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Opening of the second session of the 25th Legislature was a grand spectacle for thousands of Victorians who braved rainy weather to see the ceremony. Outside the legislative buildings, Lieut. Ken Jackson, second-

in-command of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) 100-man guard of honor, impressed Susan Quilter, 4½, of 1751 Adanac, and her friend and neighbor, Rosemary Lamb, 4½.—(Colonist photo by Jim Ryan.)

Budget Surplus Millions

Premier Bennett disclosed yesterday that the government began the present financial year last April with a surplus of \$41,000,000—some \$35,000,000 more than he originally estimated.

Details were contained in the 1956-57 public accounts tabled in the legislature yesterday.

In his original budget estimates the premier, who doubles as minister of finance, noted that the expected revenue surplus at April 1, 1957, would be \$4,500,000.

Actually it came to \$41,169,868.75.

MONEY TROUBLES

Observers believe this large surplus will do much to steer the provincial government through its present rumored financial difficulties. Premier Bennett has frequently denied the government has money troubles.

The public accounts also showed the premier had underestimated his revenues by \$46,000,000. Original estimates called for revenues of \$224,035,000 for the year but in actual fact they came to \$270,783,792—an all-time record for B.C.

The province's bonded debt at March 31 last totalled some \$109,343,900, a drop of more than \$26,000,000 from the \$136,116,783 total of the previous year.

LIABILITIES RISE

At the same time contingent liabilities—debts underwritten by the government for such instrumentalities as the B.C. Power Commission, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, and the Toll Bridges and Highway Authority—rose by \$100,000,000 to \$241,334,638.

The balance sheet recorded assets valued at \$608,107,770 as against liabilities of \$242,694,570. Excess assets over liabilities and reserves as of March 31, 1957, were \$365,413,200, an increase of \$85,689,145 over the previous year.

New MLAs To Speak

Two new Social Credit members of the legislature will make their maiden speeches today at 3 p.m.

William Spears, Cariboo, will move the reply to the throne speech debate and Gordon Gibson, Delta, will second the motion.

The legislature will then adjourn until Monday when opposition leader Robert Strachan is due to speak.

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Talking Politics

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Phil Gaglardi Wins Again Going Away!

By PETER BRUTON

FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY FREE: Highways Minister Phil Gaglardi has once again walked off with the championship for the most-travelled cabinet minister in B.C. He wins every year.

The public accounts tabled in the legislature yesterday for the fiscal year ending March 31 showed Mr. Gaglardi racked up travelling expenses of \$5,043—almost \$2,000 more than the runner-up, Labor Minister Lyle Wicks, who had a total of \$3,093. Premier Bennett was third with \$2,905.

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FIRST ROUND: Liberal George Gregory didn't waste any time embarrassing Works Minister W. N. Chant about the oft-repeated promise of a new Victoria courthouse.

Lieutenant-Governor Frank M. Ross had hardly left the legislative chamber before Mr. Gregory called across to Mr. Chant: "Are we going to get our courthouse this year?"

Mr. Chant's reply was lost in the laughter.

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LITTLE SURPRISE HERE: Maybe it's because Premier Bennett is also minister of finance.

Anyway, the public accounts showed the premier's office had a total budget of \$33,974 on which to operate for the fiscal year ending March 31 last. Total expenditures were \$33,967.66—leaving a surplus of \$6.34.

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THAT OLD BLACK MAGIC: Reporters who could find little of major interest in the Throne Speech thought they might have stumbled across something hot when they reached one paragraph near the end of the lengthy speech. It read:

"The ways and means for supply (money) to be granted to her majesty during the ensuing year embody measures designed to cope fully with current needs and the economic growth experienced in the province."

They then checked with last year's Throne Speech and found the same paragraph there too—word for word.

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FIRST ACT: Even Attorney-General Robert Bonner had to grin when he introduced the first bill of the 1958 session.

Its title: "An act to amend the 'Dogwood and Rhododendron Protection Act.'"

The official explanation: "This amendment is designed to provide the same protection for trillium plants as that now provided for dogwood and rhododendron."

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INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE: In 1954 the government did away with B.C. Hospital Insurance Service premiums and imposed another 2 per cent sales tax to take care of hospital costs.

Health Minister Eric Martin has frequently said the government is spending more for BCHIS than it receives from the tax.

The 1956-57 public accounts, however, show that the 2 per cent tax brought in \$34,042,986. The BCHIS report for the same period shows the total cost incurred by the service as \$28,038,815.

The tax, therefore, brought in \$6,000,000 more than hospital costs.



Premier Welcomes Ross

Welcoming Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross as he arrives in state uniform at the main entrance to the legislative buildings for the House opening ceremonies is Premier W. A. C. Bennett.—(Colonist photo by Jim Ryan.)



ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

PRAYERS at the opening of the legislature yesterday were said by the Rev. Dr. Peter Kelly, a sturdy gentleman in his 70s with a commanding presence and a deep, well-modulated voice.

He was there as president of the B.C. Conference of the United Church of Canada.

Dr. Kelly is a Haida Indian from Skidegate in the Queen Charlotte Islands. His ancestors were sea-warriors.

Dr. Kelly's appearance in the legislature yesterday was a far cry from his first official visit to the same place. On March 3 and 4, 1911, he was there as spokesman for 83 chiefs and councillors who presented a petition to Sir Richard McBride on the Indian land question.

Mrs. Kelly was also present. The house pole which is the basis of the centennial dollar design originally stood in the house of her father's brother in Skidegate. It was later transferred to the hall of the provincial museum.

Dr. and Mrs. Kelly's son, Reg Kelly, is on the staff of the Indian affairs branch in Ottawa.

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Governor Frank Ross as he appeared at the main entrance to the House opening ceremony. (Colonist photo by C. Bennett.)

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Ready for Big Day
Last-minute adjustments before opening of legislature were made yesterday by page boys, top to bottom, Bruce Van Munster, 14, of 1235 Crown Crescent; Ken Magee, 13, of 3150 Boundary, and Bill Comerford, 13, of 374 Arnot. They are students at St. Louis College. (Colonist photo by Jim Ryan.)



Throne Speech
Reading the Throne Speech to a hushed chamber, Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross sits in the speaker's chair while his aide, Brig. John Adams stands at his side. (Colonist photo by Bud Kinsman.)

Speech from the Throne

THE Speech from the Throne, read at the opening of the B.C. Legislature yesterday was more indicative than immediately revealing. The provincial government mentioned suggestively the lines on which it is preparing to act but, as is customary, withheld details. There is assurance, however, that the Province intends to act on some of the recommendations of the Sloan report on forestry; introduce needed changes in the recently revised Municipal Act; consider separately schooling and municipal cost relationships; step up apprenticeship and vocational training; revise the provincial jail system in connection with juveniles; and grant some easement in connection with municipal pension schemes, and civil service medical coverage.

Amendments to stated statutes include the Forest, Municipal, Public Schools, and Municipal Superannuation Acts. The first-named, of course, embraces whatever will be done at this session in connection with the Sloan report and future forest policy. Amending the Municipal Act was a fore-

gone conclusion, to cure some practical and many technical defects found in the recomposition of that statute at the last session. It is there, for instance, that the government's intentions regarding retail store hours would show. With a commission already in prospect to study school curricula, it is likely that changes in the School Act will be anticipatory rather than final.

The Speech also took note of the altered economic conditions of the times by pledging the government to take advantage of whatever can be done, with or without direct federal assistance, to stimulate employment and to help those temporarily displaced. While the mover and seconder of the Reply speaking today from the government side will be expected to amplify some of the main items indicated in the Speech, the full scope of the amendments indicated will not likely be known until the actual legislation is introduced in the House. It is patent, however, that besides forestry the administration has municipal affairs very much in mind.

Something Missing

Weather Dampens Colorful Opening

Something quite indefinable was missing from the colorful opening ceremonies of the provincial legislature yesterday—the Throne Speech wasn't quite so interesting, the crowds weren't quite so large, and the women's hats weren't quite so distinctive as in the past.

True, the tradition and the pomp were there, right down to the technical struggle put up by Hugh Shantz when he was dragged from his seat by Premier Bennett and CCF Leader Robert Strachan after being named Speaker of the House.

The ceremonies were brightened by the introductions of new members William Speare (SC, Cariboo), Cedric Cox

(CCF, Burnaby), and Gordon Gibson (SC, Delta).

They were saddened by the silent standing tribute to the late Ralph Chetwynd, former minister of agriculture, who died shortly after last session.

But the fact remains that most observers felt there was something missing, something they couldn't quite put their fingers on.

Even sprightly Tom Uphill, 83-year-old veteran MLA for Fernie, shattered tradition when he failed to stalk up and sit in Premier Bennett's chair.

Outside, one of the smallest crowds to gather for a legislature opening in recent years huddled against an ear-chilling wind to witness the arrival of the lieutenant-governor and His Honor's inspection of the guard of honor.

The guard was 100 men—kilted, feather-bonneted and blue-kneed from the breeze—representing various companies of the Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's).

Many of the crowd drifted off during the hour-long wait for His Honor's reappearance from the House. The more hardy spectators turned up collars and listened to the martial music of the 5th Independent Medium Battery band and skirling of militia pipes.

Another missing element was the lack of television cameras that focused the province's attention on the legislature at last year's opening.

Everything went like clockwork, but it just didn't seem the same.

Maybe it was the weather.

B.C. Liquor Profits Rise

British Columbia Liquor Control Board made a net profit of \$25,048,630 in the last fiscal year and profits continued to mount in the six months ending last Sept. 30.

Public accounts tabled in the legislature showed the profit of the LCB increased by nearly \$2,500,000 in the year ending March 31 last.

The report of the LCB showed that in the six months ending in September the board made a net profit of \$12,731,937, almost \$2,000,000 more than in the same period the previous year.

Sales Tax Zooms Up

Revenue from the provincial five per cent sales tax soared by \$17,000,000 to \$85,132,489 during the 1956-57 fiscal year, it was shown in the public accounts tabled in the legislature yesterday.

This is some \$19,000,000 more than the government originally estimated would come from this source.

Amusement tax totalled \$2,527,518, motor fuel and fuel oil taxes, \$25,978,237 and property taxes, \$6,146,101.

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In Throne Speech Wake

Real Work Starts Today

Provincial legislators get down to business today, little the wiser after yesterday's reading of the Throne Speech which told them little they didn't already know.

Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross took some 20 minutes to read the speech which, in the main, reviewed the events of the past year.

The speech, prepared by the government, broadly hinted at more provincial aid for B.C. cities and municipalities but gave no details.

NEW FORESTRY LAWS

Forestry legislation will be brought down to implement some of the recommendations of former Chief Justice Gordon Sloan in his royal commission report on forestry.

A new Public Schools Act will revise and condense the present act.

The Municipal Act, passed at the last session a year ago, will be reopened and certain sections amended as a result of criticism during the past year.

Legislation enabling a better superannuation allowance for municipal employees will also be introduced in the coming weeks and certain amendments will be made to the Public Services Medical Plan Act providing medical insurance for government employees.

The speech also mentioned reorganization of the provincial jail service this year and said members will be asked to approve increased provision for vocational and apprenticeship education.

COLUMBIA POTENTIAL

The government expects to receive the engineering reports on the hydro-electric power potential of the Columbia River this year, according to the address.

The remainder of the speech reviewed the happenings of the past 12 months.

Health Costs Millions

In nine years the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service has paid out \$210,000,000 toward the cost of 2,132,000 separate hospital admissions, according to the annual report of the service tabled in the legislature yesterday.

In addition, grants for hospital construction and equipment have exceeded \$18,500,000.

"At the present time payments made to B.C. hospitals by B.C. Hospital Insurance Service are at a rate of \$90,000 daily," the report stated.

Last year some 92 per cent of all patients were covered by service compared to 85 per cent at the time the premium payment program was dropped in 1954.

B.C. Report Cites Degenerate Problem

Teens Help Swell Huge Jail Influx

A staggering 67-per-cent increase in the number of persons jailed in B.C. last year was shown in the report of the inspector of jails tabled in the legislature yesterday.

In the 12 months ending March 31 last a total of 14,100 offenders were sent to jail compared to 9,630 in 1955-56.

More than 10,000 admissions were recorded at Oakalla, an increase of nearly 4,000 from the previous year.

"This increase is made up partly by the growing number of teen-agers who, for lack of adequate alternatives to delinquency and deficiency of preventive services in the community are not being dealt with in time to avoid the necessity of sending them to prison," said Warden Hugh Christie of Oakalla.

Major defect in their lives is an absence of proper home training, he said.

Also blamed for part of the increase was the present unsettled employment picture which "has resulted from the influx of transient workers and adventurers attracted by the growing cities."

Warden Christie also strongly urged provision for proper classification facilities at Oakalla.

"The waiting-trial facilities which allow the mixing of the young with the old, the most degenerate with the first offender, and the addict with the non-addict, must be replaced by a unit which allows for proper segregation and provides a separate cell for each person," he said.

FACILITIES POOR
Director of correction, E. G. B. Stevens also said the present facilities for admission, observation and classification of prisoners at Oakalla "are very inadequate."

In addition he stressed the importance of probation as a means of treatment for offenders.

"The new penology is not coddling prisoners but is a sincere intelligent effort to get value for money spent through the rehabilitation of those who fall afoul of the law," he said.

Cost of jail maintenance for the year was \$3,103,125 compared to \$2,296,580.

262 Ordered To Brannan

Total of 262 offenders was sentenced to Brannan Lake boys school last year, according to a report tabled in the legislature yesterday.

All but 40 were first offenders.

"Of the 222 new admissions, 56 boys were never tried on probation but were committed to the school on their first appearance in court," the report stated.

During the year 237 boys were released. The average stay in the school for each boy was 7.7 months and their average age was 14½ years.

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Glad Hand

By DAVID BROWN

They attacked in three columns rather than the massive frontal assault as in past years.

They marched better than 2,000 strong—1,500 card-carrying (invited) guests and more than 500 fellow travellers—in the annual skirmish for the clasped hand, canape and cup of coffee: the premier's reception at the Empress.

Splitting the attack was effective. Despite record num-

bers, the rearguard was up to the dignitaries before the reception ended in the ballroom, cutting the hand-shaking time record set last year.

But to eager reception-goers gathered in the lobby, it developed into a pot-luck choice where each of the three lines would lead and who would be at the end to accept greetings.

Deftly fending off the left flank were four ministers—Lyle Wicks, Phil Gaglardi,

Ray Williston and Robert Bonner—with their wives.

The right flank was directed by traffic-policing commissioners into the Conservatory and nearly broke through to the ballroom without a cabinet-level reception until Eric Martin rushed in from the centre with reserves—Kenneth Kiernan, Earle Westwood, Wesley Black, Newton Steacy and their wives.

After the situation was se-

cure, Mr. Martin returned to bolster the centre where Premier Bennett, Leslie Peterson and W. N. Chant and their wives were entrenched.

The bemedalled force of commissioners kept the pace of attack at a steady hum, barking orders and giving white-gloved signals at intersections.

But despite the efficiency in organization, at least one tourist couple were twice swept into the left flank be-

fore reaching the refuge of an elevator.

"I didn't expect to find this at the Empress," the woman remarked.

Suddenly the centre line was shunted to the side of the hallway as a commissioner, uncertain of the particular command made on such an occasion, barked: "Gangway for the lieutenant-governor."

