattullo administration was stressed this afternoon in the Legislature by John Howard Forester, new Liberal member for Burrard, when he made his maiden speech in seconding the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The by-elections, Mr. Forester said, were won by the government on its record.

"Is it not significant," he said, "that since the last session of this House, government policies have been endorsed in the country and in the city, and that in the process the leaders of the two largest opposition parties were defeated?"

Mr. Forester paid his compliments to each of the Cabinet Ministers in turn.

Crediting Premier Pattullo with the preservation of British Columbia's autonomy against attempted domination by eastern interests, he said:

"Through his wise and capable organization and leadership this province has been brought from the depths of despondency to a position of leadership in the progress of the provinces of this Dominion out of the world's greatest depression."

The hope that the proposed financial aid for municipalities will be passed on to property owners by way of reduced taxation was expressed by the Burrard member.

After complimenting the government on its Health Insurance legislation, Attorney-General Sloan on his forceful presentation of the "Better Terms" case of British Columbia at Ottawa, and Hon. F. M. MacPherson on his road policies, the speaker concluded: "This government has every reason to be proud of the fact that there were 8804 more employed at the end of last year than at the beginning of that year, and that the payroll increased by approximately \$40,000,000. Even greater progress has been made in this current year."

WORK FOR TAXES

A hint that the government may extend its policy of permitting farmers and settlers to work out taxes, and the suggestion that the Health Insurance Act be enlarged to include farmers, prospectors and others not in the category of employees, were made in the Legislature this afternoon by Mark M. Connelly, new member from Omineca, as he set the business of the fall session underway in moving the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

"I hope, and I am led to believe that the government has under advisement the extension of this policy (of working out taxes), so that the farmer may work out, if necessary, taxes owing beyond one year," Mr. Connelly said.

Complimenting the Ministers of Public Work and Mines for the construction of roads and trails, the member expressed gratification with the forecast in the throne speech of the development of roads as rapidly as possible.

"Road construction is one of the best means of taking men off relief, reviving their morale, and doing something of lasting benefit to the country," he declared, citing the experience of Omineca where three years ago 500 were on relief and today only 100.

MCKENZIE HIGHWAY

The proposal that the McKenzie Highway, now under construction beyond Fort St. James, and serving practically all the mining operations in Omineca, be eventually made the connection between the Coast and the Peace River area, was expressed by Mr. Connelly as a rapid resume of the natural resources of his constituency, particularly mining, which he declared will, with proper attention, support a great population in that area.

There are at present, he went on, some 300 men working in and around Hanan Creek and on Slate Creek and other areas. Given the necessary

so that equipment and supplies may be taken in at reasonable cost, he had no doubt that in six months' development would take care of 500 to 600 more of the unemployed.

"The centres of population, we know, are on the Coast, but the fact should not be overlooked that the future of these cities is in the land beyond."

M.L.A.'S IN Best Clothes and MANNERS

PRIMROSES AND RED ROSES FOR PARTIZANS

By JAMES DYER

VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—The whole business of opening a session of the legislature of British Columbia, following British tradition, is a state affair, but probably the most impressive part of it all is the steady booming of the cannon in the 21-gun salute to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, as his car, with its glittering escort, moves up to the Legislative Buildings.

As heard within the well-packed chamber, where the members and the invited guests wait, the guns sound like the muffled pealing of great bells at a far distance.

It is three o'clock in the afternoon.

The members are practically all in place—all, that is, who are in Victoria for the opening.

All save a few of the members' desks have been dispensed with for the day, so that the members' chairs can be crowded close together to accommodate the folding chairs that seat the distinguished persons who are permitted a view from the floor of the House.

Every one has on his or her best clothes and his or her best behavior. The ministers wear morning dress, and so does Mr. Anson of Victoria.

The ministers also, and like them all the Liberal members, have red roses in their lapels, as an offset to the unlikable primrose of Mr. Pooley of Esquimalt—the famous Pooley primrose which he plucks from his garden apparently at any time of year.

The primrose also adorns the lapels of the other members with a Tory tinge, but the C. C. F. and ex-C. C. F., with the single exception of Mr. H. E. Winch, have lapels unadorned.

Mr. Winch's boutonniere, strangely, is a red rose. However, it has a much deeper tinge of red than the Liberal.

The four cannon out on the causeway boom at solemn intervals as an attendant vibrantly cries:

"Make way for Mr. Speaker." It is now 3:02 p.m. and the show is underway.

Although the rift in the C. C. F. lute has necessitated separate rooms for the Winch-Winch-Steeves and the Connell-Price-Swalles-Bakewell factions, the seating in the House still leaves them in proximity. E. E. Winch, coming in late, seated himself by R. B. Swalles, as usual, and the two exchanged a friendly smile, despite the rift.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a magnificent figure in his state garb, read the traditional throne speech in a strong, clear voice.

He made an excellent job of the intricate phraseology which the government had pleased to put into this, which such old-timer members as Mr. Pooley are certain is the longest throne speech on record, some 1,200 words.

Premier Pattullo, attending his twenty-first session of the Legislature of British Columbia, seemed singularly happy. Indeed, most of cabinet ministers were in happy mood.

The session opened in a different atmosphere from that of the spring House, when the caucus was in rather fractious mood, and the two by-elections were still bridges to be crossed.

Frankly, the ministers do not expect any difficulty this session. It will be short and sweet, five weeks at most—to enable Messrs. Pattullo and Hart to be away to Ottawa the first week in December.

Former premier S. F. Tolmie was a conspicuous figure on the floor, seated close to Mr. Speaker's dais, and elbowing the C. C. F. No sooner was the throne speech done with than Mr. Pattullo was crossing the floor to shake his hand.

Mr. Connell, still leader of the opposition, beamed benignantly upon the scene, giving no sign whatever that on Thursday he will deliver what may be the most pregnant speech of the session—his definition of the policy which he, as leader of the problematical new party, believes best for B. C.

This speech of his is gleefully expected by Liberal members to set loose the dogs of debate on the left benches. They anticipate the C. C. F. and ex-C. C. F. will be at it hammer and tongs by the week-end.

Apart from this, and the maiden speeches of Messrs. Connelly and Forester, the new members, the cabinet hopes to make the debate on the speech from the throne a brief one.

Wismer May Head Committee

Gordon S. Wismer, M.L.A., will probably be chairman of the B. C. Legislature's private bills committee, according to reliable information brought to Vancouver today by those who attended Tuesday's opening ceremonies.

Mr. Wismer is currently engaged on narcotic cases as prosecutor in Vancouver for the R.C.M.P. He is expected to go to Victoria to assume his legislative duties within a few days.

City of Vancouver's application for charter amendments is one of the most important matters to be heard by the committee.

S. S. McKee, M.L.A., will sponsor the city's requests, it was reported. Vancouver was unable to give legal advertising to its application 30 days in advance of the session.

The Legislature, in such cases, usually increases the application fee from \$300 to \$600, but government officers may decide to waive the penalty because the House was convened on short notice.

Important civic amendments include measures to relieve home-owners from stringent tax sale provisions, to remove the \$100 business license maximum, and to compose the differences between the city and the Harbor Board over taxation of Crown lands leased to private enterprise.

Pattullo 21 Years In B. C. Assembly

VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—Premier Pattullo "became of age" in Parliamentary attendance when he started yesterday his 21st session with the British Columbia Legislature. Sixteen sessions since 1917 have seen him as a member of the Government, the other five as Leader of the Opposition.

In this respect he holds a unique record in the political history of the province.

He is exceeded only by R. H. Pooley, K.C., of Esquimalt, in the number of consecutive sessions attended. Mr. Pooley has been a member since before the war.

'FARM JOBS FOR Transients'

—Hon. G. S. Pearson

'Thousands Open On Prairies'

TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE

Special to The Vancouver Sun
VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—The

province will give temporary maintenance to all single transient jobless who are willing to accept farm placement work in the Prairie Provinces, Hon. G. S. Pearson today told the Vancouver citizens' delegation which interviewed the cabinet regarding the plight of single unemployed in Vancouver.

THOUSANDS OF JOBS

Thousands of farm placement jobs are available on the prairies, with not enough men to fill them, the minister said, and British Columbia is prepared to go as far as it can to establish them there. Some 300 farm jobs are available in British Columbia, but local jobs have first call on these, he said.

Jack Phillips, of Vancouver, publicity man for the Single Unemployed Protective Association, was refused admission to the meeting between the cabinet and the delegation.

The delegation, led by Rev. Willard Breving, D.D., asked chiefly that prosecution of the men for technical law breaches be suspended pending an agreement as to their status. The cabinet promised consideration of the request.

The delegation was joined here by Mrs. Steeves and Harold Winch and was escorted to the council chamber by Mr. Pearson, who prevented Phillips from entering, saying only citizens could be admitted.

DENIED RIGHTS

Phillips later told reporters that Pearson by his action denied unemployed rights as Canadian citizens, refusing to recognize their organization and making a distinction between "citizens" and unemployed. "Pearson wants no publicity," he said. "If there had been no publicity there would have been no interview with the government today."

'WE WANT WORK'

"We want work for which we are qualified, with decent wages; and we are not willing to work on the prairies for \$7.50 a month," Phillips told the jobless who paraded to Pier D last night to see him off to Victoria.

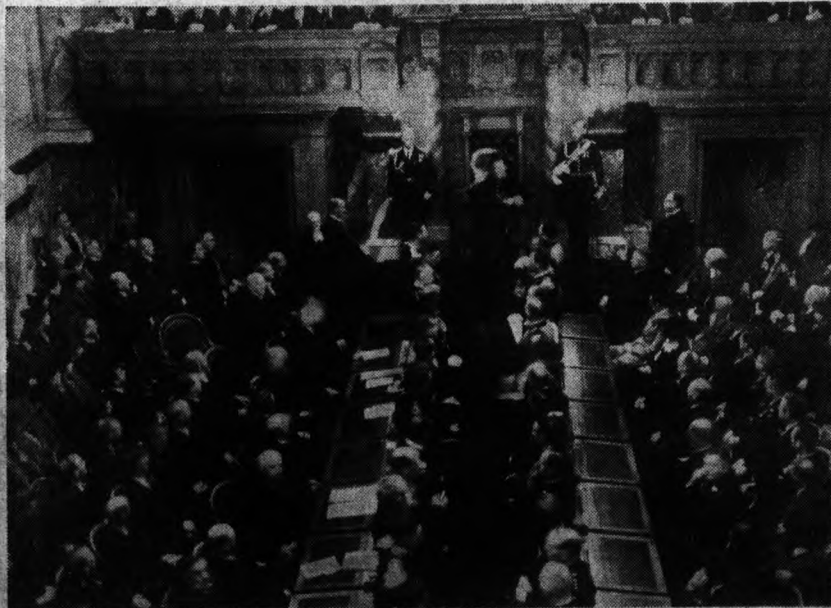
"I hope that tomorrow you will be out on the streets, shaking the cans," he added, "for I know that our comrades in court will not weaken, but will plead 'Not guilty.'"

Seven more unemployed men were taken into custody by police this afternoon on begging charges.

Continuing their drive against unemployed single men soliciting funds on city streets, police arrested 13 men on charges of begging Tuesday. They appeared before Magistrate Mackenzie Matheson in police court today.



B.C. Legislature Opening



All the pomp and circumstance befitting the occasion was observed, Tuesday, with the opening of the fourth session of the eighteenth British Columbia Legislative Assembly. Above is shown the House at Victoria, with Lieut.-Governor E. W. Hamber seated on the dais with his two Aides-de-camp beside him, while the body of the chamber is filled with the members of the Legislature. This picture was taken just as His Honor had completed the speech from the throne.

CONNELL Proposes 'ALLIANCE'

Special to The Vancouver Sun
 VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—A co-operative political alliance that will work with no "fantastic notion of bringing Utopia by Act of Parliament or by revolutionary coup d'etat, but will work constructively and safely towards its end," was held up as the salvation of British Columbia by the Rev. Robert Connell, leader of the opposition, in his speech in the legislature this afternoon on the Throne Speech debate.

"Preserving always personal liberty and legitimately increasing it, respecting religious loyalties and upholding the freedom of the press and the supremacy of the crown as the constitutional expression of the rights of the people as a whole," the alliance would do its work chiefly through development of co-operative principles, the ex-C.C.F. leader declared.

CONSTRUCTIVE CO-OPERATION

A full house listened attentively and respectfully to Mr. Connell's long expected bid for political power in British Columbia, his challenge to the policies of the C.C.F. party from which he has broken.

"What we require in British Columbia today is a group or party of men and women who will be united by a definite principle of action directed towards the establishment of a new economic order and proceeding by a clear-cut policy of constructive co-operation towards that goal," he said.

5-POINT PLATFORM

He believed the nucleus of such a group exists in his own small following.

Five principal items of the program are, he said:

1. Social planning for a more efficient development of the national resources and the most equitable distribution of the national income.
2. The public control of all financial machinery.
3. The further continuance and extension of the public ownership of Canada, to include such industries and services as are deemed essential to social planning.
4. The encouragement by the public authority of both producers and consumers co-operative institutions.
5. "We have to build up a new system of living, of production and distribution, not to reconstruct but to construct," he said, after declaring that capitalism, useful in its time, had outlived its usefulness.

The Opposition leader's speech contained no reference to the split in the C.C.F. ranks in which he figured prominently.

A group such as he wished to see in power, he said, would gather about it men and women of expert knowledge.

"We shall have to escape from the idea that in the passage of legislative acts lies solely the working out of that constructive co-operative system which holds for us the promise of the future," he went on.

PATTULLO BRIDGE

Mr. Connell lashed vigorously at the "spoils system" in the civil service and castigated the past governmental policies of road construction and maintenance work.

A barb was directed at Premier Pattullo when Mr. Connell declared, "The time has come to put an end once for all to such business as the granting of a franchise to a so-called bridge company in order—to bring a highway from one side of a river to another."

"I see my honorable friend the Premier has been asked to permit his name to be given to the New Westminster bridge."

"In view of the extreme probability that this will be the last public work carried out under such conditions, I wonder whether he will be wise in permitting it, and whether it will rebound to his fame in the years to come."

Legislature's Record Brevity

By JAMES DYER

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—Wednesday's sitting of the House, its first business session, possibly is one of the shortest on record.

Two 15-minute speeches from the two junior members occupied the whole time, save for the cut-and-dried formality of re-electing L. A. Hanna of Comox to the Deputy Speakership.

With their wives and friends looking proudly down from the Ladies' Gallery, Messrs. Connolly of Omineca and Forester of Burrard did a fairly creditable job of getting the debate on His Honor's speech from the throne underway.

Their seats are together on the extreme left benches, Mr. Forester, last to be elected, filling the spot formerly held down by Tom King, the rangy gentleman from Columbia.

The addition of these two new members has necessitated a trifle of switching in seating arrangements among the Liberal back benches, but the rift among the C.C.F. forces had made only one change.

The elder Winch remains cheek by jowl with R. B. Swales of Delta in the back row on the left, but on the front opposition bench Mr. Connell and his chief lieutenant, Mr. Price, have changed places, so that the leader no longer sits by the side of his former whip, Harold Winch.

For a new member, Mr. Forester acquitted himself fairly well under the little heckling he got from the opposition.

Reading his carefully prepared speech he ignored one or two small pieces of impertinence, but when, in attributing his election to the excellent record of the Pattullo government, he ran into Mr. Bruhn's jovial, "There were 13,000 against it,"—a reference to the votes cast for Dr. Patterson and Dr. Telford, he paused. "Mr. Speaker," he said, "if I were on a public platform I'd know how to deal with this sort of thing, but I'm new to your ways here, so I'll refrain."

There was much banging of desks at this, from the Liberal side, and more later when the member, declining to apologize for delving into the record of the Department of Agriculture, admitted that "three of my children can milk as many cows as any farmer's daughter in the province."

It will be a few days before the House gets down to really serious business, but with the one exception of Gordon Wismer, Vancouver Centre, there was no absentee in the ranks today. Mr. Wismer, detained by Assize Court business in Vancouver, is expected to put in an appearance Thursday.

Next week the members will get to work on standing committees, which will occupy their mornings. It is in committee, possibly, that whatever excitement the session will see will arise.

City Asked To Control Gasoline

Legislation designed to improve conditions in the retail gasoline and service station business generally will be urged on Premier T. D. Pattullo and his cabinet at once, it was decided at a meeting of the Service Station Division of the Retail Merchants' Association this week.

An exhaustive brief has been prepared, together with much information gathered during a recent survey of the service station field in Vancouver.

George R. Matthews, provincial Secretary of the R.M.A., and members of the division executive, will present the case.

One of the alleged abuses which the independent retailers particularly complain of is the sale of gas from privately-owned pumps to employees and others at wholesale prices.

The independents consider the whole set-up unfair as they are compelled to live up to much stricter fire bylaws and other regulations than the owners of fleets of cars or trucks who are enabled to get their gas at wholesale by installing a pump on their private property.

It is claimed that 1,500,000 gallons of gas sold in this way this year.

The city will be asked to make use of the special power given municipalities at the last session of the legislature for control of service stations and gasoline sale.

MURRAY EXT

By JAMES DYER

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—The denunciation of "extravagant" on the part of the mayor was delivered to a



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MURRAY ASSAILS 'EXTRAVAGANCE'

By JAMES DYER

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—A scathing denunciation of "extravagant financing" on the part of the City of Vancouver was delivered to a rapt, and at times amused Legislature this afternoon by George M. Murray, Liberal, Lillooet, former Vancouver newspaperman.



Geo. M. Murray

Following Rev. Robert Connell, opposition leader in the throne speech debate, Murray satirized the city which, he said, had built a magnificent city hall with \$1,000,000 of borrowed money, had built a \$35,000 fountain in Lost Lagoon, staged a magnificent Jubilee, planned a \$2,000,000 stadium and auditorium for Kitsilano Reserve, and shortly will come "that in hand" to the Legislature, asking relief in the form of grants and other financial aid.