The last shout nearly caught His Honor in the left

ear. By the time the officer found both his feet and managed a hasty salute, the viceregal party was well down the hall.

Inside the ballroom, Billy Tickle's string ensemble was muted above the din from the crowded floor.

"As soon as you have received your food, would you please leave by way of the conservatory," the voice on the loudspeaker pleaded. "There are many more wishing to come in here."

Smokers' Negligence Top B.C. Fire Cause

Smokers' carelessness is far ahead of any other known cause of fire in B.C., according to provincial fire marshal Basil Nixon.

In the year ending March 31 last property loss from fires in the province rose to \$15,308,745 or 41 per cent higher than the previous year.

Total of 85 persons were killed by fires—38 men, 16 women, and 31 children.

Forecast Pension Act Changes Benefit to Municipal Workers

Amendment of the Municipal Superannuation Act, forecast in the Speech from the Throne, will "most decidedly be of great benefit" to municipal employees, city comptroller Dennis Young said yesterday.

B.C. municipalities have been aware of the proposed changes

in the act since the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention last summer.

Mr. Young said the new provisions would lift the return on money expended from an "almost ridiculous" level to a "very reasonable" level comparable with the return in the

pension schemes of the senior governments and major industrial firms.

The low return under the present provisions of the Act, Mr. Young said, could be attributed to financial problems when the superannuation plan was set up in the late 30s.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1958

Tempers Flare in House

Debate on Jobless Shatters Tradition

Unemployment in British Columbia sparked a full-scale flareup between the government and the opposition in the provincial legislature yesterday afternoon.

Tempers flared and harsh words were hurled across the floor during the two-hour debate which shattered the traditional schedule of the legislature's second day.

The outcome is that the standing committee on labor will examine "the conditions contributing to seasonal unemployment and the means available for alleviating the problem."

STRACHAN ACTS

The fireworks began when Opposition Leader Robert Strachan rose as soon as the House opened and moved that the legislature adjourn and go into committee to discuss the problem of unemployment which he termed "a matter of urgent public importance."

Newly-elected Speaker Hugh Shantz ruled the motion out of order. The CCF challenged his ruling, the division bells rang, and the challenge was defeated 37 to 13.

Then Labor Minister Lyle Wicks moved that the question of "seasonal employment" be studied by the standing committee on labor.

Mr. Strachan hit out at the "ineffectiveness and slowness" of legislative committees.

UNDER THE RUG

"The government is trying to make excuses," he charged. "We must do something to provide employment now, not two weeks from now. All the government wants to do is to sweep the problem under the rug."

He said that Labor Minister Wicks, by including the word "seasonal" in the resolution, showed that he didn't know

what the problem was all about and that he evidently believed in "the fairy wish that if you wait long enough it will go away."

LOTS OF MONEY

"There are those who say the government hasn't any money," said Mr. Strachan. "Well I don't agree. I think the government has lots of money and should use that money in order to provide employment for people, something which is so badly needed at this time."

Mr. Speaker Shantz attempted to close off the debate at this point but Premier Bennett demanded an opportunity to answer. When it was still not sure whether the debate would continue, he said:

"That's socialism for you. Once they've made a political

speech they want to silence the government."

The House voted that the debate continue.

DISCOURTESY CHARGE

Premier Bennett accused the CCF of a political manoeuvre and said that the opposition motion was "the most discourteous thing that has ever been done in this House."

It was discourteous to the two new members who were to make their maiden speeches he said and "it will always remain in my mind that the opposition put politics first in this great centennial year."

"If the premier wants to start off with a cat and dog fight he can have it," interjected Mr. Strachan.

"The leader of the opposition cannot threaten the Prime Minister of British Columbia!" shot back the premier.

READY TO HECKLE

The premier said the CCF had its "hatchet men" ready to heckle him as soon as he started speaking.

So anxious was the government to have the question of unemployment examined that it moved the resolution before the labor committee was even named so that all parties could see their best men were on the committee, he continued. It was ridiculous, foolish, and untrue to say that the matter would not come up for four weeks or more.

He said unemployment was the most important question facing the province today.

FERNIE CITED

George Gregory (Lib., Victoria) moved an amendment that special attention be given the town of Fernie, which faces disaster through the closing of the Crow's Nest Coal Mine next week.

Mr. Bonner said he could not accept the amendment but that the government would consider a separate motion to this effect. The subsequent motion was passed unanimously.

Veteran 83-year-old Independent Tom Uphill, who represents Fernie, said he defied anyone to name a place in North America that has been so hard hit as Fernie.

"There's broken hearts in Fernie today," he said.

SPEED NEEDED

Members agreed something had to be done immediately if the small coal town was to be saved from disaster.

Finally Mr. Wick's motion that seasonal unemployment be examined by the standing committee on labor was passed unanimously.

"Is it a unanimous motion?" inquired Premier Bennett.

"Half a loaf is better than no bread at all," replied Mr. Strachan.

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Talking Politics

Pain Failed To Halt Rites

By PETER BRUTON

NOW-IT-CAN-BE-TOLD DEPARTMENT: Lieutenant-Governor Frank M. Ross was suffering from a painful back injury when he read the Throne Speech at Thursday's colorful opening ceremonies of the provincial legislature.

The injury, thought to be a slipped disc, occurred in an odd accident some days ago. His Honor was pulling on his socks when something gave way in his back.

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MOORE THE MAYOR: Bill Moore, former CCF member for Comox, returned to his old haunts in the legislative buildings yesterday, looking up old friends and still working hard for the city of Courtenay.

His business was official business. He's now mayor.

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QUEST FOR FACTS: The thinly-numbered opposition is getting its questions in early this year—with 19 already on the order paper. They range in subject matter from the price the Liquor Control Board pays for one dozen bottled beer to the assessed value of land and improvements of provincial Crown property in the Greater Victoria area.

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THE REASON WHY: Premier Bennett reports he is surprised the press hasn't "grasped the significance" of having the two new Social Credit MLAs—William Speare of Cariboo and Gordon Gibson of Delta—move and second the reply to the Throne Speech debate.

The reason, he says, is not because they won by-elections last September but rather that this is centennial year and Mr. Speare has the historic town of Barkerville in his riding, while Mr. Gibson's constituency includes Fort Langley, where the mainland colony of B.C. was established in 1858.

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CROSSED WIRES: When it was learned that a Vancouver man had obtained the copyright to "the officially adopted centennial emblem," centennial committee chairman L. J. Wallace said there was nothing to worry about.

Attorney-General Robert Bonner had the matter "under control," he said.

"Well, I hope Mr. Wallace has (it under control)," said Mr. Bonner. "It's the first I've heard of it."

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REPARTEE: Overheard during one of the more riotous outbursts in yesterday's unemployment debate: George Gregory (to Premier Bennett): "Sit down when the Speaker is standing, Mr. Prime Minister."

Premier Bennett: "Yes, Your Honor."

B.C. Control Asked Of Telephone Firm

Opposition Leader Robert Strachan has given notice of motion that he will ask the provincial government to apply to Ottawa to have the control of the B.C. Telephone Company and its subsidiaries revert to provincial jurisdiction.

The move would mean that rates and services of the company could be controlled by the Public Utilities Commission of B.C.

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Salvation for the Trillium

DEPARTING from a long-established custom, the provincial government at the opening of the 1958 session of the legislature introduced as Bill No. 1 a measure of far more than passing interest, and one which will be widely applauded. Traditionally the first bill of each session establishes the precedence of the people's business over that of the Crown, and for that reason it is brought down before the House proceeds to the debate on the Speech from the Throne. Because it is regarded more as a gesture than an act of lawmaking, it used to be the habit to designate as Bill No. 1 some inconsequential amendment — moving a comma, correcting a grammatical error, or something of that sort.

This year, however, the first bill of the session imposes a protection long sought by nature-lovers; one which will put a crimp in the springtime activities of many thousands of people. Its purpose is to place wild trillium plants under the

same protection in law that was accorded long ago to dogwood and more recently to the native rhododendron.

Botanists, professional and amateur, and all who take pleasure in wildflowers will be overjoyed to hear of this. The trillium, like many other British Columbia plants in their natural surroundings, is sensitive to interference, and the thoughtlessness of people who root and trample among the wildflowers in spring, usually destroying far more than they take away, has aroused fear that the trillium eventually might become all but extinct.

Everyone knows that it is an offence to pick dogwood blossoms or transplant young trees from wild land; consequently dogwood now flourishes in beautiful profusion. In the same way the trillium is about to be rescued from the hands of vandals. Thus the people's bill becomes distinguished as very much the people's business.

A Right Sturdy MLA

PREMIERS may come and go, the Legislature may change its personnel, new generations intrude and then depart, but one figure at James Bay seems to go on for ever. He is Mr. Tom Uphill, dean of the House and its almost legendary character. The provincial legislature would not seem the same without him.

For 38 years now this staunch, sturdy representative from Fernie has sat in the opposition benches, typical of the "Independent Labor" caption that is his own. That is a long time. When it is recalled that he was also mayor of his home town for many years and has ever been a champion of human rights, his role as a public servant is unique in British Columbia.

Everyone knows him as "Tom." That is not the least of his merits, for it reveals the inner self of the man. He is a down-to-earth human being, lacking frills or pretence and concerned with the honesty of things. These for him in the main are measures that will promote the lot of

his fellows, especially those whose material needs have to be voiced and protected.

The venerable member for Fernie is a homespun man—a diamond in the rough he would himself agree—but with the wit and barb not only to rouse the House but to supply it with a deal of real common sense. Not for him the fine linguistic or legal preciosities; but instead a shrewd penetration to the root of matters. And when the subject is something like pensions or the weal of his constituents Tom Uphill commands attention.

Above all, perhaps, the single Labor member of the Legislature enjoys the affection of the House. No man reaches this enviable state unless he is worthy of high regard. In this instance it is a case of character winning its way, by a frank fearlessness leavened with the milk of human kindness. A right sturdy MLA is Mr. Tom Uphill; may he not miss a House opening for years yet to come. He has won a special place in the public life of the province.

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B.C.'s Probers Blast Hoxsey Cancer Claims

Report Presented To Legislature

By PETER BRUTON

A special University of B.C. investigating committee has shot down the cancer cure claims of Hoxsey clinics.

"The medications known as the 'Hoxsey treatment for cancer' are of no value in the treatment of internal cancer and the external treatments used have no place in modern cancer therapy," according to the committee's report which was tabled in the legislature yesterday.

The \$12,000 investigation was made at the request of the provincial government after former Victoria MLA Mrs. Lydia Arsen had frequently claimed that Hoxsey clinics could cure cancer.

"We have found that the methods of diagnosis (at the Hoxsey clinic) are inadequate, that the treatments used for internal cancer do not affect the progress of the disease, that no serious attempt is made to follow up treated cases in order to evaluate results, and that no significant research has been done," the report states.

Chief danger presented by the Hoxsey treatment is the delay

Doctor Lauds Investigators

The president of the Victoria Medical Society last night praised the UBC committee which reported adversely on the Hoxsey cancer treatment clinic.

But he declined to comment on the report itself.

"The investigating committee has done an extremely good job," said Dr. G. F. Homer.

that is occasioned to patients who might have a reasonable opportunity of being cured by the proved methods of surgery and radiation, the 60-page report continued.

Large Sums of Money

"The other menace of the Hoxsey treatment is the false hope it arouses in patients and the useless expenditure of large sums of money by many who can ill afford to do so," it said.

The six-man committee, which spent nine months on the task, consisted of Dr. J. M. Mather, professor and head of the department of public health; Dr. George Saxton, clinical instructor of the department of surgery; Dr. H. E. Taylor, professor and head of the department of pathology; Neal Harlow, UBC librarian; A. W. R. Carothers, associate professor, faculty of law; and S. A. Jennings, professor of the department of mathematics.

Last July and August the committee visited the Hoxsey clinic in Dallas, Tex.

In addition, the committee made a "follow up" study of 78 persons from British Columbia who had attended the Hoxsey clinic.

The committee found that of these 78 persons:

Thirty-two are now dead.

Nine are dying or the cancer is progressing.

Eighteen had no proved evidence of malignancy.

Seven received curative treatment before going to the clinic.

One was cured, but with needless pain and disfigurement as the case could have been better handled with radiation or surgery.

Seven were impossible to follow up due to incomplete or incorrect records at the clinic.

And four were inconclusive, as it is too soon to predict the outcome.

The report said the committee had found that of those now dead, most had received the maximum amount of orthodox treatment available and had been told nothing further could be done for them.

"These visits to the Hoxsey clinic represented their last desperate hope," the report said.

The committee said it got full co-operation from the Hoxsey clinic.

Tests Mean Nothing

Each patient receives a number of routine laboratory tests which appear to be done accurately, "but in no instance do they bear any special relevance to the diagnosis of cancer," the report said.

X-rays are then taken, but this department does not function as an efficient aid in the diagnosis of cancer.

After these tests an osteopath sees the patient, examines him and prescribes treatment. "With rare exceptions, the patients whose records we saw were diagnosed as having cancer," said the report.

"Each patient so diagnosed receives the Hoxsey internal medicine," it continued. "This was originally given as a liquid black medicine but is now dispensed in pill form. The patient is given six months' supply, together with various supportive preparations such as vitamins, pain tablets, laxatives, etc."

"For persons with external cancer, other treatments are used in addition to the prepara-

tions taken by the mouth. Most of these are escharotic preparations which literally burn off the cancerous tissue, together with adjacent normal tissue," the report said.

The committee saw two cases of external cancer treated at the clinic.

One was on a woman who had had a large protruding tumor at the base of her neck, with several smaller tumors above it. The large tumor had been amputated two days before, leaving a large raw area at least four inches in diameter.

To this was applied an escharotic paste "with absolutely no regard for asepsis or antiseptics. There was no preliminary washing of hands or wearing of gloves. Scissors and spatula were used from an open shelf and gauze used on the wound came from an open roll on the shelf."

Cost of treatment was usually about \$400 with an added bill of about \$60 for laboratory and X-ray services. The cost to a patient from B.C. would not be less than \$700, it was stated.

Eight Prize Examples

The committee was shown eight patients the clinic said had been cured of cancer.

"From the supposed 25,000 cases that have been treated by this method, the eight we saw are obviously prize examples, used over and over again as evidence of the value of the treatment," said the report.

The committee said it would appear that interest in the clinic is growing in B.C.

In 1952, one person went from B.C. There were five in 1953, 14 in 1954, nine in 1955, 27 in 1956

and 21 in the first six months of 1957.

"We found only one patient who could, in any sense, be considered to have been 'cured' by the Hoxsey treatment," the report stated.

Health Minister Eric Martin, who tabled the report, said he would not make any personal comment on the matter.

"I am not at liberty to do so," he said. "I'm only a layman. But the report will certainly go a long way to clarify the doubts in people's minds and as such the report should be of great value."

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For Municipalities

'Abolish Hospital Charge'

Abolition of the 70 cents a day charged municipalities toward the cost of hospital care in B.C. was called for yesterday by Gordon Gibson (SC, Delta).

Mr. Gibson, who was making his maiden speech, said the 70 cents charge had been found by all municipalities to be "particularly onerous."