"I for one in this House will ask for a close scrutiny of the books of that corporation, and an accounting, before I will vote one cent for the relief of that city," Murray trenchantly declared, intimating that "these things are being discussed" in the hinterland, and that "country members will stand shoulder to shoulder."

The drift of Murray's speech was that it is in the interior of British Columbia that the future of the province lies rather than in the big coast cities, and that more attention, greater financial aid, must come to the unorganized territories.

Murray's speech, witty and full of pungency, covered considerable territory, criticizing Mr. Connell for "an impractical and disappointing program," and hitting slyly at the speech from the Throne as a somewhat empty document.

'GRAY MORNING'

Of Vancouver, Murray said: "The great City of Vancouver comes to the Legislature to ask for substantial gifts. It was suggested in the speech from the Throne that the Golden Jubilee celebrations lately held in that city was a great success. This government, I believe, granted \$50,000 for that great Jubilee and a joyous time was had by all.

"But now the bills are beginning to come in. The gay night has given way to the gray morning.

"That Jubilee has impoverished every operator of a tourist hotel in the interior of British Columbia. Resorts along the P.G.E. were deserted and country people poured into the city to see the Jubilee.

"It was a good one, but a very expensive one."

Vancouver, Mr. Murray went on, has built a great city hall, on classic lines. He understood it cost \$1,000,000.

"It will be a splendid home for the eight aldermen, all the comforts of home. But the money had to be borrowed. Interest must be paid.

"There isn't a rancher in this House who wouldn't like to build a new home, but he would not do it until he could pay for it. Now he is likely to be asked to help pay the principal and interest on Vancouver's new home.

"It isn't good enough to tax the people of Lillooet to pay part of the bill for the great City of Vancouver. These things are being discussed."

ELOQUENT SARCASM

The city, Mr. Murray observed sarcastically, is talking of spending \$2,000,000 to create a public playground on the Kitsilano Indian Reserve—a piece of land Vancouver doesn't own. And then there was Lost Lagoon.

The speaker waxed eloquently sarcastic at this point. He recalled happy moments spent gazing upon the placid beauty of Lost Lagoon, which had inspired Pauline Johnson to write one of her most beautiful poems in the language.

Adding a fountain to this spot, he thought, was "as ridiculous as adding another hue to the rainbow, as painting the lily.

Again, here was \$35,000 of money the city had to borrow at a high rate of interest.

Reverting to the new city hall for a moment, Mr. Murray suggested the next thing the city will have to do is

"go out into the money markets and borrow" for furniture.

Murray's Tribute To Robert Cromie And B. C. Nicholas

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—Tribute to the late Robert Cromie, publisher of The Vancouver Sun, and to the late B. C. Nicholas, editor of the Victoria Times, who died since the last session of the House, was paid in the Legislature this afternoon by George M. Murray, M.L.A. for Lillooet, in the debate on the speech from the throne.

"It is only fitting," Mr. Murray declared, "that the House should offer some official recognition of the passing of these two very worthy citizens, who contributed so definitely in lives to the upliftment of public life in British Columbia."

"The two were eminent leaders in the life of the province whose untimely deaths could not be too greatly mourned," Mr. Murray said.

Sport Arenas As Relief Works

Special to The Vancouver Sun

VICTORIA, Oct. 30.—Construction of sports arenas in British Columbia as public works was advocated by Byron ("Boss") Johnson (Liberal), senior member for Victoria, in the legislature this afternoon.

Johnson named four centres where, he said, construction of sports arenas for ice hockey and other games would be of excellent service.

They are: Burnaby, North Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria.

He suggested the province approach the federal authority with the suggestion that it appropriate a sum of money for such public works on a basis whereby province and Dominion each would contribute a share of the cost.

The sum of \$350,000, he declared, should be sufficient.

PEARSON AMENDS APPRENTICE ACT

Special to The Vancouver Sun

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—An amendment to the B. C. Apprenticeship Act, whereby young men over 21 years of age will be able to become apprentices, was introduced into the Legislature this afternoon by the Hon. G. S. Pearson, Minister of Labor.

At present the Act covers only youths from 16 to 21, but cases have been discovered of young men over the age of 21 anxious to take out apprenticeship indentures.

Other legislation introduced by Mr. Pearson today include:

1. An Amendment to the Apprenticeship Act changing the title of the Act's administrator from inspector to director of apprenticeship.
2. Amendments to the male and female minimum wage laws to assist in enforcement.

One clause seeks to prevent employers from deducting from employees' wages sums for laundry, uniforms or other services.

Another provides a \$50 fine for impersonating a labor department inspector. This amendment was deemed necessary after the department learned that one man had so impersonated an inspector and received back wages due to an employee which he converted to his own use.

The Act will be further amended so that the chairman of the Economic Council need not necessarily be a member of the minimum wage board.

M.L.A.'s Plead Needs OF YOUTH

WINCH DEPLORES PLIGHT OF JOBLESS

Special to The Vancouver Sun

VICTORIA, Oct. 3.—The debate on the speech from the throne, after occupying British Columbia's legislators the last three days, showed no signs of abatement last night, and will likely carry on all through the next week, forcing Mr. Hart's budget speech into the third week of the session.

Yesterday the House heard Byron ("Boss") Johnson, Liberal, Victoria, expatiate on Empire trade pacts, the failure of the Housing Act to "take" in British Columbia and the need for fostering amateur sports.

It also heard E. E. Winch, C.C.F., Burnaby, add something to the Murray criticism of Vancouver's Jubilee, as well as treat of a wide variety of other matters.

Mr. Winch gave the House a new phrase for the Jubilee—"Gerry's Circus."

"I doubt greatly," Mr. Winch declared, "that any one has reason for satisfaction regarding the Jubilee. It was a very expensive circus for the people of Vancouver and British Columbia."

HALF-EMPTY HOUSE

Mr. Winch spoke to a half-empty house, the members who remained being careful to adopt an attitude of complete indifference. All save, of course, the younger Winch and Mrs. Steeves.

The plight of Vancouver's single unemployed transients, the inability of Burnaby municipality to come into the Greater Vancouver Metropolitan Health Board, malnutrition among school children and conditions in the Mental Hospital at New Westminster were some of the topics Mr. Winch covered in a speech that was constantly interrupted by scoffing interjections from government members, including Mr. Pattullo himself.

The people of Burnaby, Winch claimed, were anxious to come under the Metropolitan Board and in the decision of the Commissioner, to remain outside there was no question of expense involved, since it would not cost Burnaby anything extra.

He charged the real reason is that the present medical officer of Burnaby has not the proper qualifications.

FLIGHT OF JOBLESS

Mr. Winch complimented Byron ("Boss") Johnson, Liberal, Victoria, for his attention to the needs of youth in the matter of physical recreation. And from this point he launched into an attack upon the attitude of federal and provincial governments to the single unemployed. Admitting this is a federal responsibility in the ultimate analysis, Mr. Winch held that the province ought to do something for them until their status is settled.

"Are we going back to the old feudal conditions, when the serf was chained to the land?" he demanded, referring to the attitude of the governments that the unemployed can obtain relief only in their home provinces.

He developed the point that it is time to get back to the old view that the greatest of values are human values.

Every member of the House ought to go to Oakalla Prison Farm to see the deplorable conditions in which the single unemployed arrested in Vancouver were kept—

"And what for? For the unforgivable crime of being born. An unemployed member of the working class has become the most undesirable thing

on earth, and fall to them has become a sanctuary.

Mr. Johnson, who preceded Mr. Winch, declared British Columbia needs the Empire trade treaties and he expressed concern over two recent public utterances, one from the Hon. W. D. Euler, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, who said: "It is going to be a tough job to renew Canada's trade treaties with Great Britain next year," the other from the Hon. Neville Chamberlain, who

uttered similar sentiments.

"The Provincial Government, he declared, should do everything it can, not only to help exporters to retain their places in the British market, but also to educate people of the province to "Buy British" and establish reciprocal goodwill, he urged.

"There is no denying," he said, "that British Columbia's export trade has enjoyed a great boom because of the Empire treaties, and they have had much to do with better business conditions."

For this reason the province is most vitally interested in their renewal next year, he went on.

B. C. TRADE

The reason why Messrs. Euler and Chamberlain could utter the sentiments they did is to be found, he said, in the fact that in 1933 this province exported \$15,000,000 worth of goods to Britain and imported \$3,000,000 worth. In 1934 B. C. sold \$22,000,000 and purchased \$7,000,000.

Previously, Mr. Johnson said, he had advocated the government should establish a provincial trade department to handle such things. "And when circumstances are favorable I feel sure the government will do it."

Dealing with the failure of loan firms to extend credits in British Columbia under the Dominion Housing Act, the Victoria member pointed out that millions have been loaned in Ontario and Quebec, but nothing here. He quoted the statement of the Federal Deputy Minister of Finance that loan companies are disinclined to let their money out in British Columbia.

"Why," he asked, "should they take this stand when many of them are taking large sums out of British Columbia."

Life insurance companies alone had taken \$43,600,000 out of B. C. in premiums in the last four years over and above what was reinvested. They had received some \$53,000,000 in premiums and paid out \$15,000,000 in death duties, leaving \$38,000,000 clear.

He suggested the province might levy a tax of 20 per cent on their premiums and then refund it to them when they reinvest a fair portion of their surpluses in the province.

"We can't go on sending enormous credits out of the province each year like this, without getting something in return," he declared. "Only our natural resources have enabled us to carry on this long."

DEBATE TO LAST SEVERAL DAYS

Press Gallery Notes

By JAMES DYER

VICTORIA, Oct. 31.—The legislature came to its first week-end with only six speakers heard so far in the debate on His Honor's speech from the throne.

It was said at the time it was at once one of the longest and one of the most innocuous speeches from the throne on record, throne speeches usually being noted for what they omit rather than for what they include.

However, these speeches provide splendid opportunities for the private member to get some little bee out of his bonnet, some cherished suggestion for the saving of the country or a portion of it, preferably that portion which the member happens to represent.

So far the House has heard Mr. Murray's plea for better sidewalks in Squamish and more oil for Lillooet roads; Mr. Johnson's sensible plea for sports arenas in every hamlet of the land; Mr. Connell's interpretation of what Socialism means to British Columbia, and Mr. Winch's vastly different interpretation of that very same thing. Messrs. Connelly and Forester, fresh in their seats, said almost nothing, which is all new members are supposed to say.

Starting off at 3 p.m. Monday, when the House resumes, Mr. Planta, who adjourned Friday's debate, presumably will have his say about the Peace River. Mrs. Steeves, C.C.F., North Vancouver, will follow him, with Mr. Savage, the newspaper publisher from Cowichan-Newcastle, adjourning.

The debate will drag its weary course for several days more after that, and until the ministers get to their feet, later on, relatively little will have been added to the sum total of knowledge. For it's all been said at least three times before in the life of this legislature.

Mr. Planta, by the way, fulfilled an ambition today. He adjourned a debate, a thing he has been trying to do without success the last three sessions. It must be said that the darkly handsome member for the Peace did the duty with remarkable aplomb and evident pride.

The C.C.F. forces in the House, reduced to three, have announced their decision to get along without a House leader this session. "A trio of leaders" was the way Harold Winch put it.

The Parliamentary Press Gallery of British Columbia on Friday elected officers for the ensuing year. A. H. Williamson, News-Herald, was chosen president; James Dyer, Vancouver Sun, secretary; C. F. Moriarty, Canadian Press, treasurer. Honorary officers are: Hon. Gordon Sloan, honorary president; Hugh Savage, M.L.A., Cowichan-Newcastle, himself a newspaperman, and Gordon Wismer, M.L.A., Vancouver Centre, honorary vice president.

Vancouver's Expenditures

Vancouver appears to have fallen under the displeasure of Mr. George M. Murray, M.L.A., who criticizes our recent expenditures and threatens that unless we revert to rigid economy, he, for one, will not vote one cent for the relief of this city.

He cites as an instance of our extravagance the million dollars we borrowed to build a new City Hall. He holds up to scorn the expenditure of some \$35,000 on the fountain in Lost Lagoon.

When Mr. Murray casts up Vancouver's balance in his private and personal ledgers, he omits, we think, some items on the credit side that are fairly large and important.

To illustrate our point, let us tell Mr. Murray a parable.

Suppose Mr. Murray had a son in whom he was well pleased and of whom he entertained fond hopes of a prominent and profitable future.

He would not expect that son to go out into the world on a money-making basis as soon as he was able to walk.

Instead he would give him a careful schooling, buy him books, spend money on his health and clothes and recreations and finally send him to university with the finest equipment his means would afford.

He would do all this, first, to give his son the training he needed to get on in the world and, secondly, to give his son the spirit and self-respect and ambition that are essential to conquer all things.

Well, a good many people in Vancouver feel pretty much the same about the dressing up we are giving our city as Mr. Murray would feel about his hypothetical son.

In the first place, if Vancouver is going to do business in a big way, she has got to have the equipment and the appearance with which to do it.

In the second place, if Vancouver is going to get anywhere, she has got to have the spirit and self-reliance and confidence that get things done.

We believe that the new City Hall is not only a physical necessity for the transaction of civic business but such an inspiration to Vancouver people that not one of them looks at it today without going away with a sense of pride that enables him to put added punch and vigor into his own business.

The chances are that the million dollars we are spending on the City Hall and the six million dollars that somebody else is spending on the First Narrows Bridge have already contributed that additional energy to Vancouver's private affairs that our eventual receipts will increase by one hundred millions.

Mr. Murray should remember that for years Vancouver was in the doldrums of stagnation. There was no civic confidence, no civic enthusiasm, no faith, no hope and mighty little charity.

And then came a change that not only transformed civic business but put new energy into private business. People began to believe in Vancouver, to enlarge their businesses, to spend money.

Today every brick that is laid in Vancouver, every plank that is nailed into place, every pound of concrete poured into forms is an investment in the prosperity of this city, and in the eventual prosperity of British Columbia.

Mr. Murray, of course, will have to vote as he pleases.

If he believes it is good for this province for its chief city to rest under a hopeless cloud of stagnation, leave its money rotting in the banks and listlessly hope for some change, he will deny Vancouver the relief it seeks.

But if he does so, he will be doing no service to the rest of British Columbia which inevitably takes its tone and sets its pace from the tone and pace of Vancouver.

For the ambition and movement and life of this city can be made to animate and revive every remote corner of the province.

Let us build a great city with fine public buildings, splendid auditoriums, great stadiums, libraries

and art galleries and there will be generated a force of progress in British Columbia that will burst every purse string and revitalize every farm and business between the Yukon and the American border.

Vancouver has no intention of standing still. She has just begun to grow.

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Ald. W. W. Smith, City Council's committee amendments, and C. Lord had reservations tonight to begin negotiations on application by the City of Vancouver for charter powers.

They expected to make arrangements for bill and advertising ask government officials and penalties for late. Delegates will also draft of the special bill is asking the Legislature to bring about outstanding taxes at year.

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Fourth Session of House Opens Today

Legislature Expected to Finish Early in December

(By Staff Representative)
 VICTORIA, Oct. 27. — All was hustle and bustle in the hallways and offices of the Legislative pile all day Monday as preparations were made for the opening today of the fourth session of the 18th Legislature—probably one of the shortest sessions of this government's regime.

Premier T. D. Pattullo received word Monday that he must be in Ottawa to meet federal authorities Dec. 9 to discuss Dominion-Provincial finances and this means that the session will probably end during the first two or three days of December.

Monday the members assembled from all parts of the province and there was an air of friendliness all through the building as they paused to shake hands with each other or with officials whom they had not seen for months.

There was a taste of the formality to come Tuesday when M. M. Connelly, new member for Omineca, was sworn in Monday morning by Clerk of the House Major W. H. Langley. Officials looked in vain for J. Howard Forester, new member for Burrard, in order to administer the oath to him, but up to a late hour Monday he had not arrived at the buildings.

His Honor Lieut.-Gov. E. W. Hamber and Government House officials paid an informal call upon the premier and Mr. Speaker H. G. T. Perry during the morning in order to discuss plans for the official opening today, while workmen hastened chairs into position for the important guests who will fill the Legislative Chamber for the opening.

New gilt-lettered signs on offices formerly occupied by the Welfare Department announced that the surviving members of the C. C. F. opposition—Mrs. D. G. Steeves, H. E. Winch and E. E. Winch—are housed there. Mrs. Steeves retains the private office which she had last year, however.

Rev. Robert Connell, Jack Erice, R. B. Swalles and Ernest Bakewell retain the quarters held by the C. C. F. last year.

It is expected that the two new Liberal members will occupy the chairs formerly held by G. G. McGeer, K.C., M.P., and Mr. Justice A. M. Manson. One other change in the House "line-up" is the removal of the desk of Gordon S. Wismer, member for Vancouver Centre, from the overflow Liberal benches on the Opposition side of the House, to the government side almost behind Premier Pattullo.

GUN SALUTE TO ECHO AS HOUSE OPENS

VICTORIA, Oct. 27.—The well-known cry of "Make way for Mr. Speaker" will sound in the corridors of the Legislative Buildings this afternoon as Hon. E. W. Hamber, lieutenant-governor, officially opens the fourth session of the 18th Legislature.

As a 21-gun salute sounds from the lawns in front of the buildings at 3 p.m., his Honor will be escorted into the Legislative Assembly Chamber by Mr. Speaker H. G. T. Perry, Premier T. D. Pattullo and other officials.

Then, to an assembly chamber crowded with distinguished visitors, his Honor will read the usually brief speech from the throne.

Announcement of the recent by-elections in Omineca and Burrard will feature the formal business following the speech from the throne. The new members for those constituencies will then be introduced.

All the pomp and splendor of past years will return to the official opening of this session as the period of mourning for the death of King George has now passed.

Mourning drapes which hung from his late Majesty's portrait last year, and from the picture of King George and of Queen Mary have also been removed pending arrival of a portrait of the new monarch—King Edward VIII.

Presentation by members of the Cabinet of routine bills will follow the official opening ceremonies and then, on Wednesday, the House will settle down to listening to many speeches preparatory to settling down to actual business.

Public Works Plan For B.C. Forecast

Lieut.-Gov. Opens House With Customary Ceremonial

(By Staff Representative)
 VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—Possibility of a loan for public works, on a major scale, was seen in the Parliament Buildings today following official opening of the fourth session. Cabinet members, however, were not even dropping any hints on the subject.

It was seen, however, in the Speech from the Throne, presented by Hon. E. W. Hamber, Lieutenant-Governor, as he opened the House Tuesday afternoon. It came in a brief, diplomatically-worded statement as the speech came to a conclusion.

"You will be asked for additional authority to enable my government to carry out a useful and necessary program of public undertakings," said his Honor.

This, in the opinion of persons close to the government could mean only one thing—the flotation of a loan for public works, probably to undertake improvements to many of the leading highways in the province. It is not expected that there will be any definite news on the subject, however, until late in the session, now expected to last five weeks.

The Lieutenant-Governor was the centre of a panoply of splendor this afternoon as he was escorted into the Parliament Building for the official opening.

While a 21-gun salute boomed across James Bay in front of the parliamentary lawns and gardens his Honor was being met by a guard of honor of the Canadian Scottish Regiment—rich in scarlets, tartans and shining brass.

Escorted by Premier T. D. Pattullo, Mr. Speaker H. G. T. Perry, and preceded by E. O. Weston, Sergeant-at-arms, carrying the mace, the Lieutenant-Governor walked into the Legislative Chamber, filled to overflowing with dignitaries of British Columbia, their ladies and friends.

The rigorous formality of the official opening of a parliamentary session followed as his Honor read the Speech from the Throne, praying that "Divine Providence may guide you and bless the fruit of your labors."

Then came the reading of prayers by his Excellency J. H. McDonald, Bishop of Victoria, the introduction of the new members from Omineca and Burrard by Premier Pattullo, the reading by Mr. Speaker Perry of letters from King Edward VIII and Queen Mary and the introduction of formal bills by Attorney-General Gordon McG. Sloan.

The presentation by various ministers of formal resolutions followed, and then came the adjournment to Wednesday, when the House settles down to listen to speeches by members.

EXPECT BUDGET SPEECH, NOV. 9

VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—Present indications are that the budget will be on the table as soon as the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne is over. It is not likely that Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, will be ready to reveal his fiscal plans earlier than the week after next.

The likeliest date for the budget speech, as it looks today, is Nov. 9.



By AL WILLIAMSON

VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—There is a delightful informality about the operation of government among those who spend their working hours in the Legislative buildings.

"Good morning, boys," says a voice from the doorway to the press room, and the smiling face of Premier T. D. Pattullo appears. He chats in most informal manner with the newsmen and then conversation may be interrupted by loud hails as Bob Carson, of Kamloops, Stan McKeen, of Vancouver, Tom Uphill, from Fernie, or some other genial member of the Legislature—just arrived for the session—makes his appearance in the room.

Hugh Savage, just arrived from Cowichan way, sits down to kid the reporters about affairs in general; Harold Winch comes in to boast of having the finest suite of offices in the buildings; Hon. John Hart sticks his head in the doorway and then smilingly beats a retreat as the newsmen start to tackle him on the question of the public accounts, the budget, or some of the other finance matters which have been keeping the minister late at his office recently.

The Press Gallery this year starts its work without—for the first time in many years—the presence of Bruce Hutchison, Vancouver Province parliamentary expert, who lies in a sick bed at his home. C. F. Moriarty, Canadian Press representative—extraordinary, goes mumbling about with a stiff neck and a cold that makes him talk almost unintelligibly, but is on the job as usual.

These two, with Ken Drury, editor of The Victoria Times, scorned British Columbia's climate recently for the sunshine of California and they have all been indisposed ever since their return.

As in other years, Les Fox is making the press gallery typewriter hum for The Times, while Jimmy Dyer provides the news for Vancouver Sun readers. Francis Aidham, whose distinguished newspaper career carried him both to Ottawa and Washington, D. C. press galleries, is the new arrival in the gallery here, looking after the interests of The Vancouver Province's readers. Sandham Graves, veteran Press Gallery president, is here again for The Victoria Colonist.

In a high-ceilinged, oak-paneled, paper-strewn room behind the Legislative Assembly chamber the newsmen sit at their desks and "pound out" the events of the Legislature, discuss in most reasonable frankness how they would run the affairs of government, smoke the premier's cigars and prepare to settle down for several weeks of speech-making, forensic forays and cross-comment on the floor of the House.

Their's, of course, is not to question why, their's is but to do and sigh.

Royal Family Sends Speaker Reads Letters To House Reply to Condolence

(By Special Correspondent)
VICTORIA, Oct. 27. — Letters from King Edward VIII and her Majesty Queen Mary were read to members of the Legislature Tuesday by Hon. H. G. T. Perry, Speaker of the House as the Fall session opened.

Both letters, signed by the respective secretaries to their Majesties, expressed deep appreciation for the sympathy extended to them by the Legislature on the occasion of the death of King George. Although they were received in the Spring, this is the first opportunity presented for their reception by the entire Legislature.

The text of the King's letter follows:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
27th April, 1936.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Address adopted by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia on February 25th, 1936, has been laid before the King.

His Majesty, and the Members of the Royal Family, have received with sincere gratification this expression of sympathy in their great loss on the part of the members of the Assembly, whose kind message has touched them deeply.

I am also to assure you that the King appreciates highly the loyal sentiments and good wishes with which your Address concludes.

Yours very truly,

"WIGRAM."

The Honorable,
The Speaker,
Legislative Assembly,
British Columbia.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
28th April, 1936.

Dear Sir:

I am commanded by Queen Mary to convey to you, and, through you, to the Members of the Legislature of British Columbia, and the people of the province, an expression of Her Majesty's grateful thanks for the message of sympathy so kindly extended to Her on the occasion of the death of King George V.

I am to assure you, and all concerned, that the Queen is deeply touched to receive this message in Her Majesty's sad bereavement.

Yours very truly,

"GERALD CHICHESTER."

Private Secretary to H.M. Queen Mary.

The Honorable,
The Speaker,
Legislative Assembly,
British Columbia, Canada.

BARBERS WANT ACT AMENDED

Claim Trade Schools Are Outside Wage Laws

(Special to The News-Herald)

VICTORIA, Oct. 28. — Amendments to the Barbers' Act are reported to be contemplated at the current session of the Legislature to the end that certain restrictions may be placed on the operation of barbers' schools in the province. The Barbers' Association of B. C., reputedly informed concerning the proposed legislation, has circularized members of the legislature. In a two-sheet folder issued by this organization certain information is set down for the information of legislators.

Burden of the brief of the Barbers' Association is that "schools" are operated exactly as are regular barber shops and are in open competition with them for business. The organized barbers assert their shops are subject to minimum wage legislation and that schools are not. They claim the situation is unfair to them.

CONNELLY LOOKS TO APPROVAL OF HEALTH SCHEME

Would Extend Insurance Act To Small Farmers, Prospectors

(By Staff Representative)

VICTORIA, Oct. 28. — In moving the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, M. M. Connelly, Omineca, declared that health insurance, "after it has been operating will be endorsed by the mass of people in this province.

"I hope amendments will be made as quickly as is possible so that provision is made to include the small farmer and prospector, and other people who are not employees of industry, but individual struggling workers on their own account. These people who fight their own battles for a living are just as much, and perhaps more, in need of this kind of co-operative insurance as the worker in large industries."

Mr. Connelly remarked:

"There is no policy more worthy of continued attention than that of completing our main highways and of giving at least fairly passable lateral roads to the farmers and settlers, and to the mining prospectors within our province.

"The serious problem of unemployment and of relief is still with us, though undoubtedly the situation has been improved a great deal. Road construction is one of the best means of taking men off relief, reviving their morale, and doing something of lasting benefit to the country.

"May I be permitted to suggest that if the government or the railway companies were to absorb part of the high freight charges on cattle and perhaps some other farm products, particularly in the Northern or Central Interior, where they are so far from markets, that this would result in abandoning the relief payment now being made to many settlers and would revive their individual enterprise, and cost perhaps less than the relief payments now paid to this class of people."

Mr. Connelly spoke highly of the Manson Creek, Burns Lake and Fort St. James areas in his constituency.

NO CHANGE IN HOUSE SEATING

C. C. F. Members Occupy Usual Seats

(Staff Correspondent)

VICTORIA, Oct. 29. — Although they have been provided with separate offices, the divided ranks of the C.C.F. had made little change in their seating arrangement in the House when the Legislature got down to business Wednesday afternoon.

Apart from the fact that Rev. Robert Connell, Opposition leader, had changed places with Jack Price, member for Vancouver East, there was no change. H. E. Winch and Mrs. D. G. Steeves now sit beside Mr. Price, while E. E. Winch sits behind them and next to R. B. Swales and Ernest Bakewell, the other Connell followers.

Mr. Connell adjourned the debate Wednesday and it is expected that in an address to the House today he will make important announcements concerning the future of himself and the other members who left the C.C.F. to follow him.

George Murray, Liberal member for Lillooet, will also speak today, while C. M. F. Planta, Peace River Independent, will adjourn the debate.

As in other years, L. A. Hanna, Comox-Alberni Liberal, was named deputy Speaker as the House met for the first business sitting.

FORESTER SEES REAL VALUE OF TOURIST TRADE

New Member Views Policy of Publicity as Aid To B. C.

(By Staff Representative)

VICTORIA, Oct. 29. — To J. Howard Forester, new member for Vancouver-Buttard, went the honor of seconding the address-in-reply to the Speech from the throne as the Legislature swung into its session this afternoon.

The address-in-reply was made by another new member—M. M. Connelly of Omineca—and both speeches were rich in their praise of the accomplishments of the Liberal administration.

Mr. Forester did touch on something which is attracting the interest of other members at this session of the House—the subject of development of the tourist industry.

"To the department of finance, as well as the department of the premier, we must give credit for a new and successful policy of publicity and advertising covering British Columbia which has resulted in attracting to the province tourists in even larger numbers than the peak year of 1929," he said.

"As a member from the City of Vancouver I wish to express my appreciation of this government's contribution to the success of our Golden Jubilee in our city which did so much to bring tourists to the whole province."

Again he referred to this subject when he discussed the department of public works.

"The extending of good roads within the province and the paving of many hundreds of miles of these roads at the lowest cost ever paid for hard-surfacing in British Columbia have assisted in making the visits of tourists much more enjoyable," he said. "The consummation of the present working agreement with the Federal government in the preparation of many miles of road for paving at an early date is a tribute to the farsightedness of the minister of this department."

Connell Plays Use Of Spoils System

Clean Up Civil Service; No Politics in Road Work!

(By Staff Representative)
VICTORIA, Oct. 30.—“The new planning of our economic life must be of a different character, conditioned and compelled by the needs of an age of plenty, made possible by man's vastly increased control of natural forces. It must set itself to the task of making impossible that ugly thing that more evidently than ever today rears its head among us, ‘Poverty in the midst of Plenty.’”

said Rev. Robert Connell, speaking as leader of the Opposition in the Legislature, in the debate on the Address.

“The unemployed young men of our country first gathered in isolated camps, then sent out as cheap labor to the railways, and now herded into jails as obstructors of the traffic of our cities are a standing reproach to the statesmanship of our country, and the humanity of our people.

“Unable to put before them anything but what must spell to youth at least a measure of degradation and disgrace, incapable of putting before them such a new ordering of things as will stir them to hope and even enthusiasm, we have been too long content to await the chances of Time and Tide, the hoped-for prosperity.

“I know there have been many attempts made and plans offered. The first member for Vancouver East, and the member for Cowichan-Newcastle have laid plans before this House, and I must pay tribute to the Minister of Labor for what he has done in forestry camps and apprenticeship work.

“But what we need is a definite step forward in the management and control of our economic forces. Such a move would be like an awakening from the dead in our ordinary contentment with the God of Things as They Are. It is the determination fixed and unalterable of the group for whom I speak today to leave no stone unturned to bring about that resurrection.

SPOILS SYSTEM

“But for its practical accomplishment we shall have to gather about us the men and women of expert knowledge; we shall have to escape from the idea that in the passage of Legislative acts lies solely the working out of that constructive co-operative system which holds for us the promise of the future. Politics has ceased to be a game, and this Legislative Assembly must be fired to lofty ideals for human life in this Province.

Dealing with the political spoils evil Mr. Connell said: “No one can have followed the course of affairs in this Province and in this Dominion over a long period of years without seeing the baleful influence this particular evil has had on our political life. Not only has it been condoned, but it has been openly gloried in. Leaders of both parties have, I believe, tried to check it at times, but it has been too strong for them and its existence has done much to bring our whole political system into contempt.

“From the pushing of favorites into the Civil Service to the petty jobbery of roadwork it has covered the field of opportunity from these buildings to the remotest points of the Province. The first business of the Social Constructive forces in the work of construction in this Province

absolutely beyond the influence of party politics, to make efficiency its aim, and merit the way of admission and the road to promotion. It has been done elsewhere among our people and it can be done here.

“Frequently has it been said that the government is as good as the people or as the people deserve. Well, today I believe the people are so far ahead of our governments that they are demanding that the axe be laid to the root of the tree of political spoils and that all semblance of corruption be removed from our political life.

ROAD WORK
“What I have said about the Civil Service applies equally to the road construction and maintenance work of the Province. The time has come for a cessation of the see-saw changes of those who are engaged in the building and repair of our highways and byways. The time has come to put an end once and for all to such business as the granting of a franchise to a so-called bridge company in order that the government may proceed under such conditions from one side to the other of a river. I see the Premier has been asked to permit his name to be given to the New Westminster bridge.

“In view of the extreme probability that this will be the last public work carried out under such conditions I wonder whether he will be wise in permitting it, and whether it will redound to his fame in the years to come. The whole of this kind of work connected with the business of transportation, growing of increasing importance and magnitude with the passing years should be put under expert control and management, and freed from the demoralizing hand of politics which has given us for a co-ordinated system a medley of partly finished and unfinished roads, lingering far behind the requirements of today, and at an immense cost to the taxpayer of the Province. There is work here that our social constructive party will unhesitatingly carry out.”

Murray Borrows Simile From Pet Connell Science

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—Rev. Robert Connell, Opposition leader, was likened to a petrified tree, by George Murray in the House today. Mr. Connell, expounding on a point during his own address, had referred to fossilization of great forests following an earthquake, or some other act of God.

“There was an earthquake—a political one—in the ranks of the C.C.F., and I am afraid the leader of the Opposition is now going to become a specimen of political fossilization rather than a useful, magnificent tree,” said Mr. Murray.

He saw no policy, no hope for the future, in Mr. Connell's address.

REFERS TO DEATHS, CROMIE, NICHOLAS

(By Staff Representative)
VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—Two prominent publishers who died since the last session of the House were referred to by George Murray during his speech today in the Legislature. They were B. C. Nicholas and Robert Cromie and he expressed opinion that there should be some official recognition of the passing of these two very worthy citizens.

FINANCES FOR JUBILEE UNDER FIRE IN HOUSE

Murray Says No Funds for Vancouver Without Economy

NEW FOUNTAIN

As Ridiculous as Adding Another Hue to Rainbow'

(By Staff Representative)
VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—George Murray called on the country members of the Legislature to stand firm in denying governmental funds to the City of Vancouver until rigid economy measures are instituted there, when he addressed the Legislature in a debate on the Speech from the Throne today.

The Lillooet member referred to the Golden Jubilee, and said it was a good celebration, “but now the bills are coming in. It is the grey dawn after the gay night.”

In addition to great expenditure on this celebration, including a \$50,000 grant from the government, Vancouver had borrowed \$1,000,000 for a new city hall, and \$35,000 for the fountain in Lost Lagoon—“which is as ridiculous as adding another hue to the rainbow.”

“There isn't a rancher in this country who wouldn't like to build a new home, but he waits until he can afford to pay for it,” Mr. Murray said.

“I for one member of this House will ask for an accounting, and look with close scrutiny into the books of the City of Vancouver before I will vote one cent for the relief of Vancouver.

“Until Vancouver is run more economically and prudently, the country members may be expected to stand shoulder to shoulder to see the ethics of good business are maintained in Vancouver,” he added.

His speech covered the progress made in mining in the province; need for additional roads, and advantages of a sales tax such as that in operation in Washington. He suggested the finance minister investigate it, with a view to “bringing taxes into line.”

The visit of the retiring Lord Mayor of London to Vancouver with the sheriffs and retinue cost \$10,116 to the committee, according to a financial statement presented to the board of directors of the Golden Jubilee celebration Thursday afternoon.

This figure was mentioned among a number of items which made up an expenditure of nearly \$300,000 on the big celebration. The arrangements preceded the coming into office of the present committee, and therefore the present board had little to do with it except the honoring of vouchers.

There will be a credit of \$1500 to offset against this figure for Sir Percy Vincent's visit to the Canadian National Exposition, Toronto.

MURRAY PRAISES CONSTABLE GILL

(By Staff Representative)
VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—Constable W. A. H. Gill, Provincial Police, hero of several mercy trips into the hills around Squamish, was named as the finest officer in British Columbia, and deserving of immediate promotion, by George Murray during a speech in the House today.

“The constable there looks after a population of 4,000 persons—including the mining settlement at Britannia, single-handed, and with the greatest efficiency,” he said.

WOULD STOP PAIN-CREATING TRAPS

(By Staff Representative)
VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—The prohibition of all traps which cause pain in the trapping of animals, is sought in a proposed amendment to the Game Act, notice of motion for which has been given in the legislature by E. E. Winch, member for Burnaby.

Mr. Winch has also given notice that he intends to re-introduce an amendment to the Marriage Act which would require medical examination of a prospective husband and wife. It was defeated at the last session of the House.

TRADE DEPT. IN B.C. STRESSED AS NECESSITY

B. I. Johnson Renews Plea for Improvement in Markets

'MOST ESSENTIAL'

Insurance Companies, Says Member, Draw Huge Sums Away

(By Staff Representative)
VICTORIA, Oct. 30.—The provincial government must establish a department of trade and commerce; British Columbians must be educated to "buy British"; there must be a better balance of trade between B. C. and Ontario and Quebec.