Under the present B.C. Hospital Insurance Service setup, patients pay \$1 a day toward the cost of hospital care, the municipalities pay 70 cents per patient day, a further 70 cents a day is paid by the government and the rest comes from the BCHIS.

The member, who was seconding the reply to the Throne Speech debate, also asked the government to consider dividing his constituency into two or more ridings "in due course." He said the present system resulted in "much duplication of work as a dual-member constituency."



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She Still Sides With Hoxsey

Mrs. Lydia Arsens, former Victoria MLA and advocate of the Hoxsey cancer treatment, said she would continue to "fight for a clinic in B.C." in the face of the reporting committee's criticism.

"No report of theirs will ever make me waver," Mrs. Arsens said grimly, a few minutes after she learned the nature of the UBC committee report on the Hoxsey treatment.

"I still uphold the Hoxsey Clinic," she said. "It has performed marvellous cures. Its only crime is that it doesn't cure cancer the orthodox way."

RECOMMENDED IT

Mrs. Arsens said she "certainly had" recommended the Hoxsey Clinic to numbers of cancer sufferers—"if their doctors told them there was no hope."

The committee's instructions were to visit the Hoxsey Clinic in Dallas and report what it saw, Mrs. Arsens claimed.

"Why did they go beyond that—to the American Medical Association and the National Cancer Institute?" she asked. "To seek permission on what kind of a report to give?"

"Does a jury leave the courtroom to go out and seek pro and con opinions before giving a verdict?"

Gregory Urges Past Licences Be Rechecked

Thorough investigation into every forest management licence ever awarded to determine whether or not they were granted on their merits should be made by Gordon Sloan immediately, George Gregory (L., Victoria) said in the legislature yesterday.

He said it would be no easy task, but that every licence right back to No. 1 should be investigated.

PLEASED AT CHOICE

The Victoria member, speaking in the Throne Speech debate, said he was pleased that a man of the calibre of former chief justice Sloan had been chosen as "forest boss."

It was, however, "dreadful" that forestry was in such a mess that it had been found necessary to take one of the finest jurists off the bench and put him in charge of forestry, he said.

NO MORE

Noting that Mr. Justice J. V. Clynne had also left the bench for a forestry job with MacMillan and Bloedel, Mr. Gregory said he hoped no more judges would be tempted to leave the bench, no matter what inducements were offered.

In view of the present charges against former land and forests minister Robert Sommers and some companies, he said, the whole forest management licence system should be investigated.

"No matter what the outcome of the charges, the first thing that Mr. Sloan should do is to Gregory,

completely investigate the question to see whether the holders got their licences on their merits or otherwise," he continued.

Mr. Gregory said he regretted there was no mention of a new courthouse for Victoria mentioned in the Throne Speech.

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IN A CLOSET

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B.C. Research Report

Rain-Making 'Some Value'

Cloud-seeding operations on Vancouver Island and the mainland coast of British Columbia have had "some value," according to a report tabled in the legislature yesterday.

The 59-page report compiled by the British Columbia Research Council said "detailed and advanced statistical evaluation shows the over-all effect has been to increase precipitation and streamflow by more than .33 per cent in the Campbell River and Powell Lake watersheds.

It said the effect was the same in both the Vancouver Island and the mainland area under study.

"However, the probability that the increase could be as much as 10 per cent is extremely small," the report added.

Fears of cloud-seeding operations that the operations would bring unwanted increase of rainfall to Vancouver Island tourist areas was discounted in the report.

It said no reliable estimate can be formed for the effect of seeding to regions "outside the target area," but added it

was certain if there were any net effects to interior agriculture and the coast tourist industry, "they are negligibly small."

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Guinea Pig Too Long

Mr. Strachan said the government had been using the milk producer as a guinea pig too long, and it was time the producer was allowed to earn a decent living.

"The best thing you can do is to reimpose a minimum retail price for milk sold at home and in the store," he said.

On the subject of the Sloan report, Mr. Strachan hit out at the "devious manner" of the former chief justice's appointment as forestry adviser to the government.

He said the forest management licence system was wrong and that the government had a consistent and stated policy to get rid of timber to private companies as quickly as possible.

"Forest management licences are wrong, despite the high hopes with which they were launched in B.C. 10 years ago," Mr. Strachan continued.

"We have turned over to private industry the control . . . You don't correct the situation by making them only half wrong or one-quarter wrong for only 21 years and I want it on the record now the CCF will oppose the granting of any more forest management licences."

Mr. Strachan concluded with an attack on "the bungling and incompetent policies which are creating chaos and uncertainty in this province."

"We have been aware of the niggardly throttling and penny-pinching and cheese-paring policy of this government and how it is threatening the operation of our schools, our hospitals, our jails and our rehabilitation work," he said.

"As a result of these policies we find the unfortunate children who must sit blankly at home, because the door of Woodlands School has been slammed in their faces.

"We find the juvenile offenders who are cast among the hardened criminals are also facing a dread and blank future. We find the old people and chronics condemned to spend their remaining days in the cheerless gloom of a third floor attic," he said.

"All of these people will look in vain at this Speech from the Throne for hope and comfort," he said in moving an amendment to the Throne Speech—a move which constituted a motion of non-confidence in the government.

The amendment was defeated 36 to 13.

Bonner Put Party First —Strachan

Attorney-General Robert Bonner "stands convicted as a man who put his political duty before his public duty," Opposition leader Robert Strachan charged in the legislature yesterday.

He launched a biting attack on the attorney-general's handling of the bribery charges against former lands and forests minister Robert E. Sommers during a 90-minute speech in the Throne Speech debate.

"I will not comment on the charges which have been made, even though one of the companies involved has been sending out circulars commenting on the case," said Mr. Strachan. "But I insist on the right to comment on the part played by the attorney-general in this whole sorry affair.

"He has clouded the issue with the jargon of his voice-worn phrases and ingenuities of legal verbiage," he continued.

"He has identified himself and the government with those who now stand charged in the courts of our land.

"No matter how the court case ends, the attorney-general stands convicted as a man who put his political duty before his public duty," Mr. Strachan declared as government members shouted "Nonsense."

The CCF chieftain was leading off the opposition attack in the debate. He urged that bargaining rights be given civil servants, called for a new farm policy, criticized the appointment of former chief justice Gordon Sloan as forestry adviser, and hit out at "the penny-pinching, cheese-paring" policy of the government.

'Down the Sinkhole'

The declining majorities of the two Social Credit members who were victorious at the by-elections last September and the increased majority of the CCF candidates was an indication that Social Credit would go down the "sinkhole" with the Liberals, he said.

The government's treatment of civil servants last July would help the administration down the sinkhole, he continued.

"The government has a policy of setting one section of the people of this province aside as second-class citizens," Mr. Strachan said. "They must have some form of collective bargaining—no body of employees can do without such procedure and feel they are getting a fair deal."

All the government workers were asking, he continued,

was the establishment of an appropriate relationship between the employer and the employee.

Turning to agriculture, the CCF leader said this had been the most neglected part of the economy.

There were some people, he said, who believed the government was broke.

"I refuse to believe that even a Social Credit government could squander and dissipate all the money that has been accruing over the years," Mr. Strachan said.

He urged that the \$1,500,000 spent by the agriculture department in the last fiscal year be increased this year to some \$10,000,000.

"That's the kind of money the farmers need if they're going to compete with their neighbors."

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Talking Politics

By Peter Bruton

'Oh! Is Bob Due to Speak Today?'

GUERRILLA WARFARE: Some idea of the devious forms of strategy that go to make up the crazy, mixed-up world of politics can be gauged from events that took place yesterday.

Opposition leader Robert Strachan kicked off the opposition attack on government policies in the Throne Speech debate; Health Minister Eric Martin tabled the long-awaited Hoxsey cancer cure report.

There's a lot more behind the fact that both took place the same day. Normally, the leader of the opposition is the main speaker of the day and thus gets the major "play" in the newspapers next day. But by tabling the Hoxsey report the government manages to steal some of the spotlight,

some of the headlines, away from Mr. Strachan.

This reporter asked Mr. Martin yesterday whether he hoped to take some of the headlines away from Mr. Strachan. "Oh, is Bob due to speak today?" answered a wide-eyed Mr. Martin, in a tone meant to convey that he had no idea such was the case.

But actually the last laugh is on the government.

The CCF had a premonition that this would be the case and made their move last Friday in the unemployment squabble.

GUEST STARS: Special guest at yesterday's sitting was George Black, former long-term Conservative for the Yukon. He was first elected to the Commons in

Martin's Hoxsey Report Move Drowns Out CCF Chief's Solo

1921, was appointed Speaker in 1930 and resigned for health reasons in 1935. He was again elected in 1940 and 1945 but declined the nomination in 1949.

In the Speaker's Gallery yesterday, proudly surveying the scene, was 85-year-old Samuel R. Gibson, father of recently elected Gordon Gibson (SC, Delta) who made his maiden speech in second-

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MLAs Get Personal

Bitter Exchange Flares in House

A bitter verbal battle between former lands and forests minister Robert E. Sommers and George Gregory (L., Victoria) jolted the legislature yesterday.

Mr. Sommers accused the city lawyer of being "yellow" and having no guts.

Mr. Sommers is charged in a case now before the courts with conspiracy to accept bribes in the issuance of forest management licences. Mr. Gregory at one time represented Vancouver lawyer David Sturdy, who first brought the accusations to light more than two years ago.

CONGRATULATIONS

Yesterday's heated exchange began when Mr. Gregory said he wanted to congratulate the former minister on recovering his health—apparently a reference to the fact that Mr. Sommers failed to proceed with his slander suit against Mr. Sturdy for "health reasons."

"What do you know about it?" interjected Mr. Sommers. "Possibly a lot more than you think," replied Mr. Gregory.

The former minister, member for Rossland-Trail, con-

tinued to heckle Mr. Gregory, who warned:

"You better not goad me or I'm liable to say things we'll all regret."

"I'll goad you as much as I please," came back Mr. Sommers. "You haven't the guts to talk about it."

Mr. Gregory said he was not going to discuss the case now that it was before the courts, but he was glad, he said, that the former minister would have his day in the courts.

"You are just yellow," belittled Mr. Sommers.

Mr. Gregory said he was glad Mr. Sommers would have the opportunity to clear himself of the charges.

"You're just yellow," yelled Mr. Sommers.

"I believe there is a decision on the record by Mr. Justice Wood which indicates just who is that color," replied Mr. Gregory, referring to the dismissal of the slander suit last year.

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By Peter Bruton

MLA Champions Teen-Agers

'One Bad—All Branded'

Actions of a small percentage of wrongdoers have caused most people to look on teen-agers as an undisciplined mob, devoid of any sense of social responsibility, and totally incapable of doing anything sensibly and capably, Mrs. Buda Brown (SC, Vancouver-Point Grey) told the legislature yesterday.

She said the government owes to the rising generation of its youth all the assistance it can possibly bring to eliminate the stigma "thrust upon it by so few of its members."

TAKEN FOR GRANTED

It was sad, she continued, that much of the good of the group of teen-agers in the 13 to 18 bracket was taken entirely for granted.

"But let one teen-ager in the community commit a criminal act and all are branded and tainted at the same time," she said.

There were many types of offenders who needed special consideration but, she said, the juvenile who committed a crime against society must be punished as any other individual who committed a crime.

STEPS MUST BE TAKEN

"If our present accommodation is not adequate to handle the cases presenting themselves in court, then steps must be taken immediately to prepare such accommodation in which a program will be laid down which will be corrective and at the same time of a type that will eliminate repeater," Mrs. Brown stated.

She said it was "ridiculous" to place on probation those who had stolen an automobile not once, not twice, but a dozen times.

SAD ADMISSION

"To place those who have been accused and judged guilty of breaking and entering on probation and not in a proper institution is a sad admission of inefficiency," continued Mrs. Brown. "To hold offenders in detention without a program that maintains strict and severe discipline at all times is useless."

\$75 a Week

Desertion 'Price' May Rise

Deserting husbands may be forced to pay as much as \$75 a week for maintenance of their wives and children under a bill given first reading in the Legislature Tuesday.

The bill, an amendment to the 1948 Act for maintenance of wives and children, upped the maximum a deserting husband may be ordered to pay to \$75 from \$40 a week.

The bill was introduced at Tuesday's session by Attorney-General Robert Bonner, who also introduced another bill forcing the retirement of a stipendiary magistrate or police magistrate at the age of 76.

The bill says the magistrates must retire at 75 unless a special cabinet order-in-council is passed extending their terms "for a period not to exceed one year."

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More Money from Ottawa

B.C. to Keep Asking

The provincial government will continue to demand more money from Ottawa as long as it is in office, Attorney-General Robert Bonner told the legislature yesterday.

He hit out at opposition criticism and defended government policy in a lengthy speech during the Throne Speech debate.

Noting that Opposition Leader Robert Strachan had accused the government of "cheese-paring," "penny-pinching," and of having a policy of just asking Ottawa for more, Mr. Bonner said:

"We have been going down to Ottawa on many occasions and we shall continue to go there until we can get some satisfactory fiscal arrangements. We intend to press for better fiscal arrangements. Of course this government asks for more and it will continue to ask for more as long as it has the confidence of the electorate."

In the last federal-provincial conference, he continued, the B.C. government had gone to Ottawa with concrete suggestions aimed at helping the present unemployment situation. He said the government felt the conference should have been continued until a solution to unemployment was found.

"Since this government took

office a tremendous amount of things have been done, but cheese-paring is not one of them," said Mr. Bonner.

Turning to other matters Mr. Bonner disclosed that the Nelson jail and the women's jail at Prince George will be closed soon as part of the reorganization of the provincial jail service.

He later announced that the New Haven Borstal home would also be closed, but that its functions would be continued at Haney.

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Bonner's Rocket Never

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Left Ground

MISSILE FIZZLE: Attorney-General Robert Bonner fell into a trap of his own making when he stretched a little too far in trying to illustrate how the government felt about Opposition Leader Robert Strachan's rip-roaring criticisms the day before.

It was a wild speech, said the attorney-general, even if it was expected to be the forefront of a massive attack on government policy.

"It shows that the Republican party is not the only party which has trouble getting its rockets off the ground," said Mr. Bonner.

Not too many members saw the point.

"That one didn't get off the ground, did it?" shot back Mr. Strachan.

MEMORIES LINGER ON: One of the most respected members of the legislature, prior to his death more than a year ago, was the late Ernest Winch, veteran CCF member for Burnaby. Yesterday his son-in-law, Cedric Cox, made his maiden speech.

The new member, who retained the Burnaby seat for the CCF, reminded the House of his father-in-law's accomplishments for the sick, needy and aged.

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Winch, an invitation was received from a committee of the U.S. Senate asking him to appear before that body to give an address on housing for senior citizens," Mr. Cox told the members. "I believe this is an honor rarely received by any other member in Canada."

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Talking Politics—By Peter Bruton

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DONALD SMITH
... embarrassed

VETERAN CAMPAIGNER: Tom Uphill, the 83-year-old Independent member for Fernie, is renowned as a fighter for the underdog as well as being a sort of unofficial court jester for the provincial legislature.

Yesterday, however, he could find nothing to jest about.

His city of Fernie, which he has represented continuously in the legislature for 38 years, is dying.

Fernie's lifeblood is coal. Now that the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company has shut down its mine some 300 miners have been thrown out of work and they have nothing to turn to. Unless something can be done immediately the city is doomed.