These statements were made by Byron I. Johnson, Liberal, Victoria, when he joined in the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne in the legislature today.

The Ottawa treaty had brought great benefits to Canada and to B. C., he said, but Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett had driven a hard bargain, and that treaty would be difficult of renewal. To hold or improve markets gained by B. C. through that treaty, a department of trade and commerce for the province should be established.

"It is certain that as time goes on we will have one," he said. "It is most essential."

Repeating a review of "Causes of Unrest in Western Canada," which he gave at last session, Mr. Johnson referred to the withdrawal from the province of great sums of money by insurance companies, without equitable investment here—some \$43,000,000 since 1932, he asserted.

He suggested the government give serious thought to the taxing of companies taking such wealth out of the province and not reinvesting a fair portion of it here.

GERRY'S CIRCUS NAME GIVEN TO JUBILEE SHOW

E. E. Winch Critical of Effect on Rooming House Keepers

VICTORIA, Oct. 31.—"Gerry's Circus" was the description applied by E. E. Winch, C.C.F., Burnaby, to the Vancouver Jubilee today, as he entered the debate on address in reply to the speech from the Throne.

The Lillooet member had bewailed the fact that the Jubilee had impoverished hostelry proprietors in the Interior, as matter of fact, a personal survey revealed that it had impoverished the rooming house keepers of Vancouver, also, Mr. Winch said.

In a lengthy speech, he gave a review of the Socialist Policy of C.C.F., saying "Socialism is keeping a light shining ahead of all other political experiments."

He failed to see any significance in favor of the Liberals in Omineca and Burrard by-elections, he said, as a tabulation of votes, compared with the 1933 election, showed that Liberals had lost a small percentage, while the C.C.F. had gained.

"It was a judgment on the record of this government," he said.

PLANTA SEEKS INQUIRY INTO ORIENTAL WAYS

Makes Serious Charges of Chinese Law Defiance

HEALTH CONDITIONS

Declares City's Vegetable Trade Controlled by Asiatics

VICTORIA, Nov. 3.—C. M. F. Planta, concluding his address in the House, moved, seconded by R. H. Pooley, that the House appoint a royal commission to investigate the social and economic conditions of the Oriental population engaged in agriculture and fishing.

Premier Pattullo declared the motion was out of order, as it was a want of confidence vote, and would entail public expense.

Speaker H. T. Perry reserved his decision on the premier's objection.

(By Staff Representative)
VICTORIA, Nov. 3.—"In God's name I ask, shall we sit in this Legislature and continue to pose, or shall we act?"

Thus C. M. F. Planta, independent member for Peace River, concluded in the Legislature Monday afternoon a violent attack on the Chinese population of Vancouver and vicinity.

In an address filled with accusations against Chinese market gardeners and wholesalers, Mr. Planta called on the government to act, and to act quickly, as he took up the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

"There exists in Vancouver today the mature growth of a social and economic cancer that has been developing without interruption for half a century," he said. "It has eaten into the very heart of our body politic and its spores are rapidly growing in every hamlet, village and city of this province."

"The cancer to which I refer is the Chinese citizenry, viewed en masse. They have reduced our law courts to the status of kangaroo courts; made puppets of some of our judiciary, undermined the ethics of the legal profession, flouted the statutes of this province and the Dominion, defied the police of the country; brazenly disregarded municipal bylaws and regulations and have established a combine that defies exposure," he said.

"This is harsh language, Mr. Speaker," he added, "but what I have said is not expressive enough to define prevailing conditions."

STUDYING SUBJECT CAREFULLY

The young, Vancouver-residing Peace River member said that for the past year he had been making a study of his subject. While he concentrated to a large extent upon Chinese farmers and wholesalers, he did not hesitate to lay bare the private lives of Chinese cafe proprietors, financiers—"usurers," he called them—benevolent societies, labor brokers, political groups and common laborers.

Chinese opposition to the marketing act came in for considerable attention at Mr. Planta's hands and he called on government to change its "laissez-faire attitude" immediately and "take definite steps to

put an end to the flagrant abuse of the laws of this country by Chinese."

There were 514 Chinese vegetable farms in the Lower Mainland, he said. Only 29 of these were owned by Chinese, and the balance were leased to Chinese by Occidental owners. This group of Chinese farmers, he alleged, controlled 75 per cent of the production of all green vegetables produced in the province, which he estimated at a wholesale value of \$1,500,000.

CHINESE WHOLESALERS

In 1922, he added, there had been one Chinese wholesale house in Vancouver. This year there were 21, of which 10 were large houses, with four in a dominant position. Some of them, he said had a financial or other interest in farms, retail stores and pedlers' businesses. Few, if any of the Chinese farmers were free from a prevailing system whereby they received advances for fertilizer, seed, food, clothing, and in return turned over their crops to the persons from whom they had accepted these advances.

He charged that "it is reasonable to believe" that the Chinese consul in Vancouver had lent the weight of his office in an endeavor to sustain the Chinese growers' attack against marketing legislation. He gave his personal opinion that not one Chinese farmer out of a hundred knew anything about the Marketing Act, being unable either to read or write English.

He was critical, too, of Chinese living conditions, and even brought the name of Vancouver's mayor into his charges.

BLAMES MAYOR

"Why has the mayor of Vancouver, whose own sister has delved into the unsanitary conditions prevailing, not found it obligatory on his part to see that the police and sanitary inspectors enforce the laws of the municipality and of this province?" he asked. "What explanation have the health authorities of this province for permitting such conditions to exist? Why have complaints not been acted upon?"

"Who is it that defends the Chinese—and why? Why should concessions and leniency be granted them and not our own people? Why are they not forced to abide by the laws of the country?" Mr. Planta asked.

"The conduct of Chinese as I have described," he concluded, "violates the Combines Act of the Dominion of Canada, defies the Sales and Consignment Act of the province—which indirectly costs the treasury tens of thousands of dollars annually—flouts the hours of work, and minimum wage acts; laughs at municipal regulations of hours of closing, winks at the vegetable inspection act; functions as if no law of market control had ever been passed and, worst of all, ignores the sanitation and health laws of this province."

CONNELL TO SPEAK OVER RADIO HERE

VICTORIA, Nov. 3.—A condensed form of his debate on the address-in-reply to the speech from the throne will be given by Rev. Robert Connell, leader of the new Social Constructive party, when he speaks over radio station CJOR in Vancouver at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, it was announced here Monday. In this speech Mr. Connell will go into details of the platform of his new party.

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Municipal Aid and Works Forecast By Throne Speech

Lieutenant-Governor Hamber Opens B.C. Legislature For First Time

Ceremonies Carried Out

New Members From Omineca and Burrard Presented to the Speaker

With the customary booming of cannons across the Causeway, the swing of kilts of Highlanders and the colorful uniforms of militia officers, the eighteenth Legislature of British Columbia opened for its fourth session this afternoon.

Traditional ceremonies of British Parliamentary openings were carried out with Lieutenant-Governor E. W. Hamber officiating for the first time.

The reading of a lengthy speech from the Throne by His Honor and the presentation of two newly-elected members occupied upwards of three-quarters of an hour before the House adjourned ready to launch the opening debate tomorrow.

His Honor arrived from Government House at 3 o'clock accompanied by his aides, Lieut.-Commander F. R. W. Gow, R.C.N., and Major W. M. Turner, and A. M. D. Fairbairn, private secretary.

The salute of twenty-one guns was fired by the 58th battery, R.C.A., thundering out across the harbor as the Lieutenant-Governor's car drove up.

INSPECTS GUARD

His Honor inspected the guard of honor furnished by the Sixteenth Canadian Scottish Regiment, in charge of Capt. F. N. Cabeldu, and Lieutenants C. M. Whiteman and L. Roundling.

Entering the buildings the Lieutenant-Governor was met by Premier Pattullo, going to the executive chamber while Mr. Speaker Perry called the House to order.

The floor and galleries of the Legislative chamber were packed for the ceremonies. The government house party on the floor included: Mrs. Hamber, Hon. W. L. Walsh, recently retired Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, and Mrs. Walsh; Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Molson, Mrs. Hendry, mother of Mrs. Hamber, and Mrs. Mae Rice private secretary.

"Make way for His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor," cried attendants, as His Honor, accompanied by the Premier and Speaker, and preceded by his aides and the Sergeant-at-Arms, filed into the chamber to read the speech.

COLOURFUL SCENE

Honorary aides from the militia in colorful dress uniforms, lined the centre of the assembly as the formality was carried out.

Upon the Lieutenant-Governor's departure, the House turned to business, first hearing prayers and a blessing from His Excellency the Bishop of Victoria, J. E. MacDonald.

The new members were then introduced. The Premier and Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, escorted Mark Connelly, Liberal, Omineca, down the aisle to the Speaker's table

formally claiming his right to a seat in the assembly.

"Let the honorable member take his seat," said Mr. Speaker.

NEW MEMBERS SEATED

In the same manner, John Howard Forester, Liberal, Burrard, was presented by the Premier and Hon. G. M. Weir, Provincial Secretary.

MESSAGE FROM KING

Two messages from the Royal family were read by the Speaker, one from His Majesty the King and the other from Queen Mary, acknowledging the expressions of condolence on the death of King George passed at the spring session of the House.

Attorney-General Sloan then rose to exercise the prerogative of introducing a public bill as the first item of business. It was an amendment to the Legal Professions Act and becomes Bill No. 1 for the session, given first reading.

This privilege having been attended to, the business of debating the Speech from the Throne was given right-of-way by a motion from the Premier.

The House then went through with the formal motions about printing the votes and proceedings and appointment of standing committees, received the reports of government departments and adjourned until 2.30 o'clock tomorrow.

Loan Bill to Finance Works Programme Indicated in Speech

Improvement Is Reviewed

To Abolish Individual Commercial Fish Licenses; Municipal Aid Mentioned

A new public works programme, presumably financed by loan, financial measures to assist municipalities, and the abolition of license fees paid by individual fishermen for commercial fishing operations were foreshadowed in the speech from the Throne by Lieutenant-Governor E. W. Hamber at the opening of the B.C. Legislature this afternoon. The speech was the longest in many years and contained over 1,200 words.

No indication was given as to the size of the works programme. His Honor stated:

"You will be asked for additional authority to enable my government to carry out a useful and necessary programme of public undertakings."

Details of the municipal aid plans, the main reason for the session, were also unexplained.

The abolition of commercial fishing license fees for individual fishermen will mean a reduction in revenue from this source amounting to roughly \$30,000.

Announcement was made in the speech that improved business has resulted in an increase in the provincial revenues.

Reference was made to numerous government undertakings of the last year. In connection with the Dominion-provincial highway programme, the following statement was made:

"It is the aim of my government to provide first-class road accommodation for the benefit of the industrialist, the settler, and the tourist as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The desire of the government for a more comprehensive Dominion and Provincial plan for dealing with unemployment was expressed as follows:

"Notwithstanding general business revival, unemployment of large numbers of our people is still with us. It seems obvious that the problem can be met only by conjunctive measures over a period of years. It is the hope of my government that these measures may be taken in co-operation and collaboration with federal authority."

Forward strides made in the province's four basic industries of lumbering, mining, fishing and agriculture were reviewed.

The new Fraser River bridge will be open to traffic early next fall, it is expected, the Governor said.

TEXT OF SPEECH

Text of the speech follows:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly:

"I welcome you to the fourth session of the Eighteenth Parliament of British Columbia.

"While business conditions have been showing marked improvement, tragic unrest and uncertainty prevail in many parts of the world.

"During the year our Gracious Sovereign King Edward VIII has been the messenger of goodwill to various countries of Europe.

"His Excellency Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, visited our province, much to the interest and pleasure of our people.

"In connection with the Vancouver Jubilee, Right Honorable Sir Percy Vincent, Lord Mayor of London, visited our province, and was most cordially welcomed by our citizens.

"The year has been marked by the presence of many distinguished visitors and the tourist traffic generally has been the heaviest in the history of the province.

"In conjunction with the Dominion Government, my government has been carrying out a considerable amount of necessary and desirable road construction. It is the aim of my government to provide first class road accommodation for the benefit of the industrialist, the settler, and the tourist as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

"Extraordinary floods did a very considerable amount of damage in many portions of the province and every effort was put forward to meet the situation caused thereby.

"Difficulty was experienced in the construction of the Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster through extraordinary high water, but this has been overcome. Satisfactory progress is being made on the structure, and it is expected that the bridge will be open for traffic early next fall.

"Continued advancement in the timber industry is indicated by the returns, the heaviest increase being with the United Kingdom. Prospects appear very encouraging for the future.

"There is good reason to believe that increased activity will take place in the pulp and paper industry.

"The advancement of the young men's forestry training plan has been very gratifying. Young men participating are given a fair grounding in all branches of forestry work and steady employment has been found for a considerable number through this movement.

"Measures are under way for the adjustment of boundaries of counties, mining divisions, land recording districts, assessment and collection districts, and land registration districts throughout the province. This will very much simplify as well as lessen the cost of administration.

"Definite progress has been made

in the field of public health, especially with respect to the treatment and control of tuberculosis and venereal disease. The problems of juvenile delinquency and mental hygiene have also been attacked.

"My government has, under legislative authority, made the necessary guarantee to enable the British Columbia Cancer Foundation to purchase a supply of radium.

"Preliminary work relative to the organization of health insurance is nearing completion and it is expected that benefits under the act will be available early in 1937.

"During the past year two successful experiments involving a change in school administration were carried out—one in the Peace River block, where fifty-six rural school districts were united under an official trustee, and one at Abbotsford, where two municipal school districts and the village of Abbotsford were made a unit for school purposes and a director of education appointed. The change has already resulted in greater efficiency in the schools and much improvement in the school plant and equipment.

"In September a new programme of studies came into use in all the elementary and junior high schools of the province. This programme, which reflects the latest developments in the science of education, has met with general satisfaction. The senior high school curriculum will undergo thorough revision during the ensuing year. The programme of physical and over school age has met with great favor and will be extended this year.

"The present year has been marked by a very satisfactory increase in quantity and quality of agricultural production in almost all branches of the industry. This increase, together with a firming of prices, is expected to result in the highest returns to our farmers since 1930.

"Legislation recently enacted, having to do with employment and labor conditions, has been very beneficial and has resulted in increased employment.

"Mining production continues to increase and the general world demand indicates continued activity.

"The policy of joint construction of roads and trails to mining properties carried out by the Dominion Government and my government during the year will be of much advantage to the industry.

"Appeal to the Privy Council has been taken by my government in respect of a number of measures of major importance enacted by the Dominion Parliament to determine the competence of the Dominion Parliament therein.

"This province is blessed with great variety and extent of natural resources, and it is gratifying that development and progress have been appreciable in every avenue of endeavor.

"Concurrently with improved conditions, revenues of the province have also increased.

"Notwithstanding general business revival, unemployment of large numbers of our people is still with us. It seems obvious that the problem can be met only by conjunctive measures over a period of years. It is the hope of my government that these measures may be taken in co-operation and collaboration with federal authority.

"Measures will be submitted to you in aid of the municipalities.

"License fees now paid by individual fishermen in respect of commercial fishing will be abolished.

"The public accounts will be submitted and estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you.

"You will be asked for additional authority to enable my government to carry out a useful and necessary programme of public undertakings.

"In leaving you, I pray that Divine Providence may guide you and bless the fruit of your labors."

Big Cash Surplus Is Shown By Hart

Finance Minister Reports \$2,619,175 Favorable Balance on Current Operations For Last Fiscal Year, But Debt Increased By Unemployment Relief; Revenues Hit New Record of \$25,862,077

In the fiscal year ending last March 31, British Columbia had a cash surplus of \$2,619,175.42 on its operating account, which does not cover the cost of relief nor provided for all the sinking funds, it was revealed when Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, tabled the public accounts in the Legislature this afternoon.

This surplus was left, Mr. Hart explained, after all expenditures were covered with the exception of these two items.

Revenue during the year reached a new record figure of \$12,862,077.32 and expenditure was \$23,242,901.90.

The revenues showed an increase of \$3,100,357.86 from the previous year.

Expenditures were \$1,645,358 higher. In 1934-35 Mr. Hart had a current surplus of \$1,164,175.56, which, added to his big surplus of last year, produced the necessary funds to pay off a \$3,500,000 loan maturity on May 15 of this year.

A certain amount of debt redemption has also been carried on by the repayment of some \$370,000 a year in sinking funds against inscribed stock.

Since November, 1933, the province, as a result, has paid off over \$5,000,000 of debt.

At the same time, of course, he explained unemployment relief charges, borrowed from the Dominion Government, have piled up at the rate of about \$5,000,000 a year, but these are not classed as a charge against the current account. Sinking fund payments, except for inscribed stock, have been suspended.

BIG REVENUE IS FEATURE

A feature of the public accounts statement was the showing on the revenue side of the budget. Collection efficiency methods put into effect by the Finance Minister, combined with rapidly improving business turnover, swelled the treasury's returns to the new high mark of \$25,862,000.

Income and personal property taxes alone brought in \$5,986,834, against \$5,139,387 the previous year.

Liquor profits, another of the large sources of government revenue, produced \$3,061,808 as compared with \$2,487,328.

GAS TAX WELL UP

The gasoline tax was worth \$2,520,155, against \$2,264,196.

Motor vehicle licenses brought \$1,942,457 into the provincial coffers as compared with \$1,808,513.

Succession duties produced \$1,067,101, against \$979,401.

Reflecting better attendances at theatre, the amusements tax receipts were up from \$176,302 to \$195,231.

LUMBER INDUSTRY AIDS

The lumber industry, booming for the last two years, played a big part in swelling the treasury. Returns from timber royalties alone were \$1,744,540, as compared with \$1,173,170.

The increase of \$1,554,358 in government expenditures was spread around fairly evenly over the different departments to cover the rebuilding of provincial services cut

down during the depression.

Payments on the public debt were \$3,697,800, including all charges, such as the Pacific Great Eastern Railway guarantee, \$224,000 for sinking funds and \$369,254 for redemption of serials.

INTEREST CHARGES UP

The charges for interest, premium and exchange rose from \$6,884,718 to \$7,184,728.

The biggest spending departments of the public service are shown as education, \$3,534,928, and the provincial secretary, health and welfare, \$3,237,653. Expenditures in the former were \$150,000 higher last year and in the latter \$424,000 greater.

Next in line is the Public Works Department, which spent \$1,971,780, an increase of \$23,000.

The Attorney-General's department, with added costs for police work in connection with labor troubles, spent \$1,633,559 against \$1,320,924.

Finance Department expenses were up from \$1,509,973 to \$1,787,553 and the Lands Department from \$1,014,163 to \$1,077,733.

DEBT POSITION

Through repayment of debentures and other maturities, the total amount of inscribed stock and debentures outstanding at March 31 was reduced from the previous year. Outstanding stock and debentures on that date were given as \$124,238,236 as compared with \$127,311,236 the previous year.

At the same time the province's obligations by way of treasury bills to the Dominion Government increased from \$15,014,284 to \$27,872,680. Bank obligations, in treasury bills, also increased slightly from \$5,810,908 to \$5,940,908.

The debt increase as shown by these figures was approximately \$9,000,000. This will be further explained by Mr. Hart in his budget speech.

Claim Government Record Won Seats

Mark Connelly, Omineca Member, Says Pattullo Policies Aided Improvement

Extension of the provincial government's policy of permitting farmers to work out delinquent taxes was foreshadowed by Mark M. Connelly, Liberal, Omineca, moving the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne in the B.C. Legislature this afternoon.

Two years ago the government began giving farmers the chance to work out one year's arrears of taxes on the roads. Mr. Connelly said he was led to believe the government was considering widening this plan so that more than one year's taxes could be paid off by this plan.

Mr. Connelly, making his maiden speech following his election in June, expressed the hope that farmers and prospectors would be included in the health insurance scheme. At present they are excluded.

"These people, who fight their own battles for a living are just as much, and perhaps more, in need of this kind of co-operative insurance as the worker in large industries," he said.

FORESTRY CAMP

The speaker voiced praise of the excellent results accomplished by the government's forestry training camps for young men.

"I have learned of the splendid work undertaken and the benefit such training in forestry will be to these young men who will now be well-fitted to earn their livelihood in one of our greatest natural industries," he declared.

The assistance given the lumber industry in finding new markets, particularly in empire countries, had stimulated sales of many millions of dollars, creating employment and adding to the province's purchasing power.

HIGHWAY WORKS

He touched upon highway improvements carried out in the last year with federal assistance and added a plea for a northern highway connecting with Jasper and with the North Thompson Highway at Kamloops.

Relief in Omineca had been cut from 500 cases three years ago to 100 today through the opening of private mining enterprises and government road work.

He urged the government to take up the question of land settlement in the central interior of the province and to make reverted lands more easily available through local government agencies. New or third class land might be sold for \$2.50 an acre.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MEMBER

Mr. Connelly paid a tribute to his predecessor in Omineca riding, A. M. Manson, now a justice of the Supreme Court.

"He was with us long, and being so fair to all, regardless of politics, was held by the people of Omineca in high esteem. We miss him and are proud that he is now in such a high position," he said.

Mr. Manson represented Omineca for twenty years, he recalled.

By-election Victories Show Confidence, Says Howard Forester, Burrard

Claim that the by-elections in Omineca and Burrard were won on the record of the Pattullo government was made in the B.C. Legislature this afternoon by John Howard Forester, the new Liberal member for Burrard, seconding the address in his maiden speech.

"Is it not significant," he said, "that since the last session of this House government policies and administration have been endorsed in the country and in the city, and in the process leaders of the two largest opposition parties were defeated in the Vancouver-Burrard by-election."

To Premier Pattullo, the new member gave credit for the preservation of British Columbia's autonomy against attempted domination by eastern interests.

"Through his wise and capable organization and leadership, this province has been brought from the depths of despondent despair to a position of leadership in the progress of the provinces of this great Dominion out of the world's greatest depression," Mr. Forester declared.

SOUND FINANCING

Sound financing by Hon. John Hart was bringing about renewed confidence in British Columbia in investment markets, he said, quoting one big investor who had held bonds in the \$3,500,000 issue paid off by the provincial treasury in May. This investor had since stated he was prepared to recommend investment of millions in British Columbia securities because of its careful financing.

The government's lead in health insurance had been justified to the extent that Ontario was now considering following suit, he asserted.

He congratulated Attorney-General Sloan for a forceful presentation of the province's "better terms" case at Ottawa, which had already resulted in an interim subsidy of \$750,000 and the granting of a Royal Commission.

RELIEF TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Mr. Forester said he hoped the financial aid proposed for municipalities this session would be passed along to property owners by way of reduced municipal taxation.

He complimented Hon. F. M. MacPherson on his road policies and in the signing of the new agreement with the Dominion Government for building highways on a fifty-fifty basis.

In conclusion, he said: "This government, under the outstanding and aggressive leadership of the Prime Minister has every reason to be proud of the fact that there were 9,804 more employed at the end of last year than at the beginning of the year, and that the payroll increased by approximately \$40,000,000. Even greater progress has been made in this current year."

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Notes of the Legislature

TOMORROW

Debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne will continue. Probable speakers: Rev. Robert Connell, leader of the opposition, and George Murray, Liberal, Lillooet.

When he speaks in the House tomorrow Rev. Robert Connell, leader of the opposition, is expected to define clearly his position in relation to the C.C.F. Party. Mr. Connell has already moved to form a new political party and his pronouncements will be watched with interest both on the opposition and government sides.

If the Liberal roses of the Premier and the Conservative primroses of Mr. Pooley of Esquimalt meant anything at the opening yesterday, the house is in quite a jumble, politically speaking. All the true Liberals breasts were decorated with the deep red blooms, which was quite in order, but who should also appear with a red rose but Harold E. Winch, C.C.F., Vancouver East.

Mr. Pooley and Mr. Anscorb of Victoria were natural candidates for primrose buttonholes. The unusual thing was that Mr. Connell and Mr. Bruhn of Salmon Arm displayed the pale yellow blooms.

Surveying the long line of Liberal boutonnières Mr. Kenney from Skeena remarked that the Premier had "taken the prim out of the Pooley primroses." Mr. Pooley had a good answer for that one. He proved that the primroses came from his own garden, which was more than could be said for the Liberal Roses.

Hon. S. F. Tolmie, M.P. and former Premier of the province, was a conspicuous figure at the opening, seated in a place of honor at the head of the member's benches to the left of Mr. Speaker. Premier Pattullo crossed the floor to shake hands with him as soon as the House got into session.

Numerous compliments were heard of the capable manner in which Lieutenant-Governor E. W. Hamber delivered the Speech from the Throne. Twelve hundred words long and reported to be one of the longest in provincial history, the speech was completed by His Honor in seven minutes by the clock. Every word could be heard clearly in the farthest corner of the galleries.

A Good Showing

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE which Hon. Eric Hamber delivered yesterday afternoon was one of the best to which the assembly has listened for many years. True, these pronouncements are more conspicuous for what they do not contain than for what they do, but there was a good deal of "meat" in yesterday's Speech.

The Minister of Finance, Hon. John Hart, was able to announce a cash surplus of \$2,619,176 on current operations for the year, inclusive of some outlays on capital account and that total revenues for the year were \$25,862,077, and total budgeted expenditures \$23,242,901.

The Minister of Finance is entitled to feel that he has done a good job. He sticks to his "knitting" and does not indulge in political theatricals. The province of British Columbia has reason to be satisfied with its Minister of Finance.

HOW SURPLUS WAS REACHED

B.C. Revenues \$3,368,000 Over Estimate; Expenditures Up \$858,000

While the British Columbia treasury's receipts in the fiscal year ending last March 31 exceeded the estimates by \$3,368,186, expenditures were only \$858,598 higher than the original appropriations, it was revealed in the public accounts presented to the B.C. Legislature yesterday by Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance.

This was the main reason for the \$2,619,176 cash surplus on operating account announced by the finance minister.

Mr. Hart had estimated receipts at a figure of \$22,493,891, but when the books finally closed for the year the treasury reported it had taken in a new record collections of \$25,862,077.

Expenditures, estimated at \$22,384,303, were permitted to run over this amount as revenues mounted to a figure of \$23,242,901.

Several departments kept their expenses below the estimated amounts, notably the public works, which saved \$31,000 on its appropriations; the labor department, which saved \$43,000; the railways department, which saved \$10,000; the municipal department, \$2,500; fisheries, \$1,000, and education, \$7,500.

Offsetting these savings, however, were extra expenditures in the Provincial Secretary's department, running to \$333,000 over the estimate, for additional welfare services; the Attorney-General's department, \$295,000, for extra police; the finance department, \$209,000 and lands, \$57,000.

Although the province has temporarily suspended payments to the sinking funds, the charges for public debt will account for slightly more than 37 per cent of total provincial expenditures, the accounts revealed. Debt charges totaled \$8,697,800 out of a total outlay of \$23,242,901.

A comparison of revenues and expenditures on current account for the last seven years shows a steadily improving condition in provincial finances.

The table follows:

	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus or deficit
1929-30	\$26,083,727	\$26,219,156	-135,429
1930-31	24,280,703	29,099,964	-4,819,261
1931-32	22,162,657	29,214,217	-7,051,560
1932-33	20,389,951	23,226,329	-2,836,378
1933-34	20,208,859	20,582,836	-373,977
1934-35	22,761,719	21,597,548	+1,164,170
1935-36	25,862,077	23,242,902	+2,619,175

In 1932-33 the government first suspended part of its sinking fund payments and began borrowing from Ottawa for unemployment relief, which accounts for the sudden drop in expenditures. Since that date figures in the third column are classified as the "current surplus" or "current deficit."

It Was Well Done

WHAT IS CALLED, IN THE VER-nacular, "opening" the Legislature, is not a sinecure, by any means. It is not even a sinecure when it has been the custom of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor for several sessions.

We mention this because Hon. Eric Hamber "opened" the House yesterday as to the manner born. He was dignity personified. His Windsor uniform fitted very nicely.

British Columbia has reason to be proud of the man who represents His Majesty in this province.

Governor Arrives to Open His First Session



His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor is shown ascending the steps to the main entrance of Parliament Buildings as he arrived to open the Legislature yesterday. He is preceded by his two aides, Major W. M. Turner, left, and Lieutenant-Commander F. R. W. Gow, R.C.N. At the rear is his private secretary, A. M. D. Fairbairn. (Additional Pictures of Opening of Legislature on Page 16)

Short and Snappy

THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL ridings of Omineca and Burrard will not have to complain of verbosity on the part of their representatives in the Legislature as they moved and seconded respectively the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne yesterday afternoon. The member for the vast northern constituency, Mr. Matthew M. Connelly, and Mr. John H. Forester, who shares the double seat of Burrard with Mrs. Paul Smith, were commendably brief and displayed to their fellow legislators a grasp of public questions which marks them both down as valuable additions to the Assembly.

One of the traditions of Liberalism, of course, is an antipathy to any regimentation of thought. The true Liberal—and this is not

meant in the narrow political sense—is one who regards it his solemn duty to speak his mind, no matter whether his observations may please or offend his party friends. The two speeches yesterday revealed a healthy outlook toward the affairs of the province. Mr. Connelly brought with him to the House a message from the wide-open spaces, while Mr. Forester spoke for a very important metropolitan community. Sitting on the right of Mr. Speaker are those who may not see eye to eye with either of them with regard to some of the matters with which they dealt. This is no detriment to good government—government such as that which the Pattullo administration has given to British Columbia in the last three years. It is in order to congratulate the new members for Omineca and Burrard on their maiden speeches.

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Economic Control Laid Down As Aim For Connell Group

Leader of the Opposition Sets Out Proposals of His Party in Legislature; Would Remove Evils of Capitalism But Sees Capital as Necessary; Constructive Co-operation Policy Necessary

"What we need is a definite step forward in the management and control of our economic forces. Such a move would be like an awakening from the dead in our ordinary contentment with the 'God of Things As They Are' It is the determination fixed and unalterable of the group for whom I speak today to leave no stone unturned to bring about that resurrection."

Speaking in the Legislature this afternoon, Rev. Robert Connell, Leader of the Opposition, gave this as the policy keynote of the group of four which he leads as recalcitrants from the C.C.F. party.

Contrary to expectation the Opposition Leader made little reference to the recent split between himself and the C.C.F. executive but devoted his time to laying out what he thought would be done by his party.

He referred to his party as the "Social Constructives."

"What we require in British Columbia today is a group of party of men and women who will be united by a definite principle of action directed towards the establishment of a new economic order and proceeding by a clear-cut policy of constructive co-operation towards that goal," he said.

"Of such an alliance we already have the nucleus in the official opposition I have the honor to lead. Small as it is it will grow and in its hands the future wellbeing of our people lies."

"With no fantastic notion of bringing Utopia by act of Parliament or by revolutionary coup d'etat it will work constructively and sanely towards its end, preserving always personal liberty and legitimately increasing it, respecting religious loyalties and upholding the freedom of the press, and the supremacy of the Crown as the constitutional expression of the rights of the people as a whole."

"The constructive work of such a group will be done chiefly through the development of co-operative principles, in the form of consumers' co-operatives, producers' co-operatives and co-operatives combining the interests of both consumers and producers."

"The government under such an alliance will substitute for the present lukewarm, if not icy cold, attitude of our old parties one of solicited interest. It will encourage co-operative action in every part of this province and in every suitable industry. It will place at the service of such co-operatives the knowledge and experience its various departments possess."

NO BUREAUCRACY

"Instead of endeavoring to build up a bureaucracy at Victoria it will encourage to its utmost local initiative wherever possible, believing that the practical work of the co-operatives will be one of the most potent agencies in that much-needed thing, adult education."

"Alongside the schoolhouse or college about it, metaphorically at any

rate, will be the co-operatives in which the men and women of the neighborhood will be learning the lessons of management and control, and of a new type of social and economic life. That such education will not stay within the co-operatives' circle but will pass out into wider fields of human thought and interest, I have little doubt.

"As I said last session, I believe that along these lines lies the real remedy for our unemployment problem, a vastly better one than our present relief schemes, I have singled out the co-operative principle not merely as an example of what the government of this province would do if it were in the hands of such social constructives, but because in our work it would be the most important positive action we could take."

"It is interesting to recall that this promotion and encouragement of co-operative enterprises was given a prominent place in that historic document of the newer Canadian view in economics, known as the Regina Manifesto of 1933, to whose general principles the members of the official opposition adhere."

"The principal items of that programme are:

"Social planning for a more efficient development of the national resources and the most equitable distribution of the national income."

"The public control of all financial machinery."

"The further continuance and extension of the public ownership of Canada to include such industries and services as are deemed essential to social planning."

"The encouragement by the public authority of both producers' and consumers' co-operative institutions."

CO-OPERATIVES WORKABLE

"As I pointed out last year, the provincial limitations do not make the immediate application of all these possible, but the one which in our opinion is the basic one, namely the last, is immediately practicable, and it is our intention if the people of this province return us to power to proceed forthwith along these lines. We believe that each industry should be taken on its own merits and that no attempt should be made or ought to be made to take up a merely doctrinaire attitude and endeavor to squeeze every productive or distributive problem into the same mould."

"We have to build up a new system of living, of production and distribution, not to reconstruct, but to construct. It is not so much a matter of new materials as of a new way of using them. To reconstruct suggests putting the bricks of the old building back where they were before; to construct means a new plan, a new structure, more fitted to express the complex needs of our modern life."

REMOVE "NETTLES" FIRST

"There is, however, certain fundamental work to do, which may be described as negative in character. There is about the old building an entanglement of ivy and nettles that must needs be removed to let in light and air for the new foundation walls. To that work a constructive government must put its hand at the very beginning."

PATRONAGE FLAYED

Mr. Connell condemned the "spoils system" of politics and partisanship. It was time the "axe was laid to the root" of this system, he said.

He chided the Premier about his name going on the new Fraser River bridge, saying that as this was the "last public work likely to be carried out under such conditions," it was doubtful "whether it will redound to his fame in years to come."

The Opposition Leader, in conclud-

mentary remarks to Mr. Speaker Perry, proposed that a permanent non-electoral constituency be created for the office of Speaker, such as the University of British Columbia. The speaker would resign his electoral seat after appointment to represent such a constituency, as is proposed in Britain.

CAPITAL NECESSARY

Mr. Connell analysed the difference between capitalism and capital in the sense that it is often criticized. Capital, he said, was necessary under any system of economic life. It was just as essential under state ownership, communism, collectivism, socialism or any other system.

"The question is," he said, "what amount is necessary and who shall own and control it."

Private monopoly, ruthless exploitation and wild speculation were features of the capitalist system that had led to poverty, discouragement and hopelessness.

Notes of the Legislature

Tomorrow: Opening debate will continue; probable speakers: Clive Planta, Independent, Peace River.

The C.C.F. party split right across the centre so that there was no need to change the seating arrangements to divide the two groups in the House. Harold E. Winch, Vancouver East, and Mrs. D. G. Steeves, North Vancouver, have two seats on the extreme south of the Opposition benches with E. E. Winch right behind them.

Rev. Robert Connell, Victoria, and Jack Price, Vancouver East, have two front seats for the Connell wing, with Ernest Bakewell, Mackenzie, and R. B. Swales, Delta, at the rear.

A slight change was made however, which leaves Mr. Price instead of Mr. Connell sitting next to Harold Winch.

Mark Connelly, of Omineca, and Howard Forester of Burrard, the junior members who received their baptism of fire yesterday, are placed in the junior seats at the extreme north end of the back row of left benches.

The government plainly enjoyed references by Mr. Forester to his by-election victory which he attributed solely to the admirable achievements of the administration.

Interested listeners to their husbands' maiden speeches were Mrs. Connelly and Mrs. Forester.