"If I were a Socialist I would say that here is the greatest indictment of the capitalist system today in this

situation in Fernie," said Mr. Uphill, in an impassioned plea to the government to help ease the situation. "I ask one and all . . . that something be done and done immediately in order to alleviate the suffering there today."

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TEA FOR TWO: Premier Bennett and Opposition Leader Robert Strachan were both absent from the legislature yesterday — they were having tea with Queen Mother Elizabeth in Vancouver.

"I must say I noticed that things went much more smoothly with the premier away," quipped Tony Gargrave (CCF, Mackenzie) after the day's sitting. It could work both ways. Social Crediters were probably thinking it was because Opposition Leader Strachan was absent.



TOM UPHILL
... home town dying

HEARING AIDS: In the past three years at least three new loud-speaker systems have been tried out in the legislative chamber. Last year everyone seemed happy that at last a good system had been installed.

Something has happened in the intervening months.

Reporters in the press gallery, above the Speaker's chair, have found it almost impossible to pick up what members are saying at the far end of the chamber.

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EMBARRASSING MOMENT: A couple of days ago Victoria Liberal George Gregory needed Victoria Social Crediter Don Smith over the fact that the latter was no longer an alderman in the city.

He was glad, said Mr. Gregory,

that Mr. Smith could devote all his time to the legislature now. Yesterday, Mr. Gregory added insult to injury.

He introduced two private petitions from the city—a job that Mr. Smith most certainly would have had if he were still an alderman. Mr. Smith just looked embarrassed.

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PENNIES FOR THE POOR: The provincial government should pay the total cost for expansion of the University of B.C., in the opinion of Leo Nimsick (CCF, Cranbrook).

"The main foundation of our society has to depend on charity," he said. "It has to go round the province with a tin cup asking for money. It is the duty of society, and it should come out of consolidated revenue, to see that the university is looked after."



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Strange Inconsistency

PREVAILING inconsistencies of viewpoints on the working capacities of men after they reach a certain age are accentuated by a bill which Attorney-General Bonner introduced in the British Columbia Legislature this week. By it this province for the first time will put a period to the term of service of stipendiary and police magistrates. At present magistrates are at liberty to remain on the bench as long as they choose, and some have done so long past what has come to be accepted as the normal retirement age in public service, industry and commerce.

If the attorney-general's bill passes, as it undoubtedly will, magistrates in future will be required to retire on reaching the age of 75 years, though the government by order-in-council may postpone retirement for a maximum of one additional year. In this exception, but this only, the new restriction conforms to long-established policy federally and provincially with respect to the civil service.

The principle of setting a uniform limit on the length of service of all magistrates is good for a variety of

reasons, and will no doubt be approved by the legal profession. The strangeness of this bill, however, lies in its incompatibility in one respect with the inflexible regulations governing all other branches of service to the Crown. If a man is deemed to be physically, mentally and emotionally equipped in his middle-seventies to cope with the exacting duty of dispensing justice in an overburdened courtroom, why must all other public officials be summarily dismissed on pension when they reach an age ten years younger? Should not the measurement throughout be a man's capacity for continued service rather than his age as marked by the calendar?

Pensions, of course, are the complicating factor; but surely it should not be beyond the bounds of possibility to devise a system whereby better use could be made of the aptitudes and experience of older men and women—who are fit to go on giving useful service after they pass the statutory milestone and who do not wish to be put out to pasture? If governments at all levels set an example by breaking this wasteful and often cruel rule other employers probably would be quick to follow.

Straight Talking

ONE of the really significant speeches heard in the B.C. Legislature so far came from a woman, Mrs. Buda Brown, a member for Point Grey. Mrs. Brown put the problem of over-stressed juvenile delinquency in its proper perspective, and followed that by an excellent plea for more realistic treatment of actual crime and the few incorrigible repeaters. For the sake of a few unadjusted youths too often all young people were blamed, so that it became a fixation in the public's mind that the younger generation was no good. Mrs. Brown asserted. Nothing could be farther from the truth, she commented, and there the record substantiates her reasoning completely.

The cure for a misleading, often false and always ungenerous misinterpretation of young people rests in a better public appreciation of what they are and what they are doing. Whose children are working their way through college so that they can fit themselves for life? Is it delinquents who collect thousands of dollars every year for the Red Cross, or

are decorated for bravery in life saving? Come right down to it, could the uninhibited critics of youth in general name even three known delinquents from their personal observation out of, say, the 20,000 adolescents in Greater Victoria? Mrs. Brown and the established record are on the side of the really big battalions, and they are as sturdy and fine in their time as Canada has ever known.

The exceptions, from a very thin but often obnoxious bottom layer of today's younger generation, were not overlooked by the lady member for Point Grey. Crime was crime and should be dealt with as such, she emphasized. It was ridiculous to admonish young repeaters charged with theft or burglary. If proper facilities for their disciplinary correction were not available, the Province should see to it that this was remedied. What always will be unfair is to brand all youth for the excesses of the few maladjusted and undisciplined individuals who have not yet learned either the rights or the obligations of good citizenship.

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In Legislature This Week

Bill Would Ease Sunday Sport Ban

A private bill which would permit any municipal council to pass a bylaw authorizing Sunday sports following a plebiscite will be given first reading in the legislature this week.

The bill, entitled the "Lord's Day (British Columbia) Act" will be introduced by Gordon Dowding (CCF, Burnaby).

It provides that if 10 per cent of the electorate asks for a plebiscite for the holding of paid commercial sports on Sundays the following question should be submitted to electors: "Are you in favor of a municipal bylaw authorizing the playing of public athletic games and sports on the Lord's Day, under the Lord's Day (British Columbia) Act?"

If the vote was in favor of Sunday sports the council could then pass a bylaw permitting them.

Horse racing does not come under the act.

It is doubtful whether the government will accept the bill.

House Crossfire Aimed at Bonner

Attorney-General Robert Bonner got it from both sides of the legislature yesterday.

Speaking immediately prior to Mel Bryan, Leo Nimsick (CCF, Cranbrook) said the attorney-general should have resigned as a result of the charges finally laid against Robert Sommers.

He said almost any problem handled by Mr. Bonner turned into "a fiasco" and said that because of his handling of the Vancouver police probe, Sunday sports issue, and forestry charges, "I don't think the attorney-general is a fit and proper man for the position he's in."

\$2,308,710 Spent

Malahat Job Boosts Esquimalt Road Cost

New construction work on the Malahat highway pushed Esquimalt riding into top position on Vancouver Island in road expenditure during the 1956-57 fiscal year.

A total of \$2,308,710 was spent in Esquimalt riding and two-thirds was for Malahat highway work.

The provincial highways department's annual report tabled in the legislature showed \$84,147,002 was spent on B.C. roads during the year.

Work on the Trans-Canada Highway in the Fraser Canyon totalled \$7,754,567 and put the Yale constituency in top place in the province.

Kamloops riding, Highways Minister P. A. Gagliardi's home riding, was second with \$5,322,004.

Other totals for Island ridings were: Cowichan-Newcastle, \$1,331,186; Comox, \$1,235,215; Nanaimo-Islands, \$785,953; Alberni, \$427,596 and Saanich, \$318,558.

U.S. Metal Tax Worries Nimsick

Notice of a motion calling upon the provincial government to make immediate representations to Ottawa in an effort to prevent the U.S. from placing a tariff on imports of lead and zinc was made Monday by Leo Nimsick (CCF, Cranbrook).

The motion notes that the economy of a large part of B.C. depends on the continued production of lead and zinc and that a U.S. tariff on imports would seriously affect the economy of the province.

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Lone Rebel

Left in Cold



MEL BRYAN . . . "I've said everything."

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Bennett Backs Bonner

VANCOUVER (CP).—Premier Bennett Wednesday night said Attorney-General Robert Bonner is the "most outstanding attorney-general this province, or any other province, has ever had."

"I couldn't disagree with anything more than with Mr. Bryan's statement," said the premier as he left the lieutenant-governor's home here after attending a tea for the Queen Mother.

Asked if Mr. Bryan's motion could lead to a split in the Social Credit ranks, the premier said: "The answer is no."

Commenting on reports that Mr. Bryan might be "invited" to cross the floor of the House, Premier Bennett said: "I will never invite any member to cross the floor."

Despite rumors that several other government MLAs felt the same as the North Vancouver member, none would say so after yesterday's shattering sitting.

TERSE COMMENT

Attorney-General Robert Bonner had a terse comment.

"I've never walked away from a tough job in my life and I don't intend to now," he told reporters.

Opposition members applauded Mr. Bryan's "courage" and many sent him notes after his speech inviting him to cross the floor to their side of the House.

Mr. Bryan brushed off news-men, stating: "I've said everything I've got to say."

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John Tisdalle (SC, Saanich), who himself came dangerously near to being a rebel last session, said: "I don't mind some one rocking the boat to see if it's seaworthy, but there's no need to punch a hole in it and try to sink the ship."

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member, the general public, and
certainly not to the members on
the government side of the
House," he said. "The mere fact
that a member attacks a cabinet
minister is his own prerogative.
To attack a minister who can't
fight back puts a different light
on it altogether . . ."

TERRIFIC LOAD

Mr. Price stated that to hear
Mr. Bryan "you would almost
think the attorney-general was
part of some conspiracy, where-
as the attorney-general has had
to carry a terrific load in respect
to the whole case—none of
which is his own doing."

Reporters asked Mr. Price
whether the rebel member
would be barred from the gov-
ernment caucus or read from
the party. He paused for about
20 seconds, then said: "I can't
answer that."

Tony Gargrave (CCF, Mac-
kenzie) said he felt it was an
"excellent statement and one
that took a lot of courage. And
it was probably said better by
Bryan than anyone else, includ-
ing this side of the legislature."

George Gregory (Lib, Vic-
toria) said Bruce Brown,
former Liberal member for

Prince Rupert, had said exactly
the same thing in March 1956
and since then the demand for
Mr. Bonner's resignation had
been proposed many times from
the opposition.

"It is of great significance
that a Social Credit member
echoed these demands in a cour-
ageous stand that will be long
remembered," said Mr. Greg-
ory. "I have been expecting
daily that Mr. Bonner's recent
trade mission to Europe would
mean his giving up the position
of attorney-general and concen-
trating on trade and industry.
It would not surprise me now
that today's demand will force
the premier to demand Mr. Bon-
ner's resignation from the
cabinet entirely."

Ran Harding (CCF, Kaslo-Slo-
can) said that Mr. Byran had
presented a "very sound and
studied statement of the picture
dealing with the Sommers case
and the charges coming out of
it."

"It rather surprised me to see
one of the government members
bring it up and I only hope we
will hear more from govern-
ment members in this regard,"
he said.

Dan Campbell (SC, Comox)
merely said: "It was an interest-
ing afternoon."

Cyril Shelford (SC, Omineca)
said Mr. Byran had been guilty
"of poor timing" but did not
elaborate.

Don Robinson (SC, Lillooet)
stated that Mr. Byran was

speaking as member for North
Vancouver and "I can't see why
he should not be allowed back in
the caucus."

"I don't agree with what he
said, but he has got a right to
say what he thinks," said Mr.
Robinson.

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North Vancouver MLA Risks Ouster from Party

'Resign', Socred Tells

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In

Sensational House

Attack

'You Have Failed In Your Duties'

By **PETER BRUTON**

A Social Credit backbencher who electrified the legislature yesterday with a demand that Attorney-General Robert Bonner resign over his handling of the Sommers case may be booted out of the party today.

Mei Bryan, 45-year-old member for North Vancouver, said the attorney-general had shown "a lack of ability to fulfill all the requirements of his high post and should resign his duties in favor of someone who can."

The bombshell hit the hushed and tense House late in the afternoon sitting.

Mr. Bryan condemned the way Mr. Bonner had handled the bribery allegations against former lands and forest minister Robert Sommers — a matter now before the courts.

The attorney-general blushed beet-red as the Socred MLA haltingly read a lengthy statement of criticism.

Top Social Credit officials said they were sure that if Premier Bennett had been in the legislature he would have immediately invited the Socred rebel to cross the floor and join the opposition.

But Premier Bennett and Opposition Leader Robert Strachan were both in Vancouver attending a social function for Queen Mother Elizabeth.

It is believed the government caucus will decide today what should be done about the matter. Speculation is rife that Mr. Bryan will be read out of the party or barred from the caucus and that he will cross the floor and become an independent Social Credit MLA.

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People Concerned

Mr. Bryan began by stating that the government's handling of the Sommers case had been causing extreme concern to people throughout the province.

He was not, he said, commenting on details of the case now before the courts.

"Over two years ago, statements were made concerning the operation of our great forest industry and the government of this province," he said. "They were given wide publicity. They led eventually to the resignation of a minister from the cabinet and a veritable storm of public controversy, court actions and counter-actions.

"The chain of subsequent developments led to charges which are now being adjudicated—where thousands of British Columbians felt they should have been adjudicated a long time ago, in the courts of our land," he continued. "The outcome of this case has absolutely

no bearing on what I have to say."

Mr. Bryan said what concerned the people of the province has been the "unsatisfactorily explained delay" in resolving the issue on the part of the attorney-general.

"I speak for myself, and, I believe, for thousands of people who have supported this government in expressing the solemn belief that the attorney-general of this province has failed to carry out his duties with the speed and efficiency his position demands," he stated.

"I may also remind those who do not share these views of mine that a very important principle is at stake here, a very precious principle and one I am not prepared to sacrifice in the interests of party unity," he added. "Here was developed a fundamental issue that should have been dealt with without any concern for political questions or party loyalties."

Respect Strained

Since 1953, he continued, the people of B.C. had been assured that the government now in power represented something new, clean and sincere—a new concept of government totally unlike the previous administrations in the province.

"I believe generally the people charged with governing our province today have shown a realization of this different concept of government, have shown it with a vigor and progressiveness that is reflected in the great strides forward taken by our economy," said Mr. Bryan.

"But I insist that the manner in which the attorney-general failed significantly to deal with an issue involving a cabinet minister and the government itself has placed a serious strain on the respect and support that this government has generally deserved," he said.

In the 1956 provincial election

campaign, he stated, he had been one of the candidates fighting for the government and believed Mr. Bonner's statements that the charges against Mr. Sommers were more sound and fury than substance.

"I, and candidates like me, were assured by the attorney-general's statement that the allegations were 'far-fetched,'" said the backbencher. "Mr. Speaker, people are puzzled by the fast-moving chain of events of recent months. First, a commission-type of inquiry was set up to probe the allegations, then it was hastily abandoned in favor of the outright charges of conspiracy against several persons.

"And all this, we must assume, was based on the same sequence of events and circumstances our attorney-general so blandly dismissed last year and the year before. What happened to change his concept of law enforcement so drastically?

Doubts of Thousands

"I am now voicing the serious doubts of thousands of British Columbians when I question the attorney-general's appreciation of basic concepts inherent in the high office he holds," stated the M.L.A. "His attitude during the past two years indicates, at best, a stubborn reluctance to forego his apparent belief that it wasn't necessary to establish Caesar's wife above

suspicion, not until developments threatened Caesar himself."

He said it was a grave moment for himself and that he had reached it only after the most serious consideration and soul searching, both for the government and for his own position.