By special resolution, L. Arnold Hanna, Liberal, Comox, was appointed deputy speaker for the fourth time.

The House adjourned before 3.30 o'clock yesterday and the Liberal members repaired to their caucus room to talk over plans for the session.

Detail Given Of Capital Outlays

B.C. Expenditures From Borrowings in Last Fiscal Year Given as \$8,209,449

The British Columbia government spent \$8,209,449 in funds raised by loan in the fiscal year ending last March 31, according to the public accounts tabled in the Legislature by Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance. Most of the accommodation was secured from the federal government.

Practically all this expenditure was for the relief of unemployment and the creation of work for the jobless, the accounts indicate.

The loans for relief were \$7,445,000.

The other capital expenditures were \$430,658 on the Fraser River bridge, \$83,158 on highways and bridges damaged in floods, \$130,000 on the P.G.E. Railway, and \$120,632 on public buildings.

The expenditures on public works, in addition to the ordinary maintenance, amounted to some \$2,509,000, of which \$494,475 was to repair flood damage and \$1,876,250 on the road programme.

Expenses of the young men's forestry training camps were \$91,646 and of the placer-mining camps for young men \$15,906.

Advances of \$507,364 for direct relief and \$185,012 for works were made to municipalities.

The total provincial expenditure on relief of all kinds, including the works programmes, was \$8,267,867, of which \$7,445,000 was financed by loans, and the remainder through temporary advances from current funds.

Vancouver Scored By Country Member

Terminal City Has Elaborate Plans For Spending Borrowed Money But Comes to Government Asking Relief, Says George Murray of Lillooet; Favors Sales Tax

George M. Murray, Liberal, Lillooet, delivered a verbal castigation in the Legislature yesterday to the city of Vancouver for spending large sums on its jubilee, borrowing \$1,000,000 for a new city hall, discussing a \$2,000,000 playground, and building a \$35,000 fountain with one hand, and then coming to the government with the other for financial assistance, while the mayor went about the country announcing the city was bankrupt.

"I, for one, will ask for a very close scrutiny of Vancouver's books and a careful accounting of its expenditures before voting any funds for the assistance of the city," he said.

"I tell you, this sort of thing doesn't add up with the hard-headed Scotsmen of Lillooet," he said. "A net result of Vancouver's jubilee was the impoverishment of every operator of a tourist hotel in the interior, because the country people were lured to Vancouver."

ADDING HUE TO RAINBOW

The construction of the illuminated fountain in Stanley Park was "as ridiculous as adding another hue to the rainbow," he said.

Discussing mining in the province, Mr. Murray said that stocks of many of the producing properties were selling below their true value because financial gymnastics in Alberta and talk about it here had unsettled credit.

SALES TAX

To finance public works, he urged the imposition of a sales tax, which, he said, was a popular levy in Washington state, and added that the entire taxation structure could be brought more in line with the neighboring states.

Mr. Murray, who followed Rev. Robert Connell in the debate, said

the Opposition Leader's policies held no hope for the progressive young men of the province, and that Mr. Connell seemed fated to become "a specimen of political fossilization rather than a useful force in public life."

He brought word of much improved conditions in Lillooet riding, with relief cut to a point where those who needed assistance were only the ones that were incapable of doing a full day's work. Britannia Mine, working on skeleton shift three years ago, now had a staff of 1,000.

Something could be done to help the ranchers and farmers, however, in creating local markets for their goods, he said.

The government's road programme had been a very beneficial enterprise, he declared.

COMMITTEES ARE CHOSEN

Select Groups of Legislature to Start Work Next Week

Personnel of the select standing committees of the British Columbia Legislature was approved by the House yesterday, little changed from the committees which acted at the spring session. The new members, Mark Connolly, Omineca, and Howard Forester, Burrard, both Liberals, have each been appointed on three committees.

It is expected the committees will start to work next week.

Following are the groups as they now stand, the first named being chairman:

Public accounts—Wismer, Sutherland, Asselstine, Burns, Harris, Johnson, Kenney, King, Wilkinson, Leary, Connell, H. E. Winch, Anscomb, Bruhn, Planta and Forester.

Municipal matters—Whittaker, Gillis, Carson, Hanna, McKeen, Putnam, Johnson, Mrs. Smith, Burns, Price, Mrs. Steeves, Connell, Anscomb and Forester.

Agriculture—Barrow, Carson, Gillis, Murray, A. McDonald, MacKay, D. McPherson, Putnam, Strachan, Tupper, Swales, Planta, Savage and Connolly.

Fisheries—McKeen, Gillis, Barrow, Hanna, Kenney, A. McDonald, Swales, E. E. Winch, Savage, Bakewell, Pooley, Planta, Harris and Johnson.

Forestry—Leary, Carson, A. McDonald, McKeen, Strachan, Whittaker, Bakewell, Bruhn, Harris, Savage and Connolly.

Mining—D. McPherson, Asselstine, Burns, King, Leary, Tupper, Murray, Putnam, MacKay, Carson, Wilkinson, Connell, E. E. Winch, Bruhn, Pooley, Uphill, Kenney and Connolly.

Private bills—Wismer, Hanna, Harris, Johnson, McKeen, Wilkinson, Strachan, Price, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Steeves, Pooley, Whittaker and Forester.

Railways—MacKay, Johnson, Murray, Tupper, Price and Planta.

Printing—Mrs. Smith, Leary, Murray, D. McPherson, H. E. Winch and Savage.

Sports Arenas As Works Advocated

Byron Johnson, Victoria Member, Submits Proposal in B.C. Legislature For Encouragement of Amateur Athletics and Construction of Playing Centres

A plan for the construction of sports arenas in British Columbia centres as part of federal government public works was placed before the B.C. Legislature this afternoon by Byron "Boss" Johnson, Liberal, Victoria.

Mr. Johnson said the project would have a two-fold objective, first to create necessary works and provide employment, and second to foster amateur sport.

He indicated he had already taken it up with the provincial government, which would submit the plan to Ottawa for consideration in connection with public undertakings.

As a start he suggested arenas in Victoria, Nanaimo, North Vancouver and Burnaby with seating capacities of from 3,000 to 4,000 and facilities for playing the popular indoor games. Cost of the four would not exceed \$350,000, he estimated.

This could be wholly financed by Ottawa, such as is now done with drill halls, could be handled under a joint arrangement by the two governments.

When completed, the arenas would be turned over to independent local commissions for administration. Playing floors would be rented out to leagues and teams for game purposes, and out of the receipts the commission would take a certain percentage for a sports promotion fund.

The fund would be used solely for the encouragement and development of amateur athletics in the districts concerned, for the purchase of equipment and other incidental expenditure.

"There are literally thousands of boys and girls in these towns anxious and willing to take part in sports, but lack of equipment and opportunity keep them back. The government, I feel, has just as great a duty to encourage them as it has the desire to create employment by constructive public undertakings," Mr. Johnson said.

Notes of the Legislature

The House will not sit Saturday.

The definition of Rev. Robert Connell's party as the Social Constructives and the formal launching of its bid for political power in British Columbia became the chief topic of talk in legislative circles this morning.

Mr. Connell had previously indicated his intention to continue in politics after splitting with the C.C.F., but crystallized his plans in his opening speech of the session.

Jack Price, Vancouver East, has been chosen whip for the new party in the House, which includes also R. B. Swales, Delta, and Ernest Bakewell, Mackenzie.

Speculation has now developed about other members, unaffiliated with specific groups, joining under Mr. Connell's leadership. R. W. Bruhn, Salmon Arm; Hugh Savage, Cowichan - Newcastle, and Thomas Uphill, Fernie, are said to be possibilities.

The three remaining official C.C.F. members, Winch, father and son, and Mrs. D. G. Steeves, will not attempt to name a spokesman. "It is a tripartite leadership," Harold Winch declared.

Mr. Connell's pronouncement makes it certain that the voters next election will have five major parties to contend with on the ballots—the Liberals, Conservatives, C.C.F., Social Credit and Social Constructives, not to mention the Independents of various shades.

The scholarly manner used by Mr. Connell in delivery of his speech left dismayed the galleries, who were expecting a clash of tempers and personalities when the C.C.F.-ers and ex-C.C.F.-ers took part in debate.

Never so much as by a phrase or an intonation of voice did Mr. Connell make reference to his recent unpleasantness with the C.C.F. organization. And the legislative grapevine says that E. E. Winch and his wing will also ignore the matter in the House.

Sincere Always

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL

Opposition in the Legislature, the Rev. Robert Connell, thinks the urgent need of British Columbia is a new political alliance. He is of the opinion that the capitalistic and party system of government must give place to a co-operative commonwealth of social services if society is to recover from its depression. The reverend gentleman is nothing if not sincere; but he labors under the unfortunate handicap of having so few supporters in the House to put "punch" into his new social gospel.

We are told that Mr. Connell is not in the mood to make specific reference to his recent split with the C.C.F. He said that old line parties must go and that all functions of the government must be vested in an alliance of social constructives, which would operate on a co-operative basis. He had worn primroses on the opening day because a friend offered him a boutonniere of that flower, he said. He agreed with Disraeli that political parties, which, from necessity of things, have ceased to have distinctive principles, and therefore are only factions.

The Leader of the Official Opposition always has tried to interpret his obligation to society in an honest fashion. He has done it in

recent months by separating himself from that element of politics in British Columbia which would "Telfordize" many thousands. If the Rev. Mr. Connell finds it possible to present to the Legislature a new order under which the wage-earner may get a better deal, he will have genuine support. But he is up against a time-honored problem—the immovable object and the irresistible force.

Plan to Extend Apprenticeships

Youths Over Twenty-one Years Old to Come Under B.C. Act

Young men over twenty-one years of age will be able to become apprentices under the British Columbia Apprenticeship Act through an amendment to this measure introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Hon. George S. Pearson, Minister of Labor.

The act at present covers only boys from sixteen to twenty-one years old, but cases have been found of youths older than this limit who would like to learn trades under apprenticeship indentures, it was explained.

The title of the administrator of the act will be changed, under another amendment, from inspector to director of apprenticeship.

Mr. Pearson also introduced amendments to his male and female minimum wage legislation, mainly designed to assist in the enforcement of the labor regulations.

One clause specifies conditions of labor and employment to prevent employers deducting from their employees' salaries sums for laundry uniforms, or other services, and thus defeating the principle of the minimum wages.

A \$50 minimum fine for imperfection of a labor department inspector is provided. The department, it was learned, on one occasion discovered a man who had falsely represented himself as an inspector and actually received some back wages on behalf of an employee, which he kept himself.

The act will also be amended so that the chairman of the Economic Council need not necessarily be a member of the minimum wage board.

LONDON OFFICE COSTS ARE CUT

B.C. House Expense to Province Now Negligible

British Columbia house in London is now being operated at little or no cost to the provincial treasury, according to details in the public accounts tabled in the B.C. Legislature.

The net cost of maintaining the structure, exclusive of provision for retiring the capital expenditure, was \$461.16 in the last fiscal year. In the previous year there was a net profit of \$5,737.

The balance is made up by rents paid for office suites in the building. According to last year's statements the running expenses were \$72,124 and rents totaled \$71,663, leaving the small balance to be met by the province.

Expenses of the office to the treasury at one time ran as high as \$25,465 over and above rental collections.

Principle saving in the last two years has been in the salary of the Agent-General. When the present government took office, the then Agent-General resigned and the post has not been filled. W. S. McAdam, secretary, has since been acting Agent-General.

PROVINCE NEEDS BRITISH TRADE

Johnson Urges Greater Purchases Here of British Goods as Revision of Trade Agreements Imminent; Credit Withdrawals By Insurance Companies Scored

British Columbia needs the empire trade treaties and the provincial government should do everything it can not only to help exporters to retain their place in the British market, but also to educate people of the province to "Buy British" and establish a reciprocal goodwill, Byron "Boss" Johnson, Liberal, Victoria, told the B.C. Legislature yesterday afternoon.

There was no denying, said Mr. Johnson, that British Columbia export trade had enjoyed a great boom because of the empire treaties, and they had had much to do with better business conditions.

For this reason the province was most vitally interested in their renewal next year.

Already it was indicated the benefits which Canada enjoyed under the treaties might be reduced when the time came for renewal.

"I view with alarm," he said, "statements made recently by prominent men both in Canada and Great Britain."

At Kitchener, Ont., Hon. W. D. Euler, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, said: "It is going to be rather a tough job to renew Canada's trade treaties with Great Britain next year."

From Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, had come similar sentiments.

HOW B.C.'S TRADE STANDS

Examination of B.C.'s trade with Britain revealed the reason why, he said. In 1933 this province sold \$15,000,000 worth of goods to Britain and purchased back \$3,000,000 worth. In 1934 B.C. sold \$22,000,000 and purchased \$7,000,000.

Knowing what great traders the Britons are it could not be expected they would carry on under this situation, he said.

"I say anything we can do to help our producers retain those markets should be done, and anything that we can do to educate our people to the absolute necessity of buying British products," he declared. "And we know we can rest assured that when we buy British we are getting something worthwhile."

CREATE GOODWILL

"It is essential we create this goodwill. Previously I have advocated a new provincial trade department to handle such a thing, and when circumstances are favorable I feel sure the government will do it."

Mr. Johnson said that the increase in trade was not necessarily a cause for congratulation of former Premier Bennett, who had negotiated the treaties, because:

"When you drive a hard bargain it is just that much more difficult to renew it. That is the time when it reacts."

HOUSING ACT LOANS

The Victoria member also took up the failure of loan firms to extend credits under the Dominion Housing Act in British Columbia.

Several millions had been loaned in Ontario and Quebec, but practically nothing here. He quoted the statement of the Federal Deputy Minister of Finance that loan companies were disinclined to let their money out in British Columbia.

Why, he asked, should they take this stand when many of them were

taking large sums out of the province?

In the case of life insurance companies alone \$43,600,000 had been taken out of B.C. in premiums in the last four years, over and above what was reinvested. They had received some \$53,000,000 in premiums and had paid out \$15,000,000 in death claims, leaving \$38,000,000 clear, except for overhead. In addition, they had decreased investments in mortgages by \$4,000,000 and in securities by \$1,600,000.

"We cannot go on sending enormous credits out of the province each year like this, without getting something back. Only our enormous natural resources have enabled us to stand it this long. In the good times these companies kept enlarging their investments each year as they repaid their premiums, but this has stopped in the last few years," he said.

There was no real reason, he argued, for discrimination against British Columbia by financial interests. Ontario municipal finances were in no better shape than those of British Columbia probably worse. Montreal with a terrible balance sheet, got money at 3 per cent.

"I don't know how we can remedy this. Perhaps we might levy a 20 per cent tax on all their premiums and then refund it to them when they reinvest at least a fair proportion of their surplus in the province," he said. "At least I'm sure it can't go on as it is now. Even the capitalist system won't stand it."

Plea Is Made For Transients

E. E. Winch Says Jail Becomes Sanctuary to Men Refused Relief

The plight of Vancouver's single unemployed transients, the inability of Burnaby Municipality to come into the Greater Vancouver Metropolitan Health Board, malnutrition among school children and conditions in the Mental Hospital at New Westminster were some of the topics E. E. Winch, C.C.F., Burnaby, covered in a speech in the Legislature yesterday.

The people of Burnaby, Mr. Winch claimed, were anxious to come under the metropolitan board and in the decision of the commissioner to remain outside there was no question of expense involved, since it would not cost Burnaby anything extra. He charged the real reason was that it had been said that the present medical officer of Burnaby had not the proper qualifications.

Mr. Winch complimented Byron "Boss" Johnson, Liberal, Victoria, for his attention to the needs of youth in the matter of physical recreation. And from this point he launched into an attack upon the attitude of federal and provincial governments to the single unemployed. Admitting this was a federal responsibility in the ultimate analysis, Mr. Winch held that the province ought to do something for them until their status is settled.

"Are we going back to the old feudal conditions, when the serf was chained to the land?" he demanded, referring to the attitude of the governments that the unemployed can obtain relief only in their home provinces.

He developed the point that it is time to get back to the old view that the greatest of values are human values. He thought, he said, that every member of the House should go to Oakalla Prison Farm to see the deplorable conditions in which the single unemployed are treated in Vancouver.

"And what for? For the unforgivable crime of being born. An unemployed member of the working class has become the most undestorable thing on earth, and jail to them has become a sanctuary," he said.

Notes of the Legislature

Monday, the debate on the Speech from the Throne will continue. Probable speakers, C. M. F. Planta, Independent, Peace River; Mrs. D. G. Steeves, C.C.F., North Vancouver; Hugh M. Savage, Independent, Cowichan-Newcastle.

To give the Vancouver members who go home for the week-end a chance to get off the boat into the House, the assembly will meet at 3 o'clock Monday instead of 3:30 o'clock.

Petition for Victoria's private bill seeking debenture refunding rights was presented to the House by Byron Johnson, Liberal, Victoria.

The Legislative Press Gallery met yesterday afternoon and elected officers for the year. A. H. Williamson of The Vancouver News-Herald was chosen president, succeeding H. Sandham Graves of The Victoria Colonist. James G. Dyer, The Vancouver Sun, was named secretary, and C. F. Moriarty, Canadian Press, treasurer.

The honorary officers of the press gallery are: Hon. Gordon McG. Sloan, honorary president; Hugh Savage, Cowichan-Newcastle, and Gordon Wismer, Vancouver Centre, honorary vice-presidents. Frank G. Aldham, a new member of the gallery, was admitted.

Mrs. D. G. Steeves, C.C.F., North Vancouver, has given notice she will ask leave next Wednesday to introduce a bill to provide for the organization of "Co-operative Savings and Credit Societies, termed 'Credit Unions'."

Harold Winch, C.C.F., Vancouver East, is seeking the Legislature's endorsement of a proposed federal measure called the "Canadian Youth Act," which would set up a commission to help young people of Canada establish themselves in life. The proposed scheme was adopted by a youth conference in Ottawa last May, he recites.

E. E. Winch has given notice of motion urging the government to appoint lecturers on venereal diseases and establish traveling exhibits portraying their ravages to the public.

Although the treasury keeps working late into the night hours, there is little chance of the budget speech next week. Mr. Hart hopes to have it ready for the House about November 9.

Highlights of the first week's meeting of the Legislature which ended yesterday afternoon: Lieutenant-Governor Hamber's first official appearance in Windsor uniform at the opening; the speech of Rev. Robert Connell, Opposition Leader, naming his new party the Social Constructives and outlining its platform; a constructive contribution to the debate by Byron Johnson, Liberal, Victoria, on the subjects of Empire trade treaties, credit and fostering amateur athletics. Total talking time, three hours and thirty-seven minutes for six speakers.

The surprise of the week: failure of either Mr. Connell or E. E. Winch, C.C.F. organizer, to mention the fight and disruption of the C.C.F. party.

Column Three

Mr. Winch Senior seems to have fallen under the influence of marble halls and plush as he appears to regard legislators as poor lost sheep rather than Big Bad Wolves. Mr. Johnson is business-like and convincing.

PARTLY to fill in a spare hour and partly in search of an idea to fill this column for the day, I dropped over to the Parliament Buildings yesterday and heard Byron Johnson of Victoria and E. E. Winch of Burnaby.

I KNEW both speeches would be worth listening to, and was only partly disappointed, Boss, who has taken to statesmanship as he took to rugby and lacrosse, has developed in three short years to an assured, confident, businesslike orator.

Mr. Winch of Burnaby, who had a wealth of experience in public life behind him before he entered the imposing halls of the British Columbia Parliament Buildings, has stepped ahead at an equal pace, but in conformity to the dignified surroundings in which he now carries his banner of workers' rights.

That was disappointing. I preferred him when he had more of a dash of the Uphill and a greater smack of Hyde Park in his parliamentary manner. It must be the influence of the marble halls and plush.

Possibly it may be that after four years of association with the other members, Mr. Winch, who, no matter how stinging his criticism, always had a certain amount of tolerance in his disposition, finds that tolerance growing.

EX-BIG BAD WOLVES

HE DIDN'T say so, but he left the impression that he may regard the rest of the members, as poor, dumb sheep who have been led astray or who never got on the right trail, rather than the Big Bad Wolves of Capitalism as he used to regard them, or appeared to, when he first entered the Legislature. He seems to pity them rather than blame them now. Maybe the visions of leadership since the division with Mr. Connell and his friends have brought more dignity at the sacrifice of his rhetorical fire. I didn't stay for the finish of his speech. I was not there on assignment, so maybe I missed some rhetorical fights that followed later, but Mr. Winch opened in a benevolent mood.

He wanted better medical attention for the school children of Burnaby. He didn't even indulge in a burst of criticism at the lack of it, which he all but suggested was an oversight.

"I don't blame the present commissioner," he said, adding with a touch of political charity, "even though he is an appointee of this government."

He analyzed the Omineca and Burrard by-election returns to show the C.C.F. really scored a great victory and won everything but the seats and as the seats after all are all that count, none of the Liberals seemed very distressed.

"We agree it was a judgment on the record of this government," he said, throwing the Liberal paeon of victory back in their throats as he quoted increased C.C.F. votes against them.

STILL UNRUFFLED

BUT THE government members, able to gaze upon the smiling faces of Mr. Connolly from Omineca and Mr. Forester from Burrard, as the trophies of war, so to speak, remained unruffled.

Mr. Winch claimed the Burrard election date was set at a time which placed the C.C.F. at the greatest disadvantage, but did not labor the point very much. One member pointed out the C.C.F. put their leader in the field, but, as though Mr. Winch decided it was no good talking any more about water that had gone under the bridge, he passed on to realms of poetry.

Evidently George Murray, the outspoken member for Lillooet, who, I am told, has had more chips on his shoulder than poetry in his soul, lately quoted Kipling's "What can they know of England who only England know" to illustrate some point.

Mr. Winch, it developed, likes to quote a little poetry. After parodying Mr. Murray's quotation to read, "What can they know of Socialism who only Capitalism know?" Mr. Winch told the House the C.C.F. were a jump ahead of the rest of the members. The rest only knew of Capitalism and nothing of Socialism. The C.C.F. knew all about both.

REMOVING THE STING

EVEN when Mr. Winch explained the new C.C.F. platform he seemed anxious to remove the sting. It called for social and economic planning and distribution for the benefit of all-before profits, he said. All this would be carried out expeditiously, but—and he emphasized the point in an orderly program, he would call for government

control of industry, he said, and then proceeded to take the sting out of this, too, by saying control, at least during the transition stage, might be taken to read regulation. In short, Mr. Winch sought to convey the impression that the socialization he spoke of would be as painless a process as it was possible to make it and all brought about in so gentlemanly a manner that the industrial barons need fear it no more than having a few teeth extracted.

TIME MARCHES ON

WHEN Mr. Winch hit his stride and started to talk on the hard lot of the workers or workless, he told the House a good slave used to be worth \$2,000 a hundred years ago, but under the present system, 116,000 unemployed single men weren't considered worth—I forget the figure, but it was somewhere around two bits.

Mr. Winch said when he came to Canada as a young man from the Old Country, the Canadian Government estimated he, like other emigrants, had a capitalized value of \$10,000.

"Too much," Mr. Bruhn commented. Mr. Murray thought the estimate was too high, but there seemed no ill feeling about it.

BOSS WAS CONVINCING

ALL THIS discussion of Mr. Winch leaves little room to speak of the Victoria member who also occupied the floor during the day. But, after all, Mr. Johnson's speech was one of those businesslike utterances that will no doubt be fully reported elsewhere. He brought more sound arguments to his theme of British Columbia being made the sacrificial goat for eastern Canada's industries and made it sound the logical thing to do when he said British Columbians should buy British Columbia goods first and then British goods, rather than eastern Canada goods, next, for, while eastern Canada merely mulcted the west, Britain bought her goods here.

"WHAT ABOUT LOGANA?"

WE SHOULD buy from the countries we sell to, he argued, although a quiet but concerned voice inquired "What about Logana," when Mr. Johnson advocated government purchases from South Africa, which country has wine to dispose of.

Must Buy to Sell

WHEN MR. BYRON JOHNSON said in the Legislature yesterday that British Columbia needs the continuation of the Ottawa agreement with Great Britain he was stating a truism which can not be emphasized too often.

What the pact of 1932 between Canada and the United Kingdom has meant to this province is visibly demonstrated at our own Outer Wharves by the unprecedented number of lumber-laden railway cars. Ships of overseas registry are calling at Victoria, Island ports, and Vancouver by the dozen every week. For the most part this is the result of the preference given to Canadian lumber by Great Britain. There has been established this year an all-time record in that market.

It will have to be admitted, however, that the United Kingdom still is at the lean end of her deal with this Dominion. In the last twelve months Canada sold to her goods to the value of \$365,000,000 and bought only \$121,000,000 worth. For many years, of course, the balance in this trade has been largely in favor of this country.

Prime Minister King in London very probably is being asked what he is going to do to increase the demand for British goods in Canada. As Mr. Johnson said in the House yesterday, there exists the necessity to educate British Columbians to "Buy British."

The people of the United Kingdom—and there are about forty-five million of them—are not sentimentalists when it comes to doing business. The housewife of Margate goes into a store and wants to know how much this or that is. About the last thing that enters her mind is the origin of the product for which she is ready to put down her shilling or "tanner"—as the case may be.

John Bull sells to the world. There are only about 75,000,000 white people in the British Empire. This fact obviously was in Premier Stanley Baldwin's mind when he suggested at the Ottawa Conference in 1932 that the United Kingdom would enter into no service

ment which would tend to act adversely against Britain's foreign trade. All of which means that the body economic can be kept healthy only by the free flow of goods between nation and nation.

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New Public Works Pledged as Result Of Business Gains

Throne Speech Outlines Road Construction Programme.

CANCER FIGHT AID

VICTORIA, Oct. 27.—Present indications are that the budget will be on the table as soon as the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne is over. It is not likely that Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, will be ready to reveal his fiscal plans earlier than the week after next.

The likeliest date for the budget speech, as it looks today, is November 3.

VICTORIA, Oct. 27.—Loans to the municipalities and money for a "useful and necessary programme of public undertakings" will be voted in the autumn session of the British Columbia Legislature, which opened today.

Expectation that the Provincial Government would expend additional money for these purposes in the near future is confirmed in the programme of legislation foreshadowed in the speech from the throne, read today at the opening of the Legislature by Lieutenant-Governor Eric Hamber.

In conjunction with the Dominion Government, the Provincial Government had been carrying out a considerable amount of necessary and desirable road construction. "It is the aim of my government to provide first-class road accommodation for the benefit of the industrialist, the settler and the tourist as rapidly as circumstances will permit," said His Honor.

Reference to the vigorous campaign against the inroads of cancer in B. C., His Honor reported that "my government has, under legislative authority, made the necessary guarantee to enable the British Columbia cancer foundation to purchase a supply of radium."

BUSINESS BETTER.

The lengthy and comprehensive speech contains little that has not been anticipated in forecasts already made.

Improved business conditions and increased government revenues were noted in the pronouncement.

The tourist traffic generally had been the heaviest in the history of the province; continued advance in the timber industry was indicated; increased activity in the pulp and paper industry was expected; there had been a very satisfactory increase in quantity and quality of agricultural production which, together with a firming of prices was expected to bring the highest return to farmers since 1930; mining production continued to increase, and general world demand indicated continued activity.

APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL.

Notwithstanding general business revival, unemployment was still present, and the government hoped that measures might be taken in co-operation and collaboration with the federal authority.

Appeal to the privy council had

been taken in respect of a number of measures of major importance enacted by the Dominion to determine the competence of the Dominion Parliament therein.

Preliminary work relative to the organization of health insurance was near completion and it was expected benefits under the act would be available early in 1937.

FRASER BRIDGE WORK.

Difficulty was experienced in construction of the Fraser Bridge at New Westminster through extraordinary high water, but this had been overcome. Satisfactory progress was being made and it was expected the bridge would be open for traffic early next fall.

"Individual fishermen" engaged in commercial fishing in the province will be exempted from the necessity of paying license fees when the government makes absolute a promised measure to abolish the license system now in effect. Revenue which has been derived from this source was, roughly, \$20,000 annually. Public accounts and estimates for the ensuing year are promised in the usual brief reference to this salient part of the work of the Legislature—in other words, the budget.

On the revenue side, income and personal property taxes brought in \$5,968,834 against \$5,139,367 the previous year. Liquor profits produced \$3,061,808, as compared with \$2,487,323. The gasoline tax was worth \$2,520,155 against \$2,264,196. Motor vehicles licenses brought \$1,942,457, as compared with \$1,808,613. Succession duties produced \$1,067,101 against \$978,401. Reflecting better attendances at theatres, the amusements tax receipts were up from \$176,302 to \$195,231. Timber royalties were \$1,744,450, as compared with \$1,173,170.

Payments on the public debt were \$8,697,800, including all charges such as the Pacific Great Eastern Railway guarantee and \$224,000 for sinking funds. Charges for interest, premium and exchange rose from \$6,884,713 to \$7,184,723.

The biggest spending departments of the public service were shown as education, \$3,534,928, and the provincial secretary, health and welfare, \$3,237,653. Expenditures in the former were \$150,000 higher and in the latter \$424,000 greater. Next in line was the public works department which spent \$1,971,780, an increase of \$23,000.

Colorful Scene At Opening Of Legislature

House in Splendor As Mourning Period Ends.

VICTORIA, Oct. 27.—The Eighteenth Legislature of British Columbia opened today for its fourth and perhaps its last session. The period of royal mourning over, all the colorful parliamentary forms which have come down from the Mother of Parliaments flamed out anew at the Legislative Buildings as Lieutenant-Governor Hamber launched the assembly on its second meeting this year.

His Honor was met at the top of the building's steps by Premier Pattullo, who escorted him to the executive chamber. Meanwhile Mr. Speaker Perry had entered the Legislative chamber and called the House to order. Informed that the Lieutenant-Governor had arrived, Mr. Speaker temporarily adjourned the House, went to the executive chamber, and accompanied His Honor back to the assembly with the special guard of officers in brilliantly-colored uniforms. Sitting on the Speaker's dais, Mr. Hamber read the speech from the throne and retired, followed by the guard, swords and spurs clanking.

NEW MEMBERS PRESENTED.

After prayers had been read by Bishop J. H. McDonald, the formal certificates covering the Omineca and Burrard by-elections were presented to Mr. Speaker by the clerks. Amid thundering applause from the Liberal benches, the Premier, his face beaming, led Mark M. Connelly the newly-elected Liberal member for Omineca, and J. Howard Forester, who carried Burrard for the government, up the centre aisle, and introduced them to Mr. Speaker, who formally recognized their right to sit in the House.

REPORT OPERATING SURPLUS \$2,619,175

B.C. Sinking Fund and Relief Not Included.

VICTORIA, Oct. 27. — Revenue derived from general sources by the Provincial Government during the fiscal year ended last March 31 reached a new high figure totalling \$25,862,077, an increase of slightly over \$2,000,000 from the previous fiscal year. Expenditures during the same period were \$23,242,901, leaving a surplus of \$2,619,175 on operating account. This, however, does not provide for sinking funds nor for the cost of relief. With the surplus carried over from the previous year, Finance Minister Hart was able to pay off a \$3,500,000 loan maturity last May.

These figures were given in public accounts records issued today.

A certain amount of debt redemption has also been carried on by the payment of some \$370,000 a year in serial debentures, and the setting aside of \$225,000 a year in sinking funds against inscribed stock.

Since November, 1933, the province, as a result, has paid off over \$5,000,000 of debt. At the same time, he explained, unemployment relief charges, borrowed from the Dominion Government, had piled up at the rate of about \$5,000,000 a year, but these were not classed as a charge against the current account.

Sinking funds payments, except for inscribed stock, have been suspended.

Province Promises Relief for Workless Who Go On Farms

No Aid for Those Who Don't, Says Pearson.

BAR SPOKESMAN

VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—If Vancouver's unemployed transients who are demanding relief show sincerity of purpose by applying for farm jobs, which is the only Dominion plan advanced to meet their case, the province will undertake to see that they are cared for until they are placed.

This, in effect, is the policy of the Provincial Government, as voiced by Hon. G. S. Pearson, labor minister, at a conference here today between members of the cabinet and a Vancouver citizens' committee. The committee urged that something be done for the jobless men, now being arrested daily in Vancouver for selling flowers on the street.

ONLY "CITIZENS."

While Mr. Pearson discussed the situation fully with the Vancouver delegates, he firmly refused to admit the direct representative of the unemployed, Jack Phillips, publicity man of the Single Unemployed Protective Association. He briefly informed Phillips that only "citizens" would be admitted.

The delegation was headed by Dr. Willard Brewing of Vancouver. They suggested that prosecution of the men for technical breaches of the law should be suspended until some plan was laid down for their future.

Mr. Pearson said his department had recent reports from employment offices on the prairies showing that the demand for farm hands under the new federal placement scheme had exceeded the applications of men for the jobs, indicating there were places open for the transients now in B. C., if they went to the prairies.

Unless the men showed a willingness to take assistance by applying for farm placements, they would not be considered as showing an honest desire to get jobs, he said.

It is understood the delegation which was met by a full cabinet, including Premier Pattullo, will return to Vancouver to submit the government's answer to single jobless and endeavor to find a solution to the present difficulty.

Mr. Pearson stressed the government's responsibility to British Columbians first, and pointed out that employment bureaus on the prairies register more applications for farm help under federal scheme than there are unemployed willing to go on farms, while in British Columbia there are not sufficient farm homes for bona fide British Columbian homeless.

WILL NOT STARVE.

The federal scheme knows no boundaries, and homeless who came to B. C. recently have every opportunity of going back East to homes which will provide for them adequately until spring.

"We will see that the homeless do not starve, while arrangements are being made for their farm placement, but we can not very well make British Columbia a winter resort for men who have

seasonal employment in other provinces and return to British Columbia in autumn," said Mr. Pearson. "Our responsibility is to our own citizens first."

Indignation at being excluded from the meeting was voiced by the unemployed representative.

"By excluding me from the conference, Mr. Pearson refused to recognize our organization," said Phillips. "When he makes a distinction between 'citizens' and unemployed, he denies us our rights as Canadian citizens. Mr. Pearson said he wanted no publicity. If it were not for publicity already received, there would have been no interview with the government today."

THRONE SPEECH DEBATE STARTS

By-elections Victories For Pattullo, Claim Connelly, Forester.

VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—(CP)—The Liberal government's successful candidates in two summer by-elections, Mark Connelly, Omineca, and J. Howard Forester, Vancouver-Burrard, today moved and seconded the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the British Columbia Legislature.

"I hope I can carry on where Alex left off and serve the constituency of Omineca in the same satisfactory manner," Mr. Connelly said in paying tribute to his predecessor, the present Mr. Justice A. M. Manson.

GOVERNMENT ENDORSED.

Mr. Forester declared both Mr. Connelly and himself had won their contests on the record of the Pattullo government, which thereby had been endorsed in the city and country within a few months.

Mr. Connelly commended the government for its share in bringing about business improvement in the past year.

Forestry training camps had given young men a new interest in life and healthful employment, he said. Benefits of the Health Insurance Act should be extended to the "small farmer and prospector and other people not employees of industry." These were just as much in need of co-operative insurance as the present prospective beneficiaries.

The policy that landholders in rural areas work out their taxes in road and other public works should be extended further. In general the improvement of country roads should be carried on.

COULD GO OFF RELIEF.

Many settlers could be taken off relief if the government or railway companies could absorb part of the high freight charges on cattle and perhaps on some other farm products, particularly in the northern and central interior, where growers were far from markets.

In regard to land settlement, Mr. Connelly thought reverted lands should be made more readily available to local government agencies.

Mr. Forester paid tribute to the work of Provincial Government

departments. The department of the Premier had "maintained British Columbia's autonomy as a full-fledged partner in Confederation without dictation from eastern interests."

CONFIDENCE RESTORED.