"My considerations have left me with no alternative to an honest conviction that the attorney-general of this province has shown a great lack of ability to fulfill all the requirements of his high post and should resign his duties in favor of someone who can," he stated.

Mr. Bryan then went on to speak about his own riding.

After he sat down opposition benches gave him a vigorous desk-thumping applause. Government benches, including Mr. Bonner, also applauded although a little more reservedly than the opposition.

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Bruch Supports City University

H. J. Bruch, Social Credit member for Esquimalt, ranged from apples to ghost towns in a speech before the provincial legislature last night.

First speaker during an evening session of the legislature, the fast-talking Mr. Bruch traded blows with opposition members in the course of the evening, but retained his composure.

STAGGERED HOURS

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate the member for Esquimalt said he thought the department of education should consider the merits of staggered school bus hours, the "four quarter" system of classes similar to the United States, and the establishment of more university training courses "closer to home."

He said he would favor the establishment of a "limited university in Victoria."

DUAL PURPOSE

Mr. Bruch said school buses in some rural districts could operate more efficiently if they "ran one way to deliver students to elementary school at 8.45 a.m. and then on the return took students to high school at 9.15 instead of "a network" of buses delivering all students at 9 a.m.

He said the quarter system in the United States whereby four classes could use three classrooms by having a nine-month school year with one class out for holiday "each quarter," could be considered here to save classrooms.

CREST COPYRIGHT

The Esquimalt member expressed criticism of the man "who jumped the gun" by copyrighting the Province's centennial crest.

He suggested the copyrighter "should be prosecuted" for "even using the provincial emblem in applying for the copyright on the centennial crest."

The provincial emblem forms

part of the centennial emblem and its use is forbidden without permission of the lieutenant-governor and the cabinet, Mr. Bruch pointed out.

The man referred to is Vancouver clothes designer Art Parker who obtained a copyright on the centennial crest to use on some of his designs.

He entered a plea for consideration of the development of Nitinat Lake area on the west coast of Vancouver Island as a park area.

He said access was already possible by road, as witness the moving of emergency supplies by truck to the lake for Clo-oose Indian village after a coast ship failed to leave supplies by sea.

Distribution Of MLAs Protested

Victoria's representation in the provincial legislature was cited yesterday by a Vancouver MLA in stressing a claim Vancouver should have more members in the House.

"... With no disrespect for any sitting members assembled here, Victoria City has 31,502 registered voters and three members, or one for every 10,500 registered voters," Social Creditor Fred Sharp, second member for Vancouver East, told the House.

"Vancouver City, which represents almost one-third of the registered voters of this province, has nine members," he added. "In other words 33 per cent of the registered voters have only 17 per cent representation in this legislature and this does not indicate equitable representation."

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, Mr. Sharp said he noted further six constituencies in the province that have less than 4,000 registered voters per member—"and, in fact, in these constituencies there are only a total of 18,408 voters registered."

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Bonner

IT is the unusual that makes news, which is why the proposal by a Social Credit backbencher that the attorney-general should resign made the House sit up and take notice. Proposals of this kind by opposition members are apt to be a dime a dozen, it being their concept of legislative business to upset any minister or the whole government if they can. That is their principal stock in trade. It is something else again when one of the government's own supporters turns his guns against it.

One thing at least the incident makes clear, which is that no bar exists in Social Credit ranks against criticism of their leaders. Quite certainly Mr. Mel Bryan felt at liberty to speak his mind, even if what he had to say was against the pattern of his fellows. Nor is it to be expected that any punitive action will be taken by the Social Credit caucus, since in essence the protest is evidence of the freedom of action permitted on the government side of the House. Nevertheless a degree of courage is implied when a government supporter indicts a cabinet minister, and to that extent Mr. Bryan has demonstrated the strength of his

convictions. The wisdom of his action is another matter.

Mr. Bonner of course will not resign. Cabinet ministers do not tamely give up office merely because their method of administration does not please every single member of their party. If they did cabinet ministers would be resigning every day in every land where parliamentary procedures hold sway. There is also the question of collective cabinet responsibility and in the present instance Mr. Bonner could scarcely bow to Mr. Bryan without Premier Bennett being involved. Rightly enough the premier would regard any such step as wholly inapposite.

One thing apt to be forgotten as opposition members in particular seek to keep the Sommers issue alive in the Legislature is that the matter which provoked Mr. Bryan's unusual course of action is before the courts. It will be resolved definitely there. When the case is completed perhaps that will be time enough to judge the propriety of Mr. Bonner's administration of his department, and whether or not it warranted the strictures of the member for North Vancouver.

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B.C. Mining 'in Suspense'

Anti-Tariff Fight Set

MLAs Demand Ottawa Action Against U.S.

The B.C. legislature voted unanimously Thursday in favor of a resolution aimed at protecting the province's faltering base metals industry against a threatened United States tariff on import of base metals.

The resolution expressed the opinion the B.C. government should make immediate representations to the federal government urging it to do "everything possible" to prevent the U.S. tariff on imports of lead and zinc.

It was presented by Leo Nimick (CCF, Cranbrook) and seconded by Ran Harding (CCF, Kaslo-Slocan), who told the house the mining industry in his riding was "in suspense" and that the threat of the tariff was slowing mines down.

Social Credit member from Atlin, William Asselstine, said he hoped a greater understanding could be reached between Canadian and United States members of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

He said U.S. members of the

union were lobbying in Washington for the placing of the tariff while members in Canada were urging Ottawa to fight against it.

"There's no doubt the union is doing everything possible in Washington to put our miners in British Columbia out of work," he charged.

He said in view of the "brotherly love" supposed to

exist among members of the same union they should "get together and give consideration to each other's problems."

"This should be a lesson to us in Canada," Mr. Harding told the House. He said in future B.C. should strive to increase industry and manufacture so the province's raw materials could be utilized in full at home.

Mines Minister Kenneth Kier-

nan said the province had been assured by the federal government representations had been made to the U.S.

Maverick MLA Escapes Axe After Outburst

BY PETER BRUTON

Rebel Socred Mel Bryan has apparently escaped public punishment from the government for openly demanding the resignation of Attorney-General Robert Bonner in the legislature Wednesday.

For the time being at least, the 45-year-old member for North Vancouver will remain as a government backbencher despite his open revolt against the attorney-general.

MOST DEMOCRATIC

Premier Bennett, who was away when the member made his dramatic announcement, merely said it was just another example showing why "the Social Credit movement is the most democratic in the whole of Canada."

The diminutive Socred demanded Mr. Bonner's resignation over the government's handling of the two-year-old Sommers bribery case — which is now before the courts.

PRAISE BY CCF

Two CCF members — Rae Eddie of New Westminster and Arthur Turner of Vancouver East—both praised Mr. Bryan's action in speeches yesterday.

Mr. Turner said the Socred had echoed sentiments that were "exactly what thousands are saying no matter what their political affiliation."

Mr. Eddie said everyone in the legislature admired Mr. Bryan's sincerity and purpose.

SITS UNSMILING

Mr. Bryan himself sat at his desk, unsmiling.

"I am still a member of the government," he told reporters.

The only noticeable thing different yesterday was the way other Social Credit backbenchers treated Mr. Bryan—as though he had leprosy.

The North Vancouver rebel intimated he would vote as he had spoken when matters concerning Mr. Bonner arose—that

is, with the opposition against the government.

The premier said "rush of business" kept him away from the caucus meeting yesterday.

"Would Mr. Bryan remain a member of the party?" a reporter asked.

"As far as I know," replied the premier. "I never attack anyone. I only invite people into our movement, never do I invite anyone out."

He said he could see no parallel between what Mr. Bryan did Wednesday and what he, himself did when he dramatically crossed the floor and became an independent prior to his joining the Social Credit party in 1952.

Mr. Bonner

convictions. The wisdom of his action is another matter.

Mr. Bonner of course will not resign. Cabinet ministers do not tamely give up office merely because their method of administration does not please every single member of their party. If they did cabinet ministers would be resigning every day in every land where parliamentary procedures hold sway. There is also the question of collective cabinet responsibility and in the present instance Mr. Bonner could scarcely bow to Mr. Bryan without Premier Bennett being involved. Rightly enough the premier would regard any such step as wholly inapposite.

One thing apt to be forgotten as opposition members in particular seek to keep the Sommers issue alive in the Legislature is that the matter which provoked Mr. Bryan's unusual course of action is before the courts. It will be resolved definitely there. When the case is completed perhaps that will be time enough to judge the propriety of Mr. Bonner's administration of his department, and whether or not it warranted the strictures of the member for North Vancouver.

Gagliardi Plane Bills Face CCF Scrutiny

Opposition members plan to make a detailed examination of Highways Minister P. A. Gagliardi's expense vouchers.

The minister, who led the cabinet with travelling expenses of \$5,043 in the fiscal year ending March 31 last, yesterday agreed that these were only his "out of pocket" expenses and that he did have some more.

CCFers are already saying that actually the minister had expenses of some \$75,000 for the

year when the upkeep and replacement of engines in his departmental aircraft are taken into account.

Mr. Gagliardi said yesterday that he racked up some additional expenses in such things as air travel. He uses a credit card and the bill is charged back to the government.

CCF members on the legislative public accounts committee have asked that all vouchers from the minister's department be produced for examination.

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Gaglardi Gets North Island

Road Plea

Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi today will receive a petition urging action on the building of a long-awaited access road to the northern area of Vancouver Island.

Dan Campbell, Social Credit member for Comox, told the legislature yesterday he would hand the petition, which has been signed by 2,039 residents of the area, to the highways minister "in his office today."

He said he hoped the petition would be studied carefully and the road request brought to "a successful conclusion."

Sought is a road from Kelsey Bay to Port Hardy linking the

cut-off northern area from the rest of Vancouver Island.

Mr. Campbell said it was not a road in "but an access out" that was needed for an area that has contributed a great deal to the province.

He said people in the area were "very unhappy about the North Island road . . . and the trickles of information they obtain about what is happening to their road."

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Vodka Issue Coming Up

Talking Politics—By Peter Bruton

20,000 Bottles Enough,

Mr. Bonner?

HEY, COMMISSAR!: What constitutes "sufficient demand?"

As if he didn't have enough troubles already, Attorney-General Robert Bonner is going to have to come up with an answer for that question when the subject of vodka sales crops up later in the session.

This column learned yesterday that 1,640 cases of the odorless, tasteless vodka have been ordered through the Liquor Control Board since George Gregory (Lib., Victoria) trail-blazed the way some nine months ago.

That's 19,680 bottles.

Attorney-General Bonner has taken the view that until there is sufficient public demand for vodka it won't be sold by the bottle in B.C. But anyone who has \$54 to spare and wants to order it by the case may do so.

Apparently 20,000 bottles in nine months doesn't constitute a big enough public demand—although a new review will be made this year.

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NEVER THE TWAIN SHALL MEET: The scheduled inaugural trip of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between North Vancouver and the most northerly terminals next fall is sparking new rivalry between Dawson Creek and Fort St. John.

"There's no doubt about it—the first train will go from North Vancouver straight to Fort St. John," according to Harold E. Roche, Social Credit member for North Peace River.

"Why, of course the train will go to Dawson Creek first," said Stan Carnell, Social Credit member for South Peace River.

The main line splits and runs into the two centres, making two terminals.

It's going to be a knotty problem for Premier Bennett to solve.

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JOB\$ AVAILABLE: Fred Sharp (SC, Vancouver East) ended his speech in the Throne debate yesterday by noting he had done little else than ask for more money for his riding.

"I know the premier will be liberal," he added as the members laughed.

"He'll be going after Lester Pearson's job next," commented CCF leader Robert Strachan.

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SO THE PEOPLE MAY KNOW: Social Credit prides it-

self with being "the government that keeps you informed." Apparently the opposition and even a few Socred backbenchers doubt this.

Cabinet ministers are at present reeling under a bombardment of questions fired from all sides of the legislature. In the first five days of the session, 76 questions ranging in subject matter from vodka to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, have been asked compared with a grand total of 97 queries for the entire session last year.

"It's an indication of the questions the people of B.C. want answered," explained CCF Leader Robert Strachan. "It shows how disturbed the people are about the lack of real information coming from the government."

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED: Opposition Leader Strachan once again tried to get some action on the subject of oral questions in the legislature yesterday—and failed.

The matter of an oral question period at the beginning of each day's sitting has been brought up frequently and turned down just as quickly.

Yesterday Mr. Strachan tried a new tack.

He rose and asked Health Minister Eric Martin what was

going to be done about the resignation of the public health nurse at Qualicum who quit over government economy measures, thus leaving 160 children without anyone to give them their final polio immunization shots.

Mr. Martin just sat there.

"Next order of business," said Mr. Speaker Hugh Shantz.

"Won't you answer?" called the CCF leader to the health minister.

"I want the question in writing,"

said Mr. Martin, after a brief word with Premier Bennett.

"Won't answer questions, eh?" called Mr. Strachan. "Don't you know the answer?"

"Put the question in writing," replied Mr. Martin.

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Reserve Lifted From Iron Ore

The provincial government has lifted its reserve on iron ore on the whole coastal area, including Vancouver Island.

The move has a two-fold aim: to encourage more exploration for iron properties, and at the same time control exports from the province.

Under terms of an order-in-council passed by the cabinet this week, prospectors are now free to hunt for iron ore.

However, they must record with the department the fact they are staking for iron when filing claims.

When a lease is granted, the government reserves the right to 50 per cent of the amount of ore in the property.

EXPORT RIGHTS

The operator is free to do anything he wants with the other half, including export.

The lease holder has the first right to mine and sell the Crown's share of the iron ore, subject to the approval of the minister of mines.

The new regulations are part of the government's continuing drive to have an iron and steel industry in the province, and discourage export of iron ore.

The province has no constitutional power to prevent exports. It attempted to get around this at the last legislature session by imposing a special tax on ore in the ground, applied only to iron.

The new regulations do not affect properties which were staked before 1951, when the reserve was placed.

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B.C. Collected Record Revenues

Record revenues of \$270,783,792 were collected by the provincial government in the fiscal year ended last March 31, the public accounts tabled in the legislature today disclosed.

This represented an increase of \$43,530,418 over the 1955-56 fiscal year.

The public accounts give no clue to the state of the government's revenues in the current year, but it is almost certain they will not have accelerated at the same rate.

All eyes will be focussed on the budget to be brought down by Premier Bennett in a few weeks' time, when the controller-general's report will give an accounting of revenues for the first nine months of the current year.

There is increasing evidence that the general slump in the economy during 1957 was felt by the government, particularly in its revenue from the forest industry.

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These are borrowings of agencies such as the B.C. Power Commission, PGE and Toll Highways and Bridges Authority which are guaranteed by the government.

The total of these liabilities stood at \$241,334,638 at last March 31.

During the 1956-57 year the direct debt was decreased by \$27,727,470 and fixed assets were increased by \$61,395,561 for an improvement of \$85,689,145 in the balance sheet.

From the \$270,000,000 in revenues, \$14,343,996 went to fixed debt charges, \$158,672,344 for current services, \$31,984,553 for hospital insurance service, and \$62,916,130 for capital expenditure out of income.

This left a revenue surplus of \$6,812,505 for the year, which together with a withdrawal of \$8,187,494 from the revenue surplus account enabled a supplementary sinking fund instalment of \$15,000,000.

LIQUOR EARNS \$25 MILLION FOR PROVINCE

Liquor continues to be one of the province's biggest money-makers.

Public accounts tabled in the legislature today show the Liquor Control Board made a net profit of \$25,048,630 in the fiscal year ended last March 31.

This represents an increase of almost \$2,500,000 over the previous year.

Total sales during the 1956-57 fiscal year were \$88,201,269. This was made up of \$63,118,245 in sales to the public and \$25,083,023 to licensees.

TWO NEW MLAS SPEAK FRIDAY

Two new Socred members in the provincial legislature will make their maiden speeches in the House Friday.

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More Aid for B.C. Cities Promised in Throne Speech

Public Schools, Municipal Acts To Be Revamped

By PETER MURRAY
Times Legislative Reporter

More provincial aid for B.C. cities and municipalities was pledged by the government today in the Speech from the Throne read at the opening of the new legislative session.

The Speech, read by Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross, contained no surprises.

It told of the government's legislative program for the session, including forecast amendments to the Forestry Act, Public Schools Act and Municipal Act.

No hint was given what form the new aid to municipalities will take. One likelihood is increased financial contributions by the provincial government toward development of main roads.

The Speech, written by Premier Bennett, disclosed the government will submit a revised Public Schools Act at this session.

Following the appointment last week of a three-man royal commission to inquire into the B.C. education system, there was speculation the government might put off the revision until the commission report was received.

Reorganization of the provincial jail system this year as the result of the opening of the Haney Correctional Institution was forecast in the Speech.

One of the changes planned by the government is believed

Throne Speech Highlights

1. More aid to municipalities.
2. New forestry legislation.
3. Reorganization of provincial jail system.
4. Revision of Public Schools Act.
5. Changes to Municipal Act.
6. Revision of municipal employees superannuation plan.

to be abolition of the New Haven Borstal Home.

Also to be submitted to the legislature this session will be proposals to increase the province's vocational and apprenticeship education program.

Adequate Pensions for City Workers

The Municipal Superannuation Act will be amended at this session.

"This legislation will enable realistic and adequate superannuation allowances for municipal employees upon their retirement from municipal service."

Amendments will also be made to the Public Services Medical Plan Act for government employees, which was proclaimed last summer.

"Bugs" in the new Municipal Act which showed up after it was hastily pushed through at the last session will be dealt with.

One change is expected to see the regulation of store closing hours given back to the municipalities.

The Throne Speech said the government intends at this session to implement "certain recommendations" of the Sloan Royal Commission report on forestry.

One is expected to include the creation of regional boards and a central advisory council to assist the government on forestry matters.

The government has already started this program with the appointment of Gordon Sloan as \$50,000-a-year forestry adviser, in which position he would serve as chairman of the advisory council.

Sloan Appointment To Be Hot Topic

The Sloan report and his subsequent appointment are expected to be the hottest subjects at this session.

On the unemployment problem, which the CCF will also raise during the session, the Throne Speech said:

"My government will, on their own, and in co-operation with

the national and municipal governments, do everything possible to increase employment and to assist those who, through reasons beyond their control cannot find employment."

The speech said "tight money" is continuing to have a harmful effect on the economy. The government expects this year to receive the Crippen-Wright engineering study on the hydro potential of the Columbia River, the Throne Speech disclosed.

It was also stated that soil surveys of the Columbia River basin undertaken by the International Joint Commission have now been completed.

The Throne Speech also paid tribute to former Premier John Hart and former Social Credit cabinet member Ralph Chetwynd, who died last year.

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NORMAN CRIBBENS IN THE LEGISLATURE



The visitor from Russia might notice little difference between the opening of the mother Parliaments in Westminster and the opening of the B.C. Legislature in Victoria.

The colorful ritual is the same except that in Westminster the Speech from the Throne is read by a radiant young Queen and in Victoria by Her Majesty's representative the Lieutenant-Governor.

But the Russian visitor to Victoria might be puzzled to hear the staid ceremonies interrupted by strange mutterings about a courthouse.

"Kaut-aus, vat iss a kaut-aus?" he might ask.

And then someone would have to explain that the un-intimidated Liberal members of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition—George Gregory and Archie Gibbs—felt so strongly about the need for a new home for Victoria's lawyers and judges that they had to inject it into the ceremonies.

They did so when Public Works Minister W. N. Chant asked leave to present his departmental report for the year, and again when Premier Bennett, as finance minister, begged permission to present his.

"The courthouse — what about the courthouse?" asked Mr. Gregory in politely modulated tones.

"Yes, what about the courthouse?" murmured Mr. Gibbs — with an offstage obligato by CCF Leader Robert Strachan.

Neither Mr. Chant nor the premier would allow them-

selves to be drawn into a dissertation on courthouses (however great the temptation might be). And so, with indulgent grins and paternal shakes of the head, they resumed their seats.

Otherwise the state opening of British Columbia's centennial Legislature passed according to plan. The customary salute of 15 guns, ranged along the waterfront, was fired as Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross and his aides arrived at the front steps of the Legislative Buildings.

This year the guard of honor was formed by 100 members of the Canadian Scottish Regiment under Capt. Pat Chaworth-Musters of Duncan and Lieut. Ken Jackson of Victoria, with Lieut. Ian Hogarth as color officer.

The salute was fired by the Fifth Independent Medium Battery, RCA, under the command of Major Douglas Nelson.

In the red-carpeted legislature, former lands and forests minister, Robert Sommers, sat immediately behind Premier Bennett and next to Mrs. Buda Brown, Social Credit member for Point Grey, and former chief justice Gordon Sloan — always a staid enigmatic figure.

Wearing a quiet grey suit and tie, Mr. Sommers followed the proceedings with arms folded on chest, a sad look in his eyes. In the corridors, afterwards, he greeted old friends with a hearty handshake but said little.

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Premier Bennett and his cabinet, in black coats and striped pants, formed a solid front on the government side of the House, and the brave show of medals worn by Attorney-General Robert Bonner attracted attention.

In his very formal contributions to the program, the premier spoke more slowly and deliberately than in previous sessions, creating the impression he is anxious to sound more impressive.

Recreations Minister Earle Westwood looked less funereal than during his first (1957) term and on one occasion appeared almost irreverent.

That was when the Premier and Opposition Leader Robert Strachan, seized Lorne Shantz, according to custom, and "persuaded" him to take on the office of Speaker in succession to Tom Irwin, who resigned after being elected to the federal house last June.

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With his quiet modest utterances, Mr. Shantz won the sympathy of everyone in the House, since it was obvious that the shy member from North Okanagan would have a tough road ahead.

But he spoke clearly and in a voice that carried a note of authority. Perhaps, as the session proceeds, he will exert it.

CROWDS GETTING SMALLER

House 'Spectacular' Has Rating Troubles

By NORMAN CRIBBENS

"What's going on here?" asked a man outside the B.C. legislature Thursday afternoon as the killed Canadian Scottish (Princess Mary's) swung into view.

"Oh, just the opening of parliament," said another man in a tired voice. "They're waiting for the lieutenant-governor to arrive."

This seemed characteristic of a certain apathy towards the opening of the House. The crowds were much smaller this year and no one looked the least bit excited by the thunder of the cannons or the fine body of marching men.

DRIFTED AWAY

Many drifted off during the hour-long wait for the re-appearance of Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross after opening the House.

Inside, the ceremonies were brightened by the introduction of new members William Speare (SC-Cariboo), Cedric Cox (CCF-Burnaby) and Gordon Gibson (SC-Delta).

There was a silent standing tribute to the late Ralph Chet-

wynd, former minister of agriculture who died soon after the close of the last session.

Otherwise the opening ceremonies went strictly according to the rules laid down for the opening of legislatures all over the British Commonwealth.

\$41 Million B.C. Surplus Started Year

Buoyant government revenues during the fiscal year ending last March 31 enabled the provincial government to start the 1957-58 year with \$41,169,868 in its revenue surplus account, it was disclosed by public accounts tabled in the legislature.

When he presented his budget two years ago Premier Bennett expected to use up all but \$4,500,000 out of an accumulated surplus of \$49,365,603.

The money largely was allocated for roads.

However, revenues from taxes and other sources soared to unprecedented levels, reaching a total of \$270,000,000 against an estimated \$224,000,000.

The result was that instead of almost wiping out the heavy surplus backlog, the province finished the year with \$41,169,868 in the kitty, only \$8,000,000 less than it had the previous year.

Intriguing question for legislators now in session here is how much of this surplus may have been used during the current year when revenues have been falling off slightly.

The answer to this will be given when Mr. Bennett makes his budget speech two weeks hence.

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The Curtain Goes Up

THE SPEECH FROM THE Throne, which cannot give detailed Government plans for legislation at the new British Columbia session—and would not if it could—at least provides hints of projects that carry wide interest.

Of major concern will be forestry policy—a subject on which debate cannot be restricted by the appointment of Mr. Gordon Sloan as adviser to the government on this chief money-making resource of the province.

Along with the broad questions of use, conservation and maintenance of the forests and the condition of industries on which British Columbia depends so heavily for prosperity, will also be discussion on features of administration.

Within the limits prescribed by certain court action now proceeding, the legislature will doubtless delve into earlier conduct of forest affairs. It will, moreover, have occasion to debate the methods by which the Government and certain ministers exercised, or failed to exercise, their authority in protecting the public interest in such matters.

This is a point, of course, with which the Speech from the Throne does not concern itself.

The Speech does, however, announce revision of the "Public Schools Act," and at a time when the Government has already set up a Royal Commission to re-assess educational fields up to the university level. What impact changes in the act will have on commission studies remains to be seen. Conceivably the amendments might deal with educational finance—a realm

beyond the jurisdiction of the commission.

It is gratifying to find formal announcement of matching-grant aid from the Government for the University of British Columbia to the extent of \$7.5 millions. This is in line with understandings reached when the University's Development Fund Committee made its appeal to the public for support.

The Speech is brief in its words concerning cities and municipalities. "Certain plans to further assist cities and municipalities will be submitted to you," it states. Whether that further assistance will meet the pressing needs of the announced beneficiaries remains to be seen.

As was expected the Government plans to reopen the Municipal Act passed at the last session—a course rendered essential by certain glaring faults in the legislation originally rushed through without adequate study.

Particular interest will no doubt be aroused by the announced plan to reorganize the jail service.

Conforming to custom, the Speech lists the accomplishments of the administration in the year completed, makes general promises of efforts to expand provincial development and carry through major public works programs.

Since this is the Speech from the Throne of the Centennial session, it naturally draws attention to special events, and the visit of Princess Margaret later this year.

The formality of the Speech lifts the curtain on a new legislative drama. No one can tell at this point what the unrehearsed—and usually more significant—scenes will contain.

B.C. Control Sought Over Telephone Firm

LEGISLATURE LILY GUILD LAMPOONED

Much of the talk in the legislative corridors on opening day Thursday was about the centennial year decorations on the front of the main buildings.

Almost all of it was unfavorable.

Adjectives such as "gaudy," "cheap" and "garish" were heard.

"The standards of decoration used are of a standard you would expect at the entrance to a carnival side show," commented Opposition Leader Robert Strachan.

CCF Leader Wants Ottawa To Give Up Jurisdiction

An attempt to have the B.C. Telephone Co. placed under provincial jurisdiction will be made by the CCF at the current legislative session.

Opposition Leader Robert Strachan served notice today he will introduce a motion that the provincial government should ask Ottawa to have control of the company reverted to B.C.

INEFFECTIVE

Mr. Strachan said B.C. Telephone now is "subject only to limited and ineffective control" by the federal board of transport commissioners.

His motion said the province should have control of B.C. Telephone Co. so that rates and service could be regulated by the PUC.

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THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

Unusual view of crowded legislative chamber is shown in this picture by Times photographer Bill Halkett. It was taken Thursday as Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross read Speech from Throne

opening second session of 25th Legislature. View through main doors shows packed assembly floor, and equally full Speaker's gallery above. Session is expected to last six to eight weeks.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1958

'Playing Politics' Charge Fans House Jobless Debate

By PETER MURRAY

Unemployment touched off an unscheduled and angry debate in the legislature Friday.

The traditional second-day procedure was shattered when Opposition Leader Robert Strachan rose at the start of the sitting to move that the Throne Speech debate be adjourned to allow immediate discussion of the unemployment problem.

The government voted him down after Speaker Hugh Shantz had ruled the motion out of order, but opened the gates to the debate by moving another motion that unemployment be referred to the House labor committee.

The words flew thick and fast, with each side accusing the other of "playing politics" with the unemployment situation.

It was a harrowing baptism

of fire for Speaker Shantz, who was just elected to the chair on opening day Thursday.

The debate — mainly between CCF Leader Strachan and Premier Bennett — crackled for about an hour, then fell away into a hassle over amendments and amendments to amendments.

Final vote on Labor Minister

Wick's motion to refer the subject to the labor committee was taken at 5 p.m., two hours after the sitting began.

The vote was unanimous, with the reluctant support of the Opposition.

"Half a loaf is better than none," said Mr. Strachan, who said the problem was a matter

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of urgent public business and should be discussed immediately.

Finally, at 5.07, William Speare, the newly-elected Social Credit member for Cariboo, arose to move the reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The unemployment debate almost precipitated a night sitting, but the House was adjourned until 2 p.m. Monday when Mr. Speare finished his 35-minute speech.

Gordon Gibson, new government member for Delta, who was to have seconded the reply to the Throne Speech Friday, will speak first on Monday. He will be followed by Mr. Strachan, who will launch the Throne Speech debate.

During Friday's debate, Premier Bennett accused the opposition, specifically Mr. Strachan, of being "discourteous" to the

new members in holding up their speeches.

The CCF leader touched off the battle by asking leave of the House for an adjournment to discuss unemployment.

Speaker Shantz, previously forewarned by Mr. Strachan of his intended motion, ruled that it was out of order.

The Speaker agreed that unemployment is a matter of urgent public business, but said the motion was out of order because it "anticipated" business to come before the legislature at a later time in the session. This was because unemployment had been mentioned in the Throne Speech as a matter which would be considered by the House.

Mr. Strachan challenged the Speaker's ruling, which was upheld by the government in a 37-12 vote.

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Tactical Win for Opposition

That appeared to end the discussion, but then Mr. Wicks made his motion to refer the question to the labor committee and the subject was opened again.

After Mr. Strachan had finished speaking on the motion, Speaker Shantz attempted to cut the debate off, but Premier Bennett demanded an opportunity to answer the leader of the opposition.

The Speaker then asked for a vote on whether the debate should continue, and the government members were in the embarrassing position of having to agree that it should.

It was a tactical victory for the opposition.

Mr. Strachan said the opposition took the only method open to it under our parliamentary system to show the urgency of the unemployment problem.

"We are not here to cry havoc," he said, "but neither are we here to sweep it under the rug."

Latest unemployment figure for the province was 51,175, the CCF leader said.

Mr. Strachan said Mr. Wick's motion was "tardy and incomplete, and doesn't face up to the problem."

To Mr. Wick's claim that the former Liberal government's "tight money" policy was to blame for present unemployment, Mr. Strachan replied:

"We heard all that last year. The government is just making excuses for what it should have done itself."

The provincial government has not taken full advantage of offers made by Ottawa for participation in job-providing work projects, the CCF leader said.