"Through Mr. Pattullo's wise and capable organization and leadership," said Mr. Forester, "this province has been brought from the depths of despond to a position of leadership in the progress of the provinces of the Dominion out of the world depression."

Of Finance Minister John Hart, Mr. Forester said his administration of provincial finances had resulted "in a substantial appreciation of bond values, and a restoration of confidence in the money markets of the world."

Pattullo "Of Age" As B. C. Legislator

VICTORIA, Oct. 28.—(CP)—Premier Pattullo "became of age" in parliamentary attendance when he started yesterday his twenty-first session with the British Columbia Legislature. Sixteen sessions since 1917 have seen him as a member of the government, the other five as leader of the opposition. In this respect he holds a record unique in the political history of the province.

He is exceeded only by R. H. Pooley, K.C., of Esquimalt, in the number of consecutive sessions attended. Mr. Pooley has been a member since before the war.

Speech from the Throne

THE convention which requires a speech from the throne to be read at the opening session of the Legislature affords the government of the day a number of opportunities, but these may or may not be seized. There is first the opportunity to put into the mouth of the Lieutenant-Governor a recital of the accomplishments of the government and province during the months since the Legislature prorogued. There is also the opportunity to outline the programme of legislation for the session.

In the speech from the throne which Hon. Eric Hamber read at Victoria on Tuesday, full advantage was taken of the first mentioned opportunity, and a number of important advances were recorded. There has been a marked improvement in business in the province this year. Crops have been good and prices improving. The mining industry is expanding. Conditions have improved in the lumbering industry and shipments to the United Kingdom have grown. Tourist traffic has been the heaviest in the history of the province. As a result of improved conditions, the revenues of the province are up substantially.

All these things may or may not have anything to do with the government, but the government is perhaps not to be blamed for feeling some satisfaction in them. In any case, the government has quite a list of administrative accomplishments to its credit. Important progress has been made in the field of public health and health insurance. Changes have been made in the method of school administration and improvements in the curriculum. Increased attention has been given to physical and recreational education; and something has been done to improve the conditions of labor. The problems of juvenile delinquency and mental hygiene have been attacked. On the physical side there has been a good deal of road construction and more is promised.

But if the government has done very well in summarizing things past it has not done very much in foreshadowing the future. It has taken the Legislature and the country into its confidence only in a vague way. It does not appear to know what is to be done about unemployment—something in the way of "conjunctive measures over a term of years." It indicates that there will be some measures in aid of the municipalities, but does not declare what these will be. As for the rest, "You will be asked for additional authority to enable my government to carry out a useful and necessary programme of public undertakings." The only definite thing promised is the abolition of license fees now paid by individual fishermen.

The government must know what it is going to do about the municipalities. It must have some idea of its programme of public undertakings. But it apparently does not believe in laying any of its cards on the table. It is going to play 'em close and with a stern poker face. That is the way of governments and it is hardly worth while complaining about it.

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At Opening of Legislature



FAMILIAR scenes of pomp and pageantry were enacted again at the Parliament Buildings in Victoria, when the fourth session of the Eighteenth Legislature of British Columbia opened on Tuesday. Pictured above is Premier T. D. Pattullo (centre)

seated at the desk of the government leader, with Hon. John Hart, minister of finance (left) and Chief Justice J. A. Macdonald. Below Lieutenant-Governor Eric Hamber (centre), reviews the guard of honor drawn up outside the steps of the buildings.

CONNELL CALLS 'NEW ALLIANCE' POLITICAL NEED

Usefulness of Former System, Parties Held Gone.

NUCLEUS FORMED

(Special to The Province.)

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—The capitalistic and party system of government must give place to a co-operative commonwealth of social services if society is to recover from its depression, said Rev. R. Connell, leader of the official opposition in the Legislature, this afternoon.

Mr. Connell made no reference to his recent split with the C.C.F. He said that old line parties must go and that all functions of the government must be vested in an alliance of social constructives which would operate on a co-operative basis. He had worn primroses on the opening day because a friend offered him a boutonniere of that flower he said.

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He hinted that he might have a further declaration of policy to make hereafter, remarking, "It is not my intention to enter into any further details of policy at this time."

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"Conservative and Liberal parties," said Mr. Connell, "and also the capitalistic systems have in their time done good public service, but their day of usefulness has drawn to a close. There is now," he said, "the nucleus of a constructive new alliance in politics inherent in the group which I represent in Parliament. Constructive work of such a group will be done chiefly through the development of co-operative principles, in the form of consumers co-operatives, producers co-operatives and co-operatives combining the interests of both. Government departments would assist such co-operatives in building up a new order of what Connell called social constructives."

HINTS OF NEW PARTY.

Connell said that the main principles enunciated in the Regina manifesto of 1933 still held as a groundwork for a new order which he hoped to bring about. Political jobbery in civil service and public works must cease. He asserted that the people of B. C. were today far ahead of governments in their determination to abolish the patronage evil. Mr. Connell caustically advised Premier Pattullo not to permit his name to be given to New Westminster

bridge. "I doubt if it will redound to his fame in years to come," he said. Throughout his lengthy speech, Mr. Connell focussed attention on his proposals for a Co-operative Commonwealth on non-party lines and stated "It is not my intention to enter into any further details of policy at this time."

B.C. PENSION BILL TOTALS \$1,296,514

Govt. Contributed to Four Funds.

VICTORIA, Oct. 29.—(CP)—Pensions and superannuation funds cost the Provincial Government \$1,296,514 during the last fiscal year, it was shown in the public accounts tabled in the Legislature this week.

The province's share was \$510,208 out of a total of \$2,263,309 paid out in old age pensions in British Columbia. The Dominion Government foots the major share of this bill.

The total paid out in mothers' pensions was \$618,554, of which the province contributed \$403,558 and the municipal treasuries \$212,996.

In addition to these direct payments, the government contributed \$357,748 toward the civil service superannuation fund and \$25,000 to the teachers' superannuation fund.

"Social Constructives" Name of Connell Party

Group is Aiming to Awake B.C. from Contentment.

VICTORIA, Oct. 30.—If that gentlest of radicals, Rev. Robert Connell, has anything in the nature of a coup d'etat up his sleeve, he is keeping his cuffs demurely buttoned. In the speech with which he launched the opposition attack in the Legislature here yesterday, Mr. Connell made no reference to his recent quarrel with the C.C.F., nor did he, by so much as a raised eyebrow, criticize the executive of the Commonwealth party. He hinted that he might have a further declaration of policy to make later on.

Meantime the leader of the official opposition in the Legislature is confining himself to the good old Regina manifesto. He restated his belief in the gods of the things that ought to be and repudiated the gods of the things that are.

AWAKENING FROM DEAD.

It was towards the end of his speech that he summed up his thoughtful and well-bred dissertation upon the need for change in these words:

"What we need is a definite step forward in the management and control of our economic forces. Such a move would be like an awakening from the dead in our ordinary contentment with the God of Things As They Are. It is the determination, fixed and unalterable, of the group for whom I speak today, to leave no stone unturned to bring about that resurrection."

That group consists of Messrs. Connell, Price, Bakewell and Swales. In his speech Mr. Connell spoke much of "constructives" and presently he described his group as the nucleus of an alliance of men and women who will be united by a definite principle of action, directed towards the establishment of a new economic order and proceeding by a clear-cut policy of constructive co-operation toward that goal.

To describe themselves, the Connells have impressed an adjective to do service as a noun and the name of the new group is to be the "Social Constructives." The Connells have repudiated partisanship and Mr. Connell's speech owed much of its effectiveness to his merciless denunciation of party politics. Therefore they are not calling themselves a party and would prefer to be known as the "Constructives."

Part of Mr. Connell's speech brought grudging nods of recognition from Mr. Pattullo on the one hand and from Mr. Pooley on the other. Parties, said Mr. Connell, had become mere remnants. And even a party which was numerically strong at the moment, might be weak at the polls.

SPOILS SYSTEM.

Attacking the "spoils system," he said he believed leaders of both parties had tried to check it at times, but the system had been too strong for them. He believed the civil service should be put absolutely beyond the influence of party politics, as well as road construction and maintenance work of the province. The time had come to put an end, once for all, to such business as the granting of the franchise to a "so-called bridge company in order that the government might proceed under such conditions to bring a highway from one side to the other of a river."

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Bills to Aid Workers Moved by Pearson

VICTORIA, Oct. 30.—(CP)—Three bills were introduced in the House by Hon. G. S. Pearson, minister of labor, Thursday. One amends the Apprenticeship Act, extending the scope of the act to apply to men over 21.

Amendments to the Male and Female Minimum Wage acts will enable the board to deal with conditions of labor and employment, and furnish the board with powers to check deductions made by employers for laundry, uniforms and similar services.

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VICTORIA, Oct. 30.—Vancouver had a grand and glorious Jubilee but now, in the cold grey dawn, the bills are coming in and Vancouver is all set to come to Victoria and ask the Provincial Government to loan the necessary wherewith to defray these bills.

So said George Murray, Liberal member for Lillooet constituency, in the Provincial Legislature, when he spoke in approval of the main principles contained in the Pattullo government's enunciation of policy, during the debate yesterday on the speech from the throne.

CARIBOO LOST OUT.

Mr. Murray quoted the late Pauline Johnson in praise of Lost Lagoon "before it was defaced by a fountain." He agreed that Vancouver had provided itself with a nice City Hall, but all these luxuries were not the concern of other constituencies, he thought. He said that the net effect of Vancouver's Jubilee had been that the country places, particularly those along the Cariboo road, had lost out in tourist traffic this year. He did not see why the rural constituencies should vote money in the Legislature to be loaned by the Provincial Government to defray the cost of the Jubilee and its concomitant construction within the confines of Greater Vancouver.

Vancouver had received \$50,000 toward the Jubilee, the Lillooet legislator declared. Until that city was run more economically, carefully and prudently, country members should stand together and scrutinize every request for aid Vancouver makes to the government, Mr. Murray urged.

It was the basic industries and ranching that needed to be subsidized, said Mr. Murray, and there were miles of country roads that needed smoothing out, and he was for spending all the money available on things like these.

Somebody teased Mr. Murray about the solitary policemen in these unorganized districts and provoked the member for Lillooet to sounding praise of Constable W. A. H. Gill, who is guardian of the peace in the Britannia-Squamish-Woodfibre districts. Mr. Murray said that Officer Gill should be singled out for promotion in the near future.

HOUSE COMMITTEES READY FOR SERVICE

Personnel Remains Same as Last Spring.

VICTORIA, Oct. 30.—(CP)—Standing committees approved by the B. C. Legislature today for the present session were the same as in last spring, with the addition of M. M. Connelly, M.L.A., to three groups, and J. H. Forester, M.L.A., to three others. The House adopted the report by the committee on committees, as presented by D. McPherson, M.L.A. The committees now are:

Public accounts—Messrs. Wismer, Sutherland, Asselstine, Burns, Harris, Johnson, Kenney, King, Wilkinson, Leary, Connell, H. E. Winch, Anscomb, Bruhn, Planta and Forester.

Municipal matters—Messrs. Whittaker, Gillis, Carson, Hanna, McKeen, Putnam, Johnson, Mrs. Smith, Burns, Price, Mrs. Steeves, Connell, Anscomb and Forester.

Agriculture—Messrs. Barrow, Carson, Gillis, Murray, A. McDonald, Mackay, D. McPherson, Putnam, Strachan, Tupper, Swales, Planta, Savage and Connelly.

Fisheries—Messrs. McKeen, Gillis, Barrow, Hanna, Kenney, A. McDonald, Swales, E. E. Winch, Savage, Bakewell, Pooley, Planta, Harris and Johnson.

Forestry—Messrs. Leary, Carson, A. McDonald, McKeen, Strachan, Whittaker, Bakewell, Bruhn, Harris, Savage and Connelly.

Mining—Messrs. D. McPherson, Asselstine, Burns, King, Leary, Tupper, Murray, Putnam, Mackay, Carson, Wilkinson, Connell, E. R. Winch, Bruhn, Pooley, Uphill, Kenney and Connelly.

Private bills—Messrs. Wismer, Hanna, Harris, Johnson, McKeen, Wilkinson, Strachan, Price, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Steeves, Pooley, Whittaker and Forester.

Railways—Messrs. Mackay, Johnson, Murray, Tupper, Price and Planta.

Printing—Mrs. Smith and Messrs. Leary, Murray, D. McPherson, H. E. Winch and Savage.

Committee work will get into full operation next week, it is anticipated, with the forestry, private bills, municipal and public accounts groups having extended programmes ahead of them, and the mining committee programme little less important.

Oakalla for Members Is Winch Plan--for Day

Urges Giving Study To Condition of Inmates.

By FRANCIS ALDHAM.
(Special Correspondent of The Province.)

VICTORIA, Oct. 31.—Of course, he did not mean it that way, but Mr. E. E. Winch, M.L.A. for Burnaby, distinctly said that every member of the Legislature of British Columbia ought to go to the prison at Oakalla. Everybody shuddered. Mr. Winch explained.

The members should return immediately, the very same day, he meant. But they should study at first-hand their fellow citizens who are inmates. On that understanding, the legislators agreed to consider his suggestion that education and vocational training ought to occupy more of the time of prisoners.

In a conversational and unsentimental tone, Mr. Winch delivered, in the course of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, a dissertation on the humanities which would have been more effective if he had let himself go; if he had banged the desk and rent his garments instead of the hearts of the few who heard his speech.

VALUE OF CITIZENSHIP.

It was a good speech, and at the end we all agreed that we ought to give more thought to the value of mere citizenship, to the wastage of the priceless manhood which is implied in the spectacle of young men selling flowers on the streets of Vancouver or languishing in jail.

"They have committed the unpardonable crime of being born into a world which has no use for them," said Mr. Winch.

At one point he declared that in Vancouver "3047 families are living in one room," an assertion which the House mildly questioned.

From the fact that he described it as "Gerry's Circus," you will be able to guess how unflattering Mr. Winch was when he glanced at the Vancouver Jubilee.

B. I. ("Boss") Johnson of Victoria opened the debate on Friday in the Legislature. He, also, had a kindly word for the flower-sellers. If British Columbia increased reciprocal trade with Great Britain and with other parts of the Empire, if this province got a commensurate share of the profits of Canadian exports, we would be able to take care of all our unemployed, said Mr. Johnson. It will be necessary to start over again to make friends with British traders and to secure their business, he said.

TAX ON INSURANCE.

He suggested a British Columbia tax on money paid into insurance. He said that millions a year are paid by citizens of British Columbia into insurance companies that took the money "East" and never reinvested it here.

Between 1932 and 1935 life insurance companies had collected some \$52,000,000 in premiums in B. C., paying out \$15,000,000 in claims, for a net withdrawal of \$37,000,000 in cash from the province, he said. B. C. investments by the same companies had been reduced by \$5,000,000 in the same period.

The first week of the session is over and we are indeed making haste slowly. Two speeches a day and homeward bound before dark. This inevitable preliminary to a legislative session, the debate on

the address in reply, may be over by the middle of next week.

Sports Board Urged to Aid City Jobless

Erection of Arenas Favored as Means of Creating Work

VICTORIA, Oct. 31.—(CP)—In the final sitting for the week of the British Columbia Legislature Byron Johnson, Liberal member for Victoria, suggested creation of a provincial sports commission. The commission's duties would include erection of arenas at Burnaby, North Vancouver, Nanaimo and other points, if federal funds could be secured to finance the plan.

It was in touching upon the problems of unemployed youths at Burnaby and North Vancouver that Mr. Johnson suggested creation of a commission to administer playgrounds; and to seek federal funds for the construction of sports arenas at several coast points in a works programme to be carried out by the province.

Mrs. D. G. Steeves, M.L.A., has filed notice of motion asking leave to introduce a bill to "provide for the organization of co-operative savings and credit societies, termed credit unions." E. E. Winch, M.L.A., will offer bills to amend the Game Act and the Marriage Act, other notices set out.

NOW that the British Columbia Legislature is once more in solemn session assembled, the moment appears to be ripe for the good government of this province to offer a protest about **POLITICS**, a matter that is of national importance. When the new government at Ottawa was forced into office there was a political slogan to the effect that if elected it would do away with the camps for single men.

By some extraordinary miracle of political vicissitude this was an election pledge that was kept and observed. The camps were actually closed.

The result has been to make a public laughingstock of every magistrate and other authority in the country. For, having done away with the camps to please the voting peasantry, the government failed lamentably to set up any other machinery for looking after the fellows. There is today no authority to which any province or municipality can turn in dealing with such problems as we have in Vancouver, where men must break the law daily in order to live. That is to say they must break the law to get a few cents or else obtain the privilege of going to jail where there is also food.

The government of this province has a great opportunity during its present session of showing the Dominion Government that it thinks more of its starving men than it does of backing up Dominion Government pledges to do something utterly silly just to get a few votes.

Mining Activ

B. C. Expected

Plenty of Cr Government Unconv

Unless the Province experiences a change before the close of session of the Legislature any change will be present Securities Act far-reaching amendments to any other legislation the mining industry.

The Securities Act under fire from several angles the past year, the attitude, as expressed of the cabinet, is that sufficient cause for law which, although tive in minor details brought about amendments in the conditions mine operations in

the member of the who in the final determine whether or ties Act is to be scrapped altogether interests are demanded government has not decision. From sources it is stated that the government pose to make a move unless arguments those advanced in placed before it during session.

Pearson Sees In Present I

Hon. George S. Pearson of mines, it is under the present act has useful, and this view a large representative community. The instance, are unalterable to drastic amendments believing that it has adequate protection from of a few years ago, in huge losses to put their money in stocks and resulted industry a bad name quarters.

The Vancouver was advised by the before any amendments curities Act were presented House the brokers notice so that their heard. No advice received by the policy of the government a law on the statute if possible, satisfactory mining fraternity, houses dealing with—and also the public ment will be reluctant down new legislative satisfactory to one groups.

SOME URGE RE

Several branches industry are defined the present setup. prefer to have the present amended altogether amended. They are much to expect the registrar of companies capable of determining the merits of matter seeking in