Bennett Charges Manoeuvre

Mr. Strachan criticized Labor Minister Wicks for using the phrase "seasonal unemployment" in his motion to refer to the committee.

"The minister still doesn't know what it's all about," Mr. Strachan said, "because he talks about seasonal unemployment. That's a fairy wish that it will go away."

Premier Bennett charged that the original CCF motion was a "straight political manoeuvre."

"They (the opposition) stand naked before the people of B.C.," the premier said, to the accompaniment of hoots from the CCF benches.

The premier and Mr. Strachan got into a hot exchange when the CCF leader said:

"If the premier wants a dog fight, he can have one."

That brought the premier to his feet in an angry flush: "The leader of the opposition can't threaten the prime minister of B.C."

Mr. Bennett, after accusing Mr. Strachan of making a political speech, injected a bit of politics into his own speech:

"The Social Credit government leads the world in getting things done per capita," he said.

The government's expansion programs for the PGE and Power Commission were helping to provide jobs, Mr. Bennett said.

The premier also hit out at "tight money" and blamed the present economic decline on the central banks, which he said had mistaken a deflationary

problem for an inflationary one.

Defending the government's record, Mr. Bennett said:

"This is a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

The premier wound up by saying proposals to help combat unemployment would be placed before the legislature "in due course."

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IN THE LEGISLATURE

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When people stand up in the public galleries, as they did Friday afternoon, you can be sure something exciting is happening on the floor of the House.

So it was that both men and women rose to their feet during the unexpected hassle on unemployment which developed between Premier Bennett and CCF leader Robert Strachan—and were as quickly ordered to sit down.

"No standing in the galleries, please," said the attendants.

This is apt to be provoking when you are stretching your neck to get a proper view of Premier Bennett's quivering

forefinger (pronouncing doom on the CCF) or Mr. Strachan shaking his fist at the government.

One elderly gentleman was so irritated by being told to sit down during these exchanges that he turned to the attendant and said:

"Am I permitted to stand in order to leave this place?"

The attendant nodded and the gentleman left in what look like a bit of a huff.

Pleasantries Between Bennett, Uphill

The premier was in full flood when for some strange reason Tom Uphill, the pucky 83-year-old Labor member from Fernie, raised the glass of water on his desk and smiling across at Mr. Bennett, said: "I drink your health."

The premier, of course, made full use of this.

"There," he cried, pointing at Mr. Uphill. "There is the only genuine Labor man in this house. He drinks my health because he knows I am sincere when I say this government has the interests of labor at heart."

Mr. Uphill bowed an acknowledgment. Some of the CCF members started to laugh, but broke off quickly when they realized the premier was not just patting his government on the back but Mr. Uphill as well. And Tom, with his 38 years' consecutive experience in the House, is respected by all.

When Premier Bennett gets worked up his words have a habit of coming out in a rush, one on top of the other.

"Th-banks-are-to-blame," he exploded.

Then hastened to say that

Cariboo Member Makes Good Debut

Young William Speare, the new Social Credit member for Cariboo, made his debut two hours late because of the unemployment debate.

He received a thunderous welcome and spoke in a firm, strong voice that promises well in future debates. His tribute to the late Ralph Chetwynd, his predecessor, was well and tastefully expressed.

Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross ignored a severe pain in

he did not mean the chartered banks but the Bank of Canada, which had "caused unemployment by restricting purchasing power."

"You said the bankers were to blame," interrupted Mr. Strachan.

"That's right," answered the premier, "I said the Bank of Canada. What do you think they are—bakers?"

These sort of jokes don't look so funny on paper yet somehow when the premier makes them there is an answering roar of laughter, as if a great vaudeville star were at work on the floor of the House.

Then, of course, the premier had to have his little joke about the Liberal party.

"There," he cried, pointing across the House at George Gregory and Archie Gibbs, "are the gallant remnants of that once great party."

Neither Mr. Gregory nor Mr. Gibbs seemed to mind being called remnants—especially gallant remnants. At any rate they wore their red-rose buttonholes with an air of gallantry and smiled back at the Premier without a trace of hostility.

his back in order to deliver the Throne Speech in the legislature Thursday.

He was suffering from what is believed to be a slipped spinal disc, but insisted on attending the house opening as the Queen's representative.

His Honor suffered this injury several days ago. He has been undergoing twice-daily medical treatment and is under doctor's orders to rest as much as possible.

B.C.'s Highway Program Hit

Government Not Doing All It Claims Says Strachan—Trans-Canada Delayed

CCF Leader Robert Strachan claimed Friday the government's road-building program is not all that it's cracked up to be.

In the 1956-57 fiscal year, "this government wasn't doing all the work it was bragging about," he said in the Legislature.

Mr. Strachan said it did only enough work on the Trans-Canada Highway to collect \$7.

000,000 from the federal government in matching grants, instead of the \$15,000,000 it had estimated at the start of the year.

"It isn't how much money you spend," Highways Minister P. A. Gagliardi boomed across at him, "it's how much road you build."

Later, Premier Bennett admitted the government had deliberately held back its Trans-Canada highway program during the year because it was negotiating a better deal with Ottawa at the time.

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Plea Made to Save Fernie From Fate of Ghost Town

The provincial government
was urged in the legislature
Friday to seek some means of
saving the city of Fernie from
becoming a ghost town.

The city is threatened by clo-
sure of the Crow's Nest Coal
Co. colliery at Elk River, put-
ting 400 miners out of work.

The subject was raised in the
House by George Gregory (Lib.-
Victoria), who said a delegation
of Fernie officials which met
with the cabinet earlier in the
day was disappointed because

it received no commitment from
the government.

"They were desperate," Mr.
Gregory said.

He moved an amendment dur-
ing the debate on unemploy-
ment that the situation faced
by Fernie be given priority by
the House labor committee. The
government rejected the amend-
ment, but later accepted a
separate motion having the
same effect.

UPHILL LEADS

Tom Uphill, veteran labor
member for Fernie, made a pas-
sionate plea on behalf of his
constituents.

No company should have the
right, Mr. Uphill said, to close
down a mine at a moment's
notice without making some
compensation to the people who
had spent their lives there.

He urged Premier Bennett to
consult with Premier Manning
of Alberta on the situation. The
Alberta government is inter-
ested, Mr. Uphill said, because
a number of the miners live in
Alberta and work at the Elk
River colliery.

Randolph Harding (CCF—
Kaslo-Slocan), said Fernie is
"faced with a disaster that must
be averted."

Leo Nimsick (CCF, Cran-
brook) said the government
should call in officials of the
Crow's Nest Coal Co. and ask
them to give their reasons for
closing down the colliery.

Mines Minister Kiernan said
the government had told the
company that it had acted
"rather abruptly."

However, the minister said
the company maintains that as
the result of the railroad's con-
version to diesel engines, the ad-
vent of natural gas and failure
to secure overseas markets
made it uneconomic to operate
two collieries. It plans to keep
the colliery at Michel going, he
said.

Northern MLA Lauds Wengren

Socred Member Says Area Residents Enthusiastic About Gigantic Project

The people of north-central British Columbia are
"most enthused" about the proposed Wenner-Gren de-
velopment, William Speare, new Social Credit member
for Cariboo, said in the Legislature Friday.

In his maiden speech moving
the reply to the Speech from the
Throne, Mr. Speare said north-
ern residents have full confi-
dence in the Wenner-Gren pro-
posals.

"Conversant with the region
involved, they quite appreciate
the transformation and tre-
mendous benefit which will
evolve," he said.

Mr. Speare, a hospital admin-
istrator at Quesnel, also had
words of praise for the B.C.
Hospital Insurance Service.

"The people of this province
enjoy a public service health
program which serves as a
model for interested centres
across the face of the con-
tinent," he said.

"It is designed with flexibility
of adjustment, yet with meas-
ures of control that are essen-
tial to ensure its continued
operation."

"Let us not be misled by the
localized controversy inherent in
any adjustment and growth."

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Esquimalt Tops V.I. In Road Expenditure

Provincial highways department spent \$2,308,710 in Esquimalt riding during 1956-57 fiscal year to make it tops on Vancouver Island.

Total spending by the depart-

ment during the year was \$84,147,002, according to the annual report tabled in the legislature.

Almost two-thirds of the money spent in Esquimalt was for new construction of the Malahat highway.

Yale constituency topped all ridings in the province with \$7,754,567. Most of this was for Trans-Canada highway work in the Fraser Canyon.

Highways Minister P. A. Gagliardi's Kamloops riding was second at \$5,322,004.

Other Island ridings: Cowichan - Newcastle, \$1,331,186; Comox \$1,235,215; Nanaimo-Islands, \$785,953; Alberni \$427,596; Saanich \$318,558.

COURTHOUSE CRY

When? What? How? Why? Asks Gregory

Victoria Liberal MLA George Gregory isn't going to let Works Minister Chant forget about that promised new courthouse for the city.

Following up his opening-day question to the minister, Mr. Gregory placed these queries on the House order paper today:

1. With reference to the minister's announcement on or about Jan. 11, 1956, concerning a new courthouse for Victoria, has a site been chosen?

2. Have plans and specifications been prepared?

3. What is the estimated cost of the building?

4. How much money, if any, has been appropriated for the site and building?

5. When are tenders to be called?

6. When is the building expected to be completed?

7. What is the present state of affairs with respect to collaboration between the public works department, the Capital Regional Planning Board, and the Capital Improvement District Commission in connection with reference to the courthouse.



CCF LEADER STRACHAN
... help, not hinder

Minimum Milk Price Demanded In Legislature

Re-imposition by the provincial government of a minimum retail price for milk was called for Monday by CCF Leader Robert Strachan.

Mr. Strachan also demanded a complete re-examination of all regulations, orders and legislation affecting dairy farmers.

"The government has been using the milk producers as guinea pigs too long," he said in the legislature. "We should let the farmer earn a living without harrassing him with regulations."

FARMERS NEGLECTED

The opposition leader charged that agriculture is the most neglected part of our economy.

He called on the government to allocate \$10,000,000 in the forthcoming budget for the department of agriculture to provide fuller services to farmers. In the current fiscal year the budget is just under \$2,000,000.

Farmers are disgusted with the department because it is so under-staffed and cannot provide adequate services promptly, he said.

"The department is withering on the vine because the government fails to give it sustenance."

WHEN VOTES COUNT

The government is only interested in farmers in election years, Mr. Strachan said.

He urged the provincial government to get together with the federal government to seek measures that would give B.C. farmers "at least an equal break" with farmers outside the province who can sell their produce here with fewer restrictions.

Foreign produce has more freedom in B.C. than home-grown commodities, he said.

Little Rain Produced By Seeding of Clouds

Research Council Confirms Report Made to Legislature Last Year

The B.C. Research Council has confirmed its suspicions expressed a year ago that artificial rain-making operations are of little value.

In a second report tabled in the Legislature Monday by Lands and Forests Minister Williston, the council presents a batch of statistics to back up the first report presented at the 1957 session.

The first report found that cloud-seeding had "negligible" effects in producing rain.

In its latest report, the council stated:

"Evaluation of cloud-seeding operations in B.C. by more detailed and advanced statistical methods shows the over-all effect has been to increase precipitation by some value in excess of 0.33 per cent. The probability that the increase could be as much as 10 per cent is extremely small.

"No change in rainfall as a result of seeding has been proved.

"It is certain that if there are any net effects in areas of interest to interior agriculture and the coast tourist industry, they are negligibly small."

Social Assistance Boost Gets Support

Qualified support for social assistance increases, urged by city welfare administrator William Hooson, came from one provincial and three municipal sources today.

The provincial government was asked Monday by one of its own members in the legislature to step up the basic social allowance rates.

Gordon Gibson, new Social Credit MLA for Delta, said the government should also give more aid to municipalities in sharing the allowances.

He noted that assistance payments to the aged, disabled and blind in B.C. are the highest in Canada, but said he believes the government can do more.

NO COMMENT

Health and Welfare Minister Eric Martin said today he had "no comment whatsoever at this time."

"We have no control over what our private members say," he said.

In a series on social assistance, which appeared in the Times last week, Mr. Hooson

urged a \$15 increase for heads of families and \$7.50 increase for dependents.

Total cost of the increase to the province and municipalities would be \$2,500,000. On the 80-20 sharing basis Victoria would pay an additional \$18,500.

At the municipal level, Reeve Fred Norris of Oak Bay, and Reeve A. C. Wurtele of Esquimalt, indicated some further study should be made of the welfare situation.

KNOWLEDGE

Reeve Wurtele would make no comment regarding increases, but stated that "in reading what Mr. Hooson has to say, we must realize that he has a good deal of knowledge."

Coun. George Austin, acting reeve in Saanich, said "I'm afraid something is going to have to be done. How people on social assistance exist, God only knows. They should be given some kind of an increase."

Mayor Percy Scurrell said he had "no comment whatever until such time as I get more information."

Liberal MLA Asks Information On Forest Licence 'Skullduggery'

If there has been any "skullduggery" in the issuance of forest management licences in B.C. the public is entitled to know about it, Victoria Liberal MLA George Gregory told the B.C. legislature Monday.

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, Mr. Gregory urged that former chief justice Gordon Sloan in his new office as forestry adviser should conduct "a complete investigation" to determine whether firms now holding licences had acquired them on merit.

"I don't say there was any skullduggery," he added, "but if there was we should know of it."

He recalled that Mr. Sloan, in his report on forestry, had suggested existing forest management licences should be allowed to stand.

"He made that recommendation as chief justice after deliberately—and properly—refusing to hear evidence that there had been corruption in the issue of these licences.

"In his new office he is in a position to conduct a very full investigation and he should do so as early as possible."

Mr. Gregory said he and his Liberal colleague, Archie Gibbs (Oak Bay), were "much better pleased" with Mr. Sloan's appointment than Robert Strachan, leader of the CCF.

"But I think it is a terrible reflection on the current situation that we have to take one of the finest jurists in Canada off the bench so that he can clear up our forest problems."

LIFETIME WORK

"Except in exceptional circumstances, I like to feel that when a judge is appointed to the

bench he is going to make that his whole contribution to the welfare of the province.

"I certainly hope no more of our judges will be tempted to leave the bench, no matter what the inducement."

Mr. Gregory chided the government over its Municipal Act, passed at the 1957 session, and said he was delighted to know it would be revised.

"The Liberals alone foresaw what the result would be of this absolutely frightful legislation."

NORMAN CRIBBENS



IN THE LEGISLATURE

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If the B.C. government charged admission to the public galleries, it would have made something of a profit Monday afternoon.

Every seat was filled when the House opened at 2 p.m. "No room" signs were hung outside the doors and latecomers stood in the corridors peering curiously through the glass panes.

Those who visit the legislature in search of dramatic entertainment were treated to some verbal fireworks between CCF leader Robert Strachan, Premier Bennett and Attorney-General Robert Bonner, and later between Liberal George Gregory and former lands and forests minister Robert Sommers.

Like the novelists of old, Mr. Strachan gave no intimation in his opening chapter of the fireworks to come. In fact, he dampened expectations by promising a peaceful afternoon—in contrast to last Friday's battle over unemployment.

It soon appeared, however, that Mr. Strachan's intentions were far from peaceful. He lashed the government with such epithets as "penny-pinching" and "cheeseparing," accused them of "skulking behind a high-salaried benevolence, and taunted them with "You can't stand criticism—you have an almost pathological fear of it."

Then, just to make his point clear, he called them "a 20th century version of Cato the Censor."

Like many men before them, the premier and Mr. Bonner tried to receive this onslaught with a kind of philosophical benevolence, but soon weakened under the rain of blows and hit back with some taunts and gibes of their own.

Mr. Gregory's biting criticisms were as usual delivered with an air of sweet reasonableness and a studied deference to Premier Bennett as "our Prime Minister."

It was in such a manner that he referred to Mr. Sommers, saying: "I am glad the honorable member for Rossland-Trail is now well enough to take his seat in the legislature . . ."

This led to a flurry of abuse with Mr. Sommers using the term "yellow" and Mr. Gregory retorting: "I believe there was a certain court decision which indicates who is of that color."

The good humor of the House was restored when Mr. Gregory got onto his favorite topic—the old Victoria Courthouse (circa 1889).

Take away the filing cabinets, said Mr. Gregory, and the walls would fall like those of Jericho. The small debts court met in what was really a closet and some of the legal records were stored in a warehouse five miles away.

"You have to put in a requisition at least 24 hours before you need them."

The only improvement since the government took office, Mr. Gregory said, was the installation of a pay telephone in place of a free one—and now even that had gone.

A grand old man of the Yukon, 83-year-old George Black, was Premier Bennett's special guest on the floor of the House Monday.

He was formerly commissioner of the Yukon and Speaker in the Ottawa House of Commons when the late R. B. Bennett was prime minister of Canada.

"We are honored to have him with us today," Premier Bennett said.

At least one of the 12 neatly

uniformed boys from St. Louis College who run messages in the House has decided not to go into politics.

"It's very interesting," said 13-year-old Leigh Hill, "and I love it when the members get excited and bang their desks. But, no, I don't want to be a politician. I want to be a scientist and send up rockets to the moon."

A cynical bystander observed that politicians also send up rockets—but not to the moon.

Cancer Arguments Rage After Report

Controversy over the Hoxsey cancer treatments has not been stilled by the critical report of a UBC investigating committee.

A number of MLAs, both CCF and Social Credit, said today they believe the study of the Hoxsey methods should be continued.

Most outspoken was Randolph Harding (CCF-Kaslo-Slocan) who said he was "disappointed" with the committee's report.

"I had hoped the committee would have been able to give the cancer sufferers of this province hope that this clinic had a cure," Mr. Harding said.

"No doubt the report is very damaging to the Hoxsey method of treatment."

"However, the information which I have on file and the considerable number of cancer patients, even in the city of Vancouver, who claim that they have been cured by the Hoxsey method of treatment will certainly make me do a great deal more work on this matter before I would be willing to accept the report of the committee."

Mr. Harding said one of the weaknesses of the report was the fact that Hoxsey based his entire case on the submission of eight so-called cured patients to the committee.

"In the 59-page report the committee has given only one page dealing with these eight cases."

"In my opinion each case should have been dealt with individually and the committee should have shown in detail

why these respective cases were rejected."

Don Robinson (SC-Lillooet) said the inquiry should have been more extensive, and should be continued.

"Cancer is too important to overlook any aspect," Mr. Robinson said.

He added that he knew two people that had been cured of cancer at the Hoxsey clinic.

Gordon Dowding (CCF-Burnaby) said the committee should have spent longer than three days at the Dallas clinic. He urged a careful follow-up of the investigation.

Other MLAs who urged further study included Arthur Turner (CCF-Vancouver East) and Cyril Shelford (CCF-Omineca).

Meanwhile, Health and Welfare Minister Eric Martin said the report of the UBC committee will be of great value.

"It will certainly go a long way to clarifying the doubts in the minds of people," he said. "The report . . . speaks for itself and the people of British Columbia should pay close attention to its impartial findings."

Mr. Martin said great interest has been expressed in the inquiry outside the province, and a number of requests have been received for copies of the report.

National Drive For Hoxsey Arsens' Plan

Lydia Arsens said today she plans to organize a cross-Canada drive for membership in the National Health Federation so the government will know "the true feelings of the people" about the Hoxsey cancer treatment.

Mrs. Arsens said she already has formed a "small nucleus" of Hoxsey sympathizers here.

"There are about 15 persons," she said. "We've just begun. As soon as we get organized we'll take this right across Canada."

Mrs. Arsens said she would continue her fight for a Hoxsey clinic in B.C.

CURED HUNDREDS

"They are doing wonderful work," she said. "They've cured cancer in hundreds of cases."

"I have a wealth of authentic material from the Hoxsey clinic and they would not print it unless it was actually a fact," Mrs. Arsens said.

Arguments After Report

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B.C.'s Forest Policies Scored by CCF Leader

Socreds Rule by Commission, He Says; Rights of Legislature Taken Away

Strong opposition to the forest management licence system was expressed in the Legislature Monday by CCF Leader Robert Strachan.

The CCF will oppose the granting of any more management licences, Mr. Strachan said.

Private operators have gained strategic control of large public areas, the opposition leader said, and the people of the province have little say over our forest resources.

PRINCIPLE WRONG

Forest management licences are wrong in concept and principle, he said.

Natural resources should be controlled by the people through their legislature.

"We have turned our backs on these freedoms and responsibilities," Mr. Strachan said.

He accused the Social Credit government of being a "government by decree."

The CCF leader hit out at what he said is the increasing tendency of the government to "shuffle off its responsibilities" by appointing royal commissions.

He also criticized the appointment of former Chief Justice Gordon Sloan by order-in-council because it by-passed the legislature.

ROBBED OF RIGHTS

The government is increasingly taking away the rights and responsibilities of the legislature, Mr. Strachan said.

Appointment of so many royal commissions is evidence, he said, of the government's "complete inability to govern."

The cabinet ministers have no ideas, the CCF leader said.

A want-of-confidence motion moved by Mr. Strachan at the close of his speech opening the

Civil Service Bargaining Rights Upheld

Strachan Hits Cabinet Stand

Full support for the B.C. Government Employees' Association demand for bargaining rights for civil servants was given in the Legislature Monday by Opposition Leader Robert Strachan.

The CCF leader accused the government of maintaining an "archaic" relationship with its employees.

Provincial civil servants are being treated as second-class citizens, he said.

NO REAL PROGRESS

Mr. Strachan deplored the fact there was no reference in the Throne Speech or proposed changes in the present bargaining procedure.

Since the appointment of Chief Justice Gordon Sloan last July as a one-man board of reference to inquire into matters, the government has "ignored" the civil servants, the CCF leader said. There has been no real progress in negotiations, he said.

Mr. Strachan said that in the 1953 election campaign a number of Social Credit cabinet ministers said on the platform they favored giving arbitration rights to civil servants.

Nimsick Worried Over U.S. Tariff

Concern over the proposed U.S. tariff on lead and zinc imports has been expressed by Leo Nimsick, CCF member of the legislature for Cranbrook.

Mr. Nimsick served notice of motion on the House order paper today urging the provincial government to make representations to Ottawa to do "everything possible" to prevent the tariff.

Former Speaker Of B.C. House Getting Better

Former B.C. Speaker Thomas Irwin who has been ill in Ottawa is improving, but it will be some days before he will be able to leave hospital.

This news was relayed to the Legislature Monday by Dr. Gordon Gibson, the new Social Credit member for Delta.

"When I phoned one of his colleagues in Ottawa," Dr. Gibson said, "I was told his condition is now improving and he gets up for part of each day."

Mr. Irwin resigned his Legislature seat last June to run successfully for the House of Commons.

\$300 MILLION B.C. BUDGET PREDICTED BY CCF LEADER

CCF Leader Robert Strachan predicted Monday that Premier Bennett will bring down a record \$300,000,000 budget next month.

"The premier desperately needs something spectacular because he knows he's in trouble," Mr. Strachan said in the Legislature.

B.C. PATIENT 'TAKEN'

Hoxsey 'Cured' Woman Of Non-Existent Cancer

The case of a B.C. woman who was treated for a non-existent cancer at the Hoxsey Clinic was detailed by the UBC investigating committee: "This woman accompanied her husband, who had already been adequately treated for his cancer by his physician."

"She had no specific complaints, but felt that since she was there she might as well go through the clinic. She emerged with a diagnosis of

'possible cancer of the heads of both femurs' and was given the Hoxsey treatment."

"We asked for and were shown her X-rays. They showed absolutely no evidence of cancer."

"A year later on a return visit to the Hoxsey Clinic she was again X-rayed and was told that her cancer was cured. This woman may well be convinced she was cured of a disease she never had."

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B.C. Probers Label Hoxsey Cancer Claims 'Useless'

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A University of B.C. fact-finding committee appointed at the request of the provincial government has found that the Hoxsey cancer treatments are useless and may be harmful.

Report of the six-man committee was tabled in the legislature Monday by Health Minister Eric Martin. It contained this main finding:

"The procedures and the medications known as the 'Hoxsey treatment for cancer' are of no value in the treatment of internal cancer, and the external treatments have no place in modern cancer therapy."

The specific findings and detailed cases contained in the 15,000-word report constitute a shocking indictment of the Hoxsey cancer cure claims and treatment methods.

DANGER IN DELAY

The report said the chief danger of the Hoxsey treatment is the delay for patients who might have a reasonable opportunity of being cured by the proven methods of surgery and radiation.

"The other menace of the Hoxsey treatment is the false hope it arouses in patients and the useless expenditure of large sums of money by many who can ill afford to do so."

Many people go to the clinic, are treated, and are convinced they have been cured of cancer when actually they have not had cancer at all, the report states. The committee was particu-

larly critical of the Hoxsey "treatment" for external cancer—"preparations which literally burn off the cancerous tissue, together with adjacent normal tissue."

The investigation was ordered by the government last spring, following claims made in the legislature in 1956 by former Victoria Social Credit MLA Mrs. Lydia Arsens.

NAMED BY UBC

The matter was turned over to the University of B.C., which appointed the committee:

Dr. J. M. Mather, head of the department of public health in the UBC medical faculty; A. W. R. Carrothers, associate law professor; Neal Harlow, university librarian; S. A. Jennings, mathematics professor; Dr. George D. Saxton, instructor in the department of surgery, and Dr. H. E. Taylor, head of the pathology department.

The committee spent three days in July at the Hoxsey Cancer Clinic in Dallas, Texas, and another five days interviewing U.S. officials in Chicago, Washington and New York.

Members said they were received with courtesy at the Dallas clinic and given "complete co-operation."

Harry M. Hoxsey, a naturopath, withdrew from management of the clinic last May but still has a financial interest in it. His successor is Harry R. Taylor, an osteopath, and the

organization is now known as the Taylor Clinic.

Summarizing their findings at the clinic, the committee members reported:

"We have found that the methods of diagnosis are inadequate, that the treatments used for internal cancer do not affect the progress of the disease, that no serious attempt is made to follow up treated cases in order to evaluate results, and that no significant research has been done."

The clinic is housed in a large converted private house.

"The impression gained by the committee was of 'overcrowding,' the report says, 'with minimal facilities.'"

The committee found that histories taken at the clinic are purely subjective, and reflect almost entirely the opinions of the patients.

The report said the clinic's X-ray department doesn't function as an efficient aid in the diagnosis of cancer, "even though it may impress the patient."

SAME DOSE FOR ALL

Summarizing the diagnostic and therapeutic procedures at the clinic, the report says:

"Using an inadequate history taken by an unskilled person, with data from a few irrelevant laboratory and X-ray reports, and without sufficient time for a complete physical examination, the osteopath makes a diagnosis of cancer and prescribes essentially the same treatment of pills for all patients."

The report cited two examples of possibly harmful external treatments.

One was a 70-year-old man with a growth on his lower lip who had been attending the clinic for six months or more. "When we saw him he had

a deep, sloughing ulcer, the result of repeated applications of an escharotic material.

"This type of cancer is readily treated with radiation or surgery. . . He had six months of painful, disagreeable therapy of an entirely inadequate type, but . . . he obviously felt that his life had been saved by this treatment."

The second case was a woman who had had a large tumor amputated at an osteopathic hospital.

NO ANTISEPSIS

"When we saw her there was a raw area at least four inches in diameter. Dr. Taylor applied an escharotic paste to this ulcerated area with absolutely no regard for asepsis or antiseptics."

"There was no preliminary washing of hands or wearing of gloves."

The committee found that treatment of this woman was undertaken without a pathological diagnosis and two days later discovered that the growth was of low grade malignancy.

Committee members said they heard a lot of talk at the clinic about cancer research that had been done or was planned, but found no concrete evidence of it.

The Hoxsey Cancer Research Foundation was set up in 1955 as a non-profit foundation but no evidence of its activity was seen.

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BONNER ACCUSED OF FAILING DUTY

Sommers Case Sparks Angry Words

Although it is before the courts and sub-judice, the Sommers' bribery case got two indirect mentions in the legislature Monday.

One was a sharp clash between Robert Sommers, the former lands and forests minister, one of the defendants, and George Gregory, Victoria MLA, who at one stage in the case represented Vancouver lawyer David Sturdy, the original complainant.

The other was an attack by Opposition Leader Robert Strachan on Attorney-General Robert Bonner for his whole handling of the matter.

Mr. Sommers called Mr. Gregory "yellow" and accused him of "having no guts" after the Liberal member had said:

"I am glad the honorable member for Rossland-Trail is now well enough to take his seat in the legislature."

This was an apparent reference to the fact that Mr. Sommers failed to proceed with his slander suit against Mr. Sturdy for health reasons.

"What do you know about it?" retorted Mr. Sommers, breaking his silence for the first time since the session opened.

"A lot more than you think," answered Mr. Gregory.

Mr. Sommers continued to heckle Mr. Gregory in a semi-audible voice until Mr. Gregory replied:

"You'd better not goad me or I might..."

"I'll goad you as much as I please," snorted Mr. Sommers. "You haven't got guts enough to talk about it."

CASE BEFORE COURT

Mr. Gregory said he was not going to discuss the case as it was now before the courts, but said he was glad the former minister had an opportunity of having his name cleared before the courts.

"You're just yellow," answered Mr. Sommers.

"I believe there is a court decision by Mr. Justice Wilson which indicates who is of that color," Mr. Gregory rapped back, an apparent reference to court decisions in connection with the slander suit last year.

CCF leader Strachan charged that Attorney-General Bonner's handling of the Sommers affair had been motivated by "political self-interest."

POLITICS FIRST

"No matter how the court case ends," Mr. Strachan said, "the attorney-general of B.C. stands convicted as a man who put his political duty before his public duty."

Mr. Bonner by his actions has identified himself and the government with the individuals now charged in the bribery conspiracy case, the opposition leader said.

"He has clouded the issue with the jargon of his voice-worn phrases and the ingenuities of legal verbiage," Mr. Strachan said.

The CCF leader asked what evidence the attorney-general had two months ago when the charges were laid that he did not have two years ago when he dismissed the evidence proffered by Vancouver lawyer David Sturdy.

HOXSEY INQUIRY FINDINGS

(See Full Details on Page 3)

Main finding of the UBC team investigating the Hoxsey cancer clinic is that the treatments are useless.

The committee also said the biggest danger is the delay caused to patients who might have a good chance of being cured by orthodox means.

Tracing the histories of 78 persons who visited the clinic from B.C., the committee found that:

Thirty-two are now dead. One was cured, "but with needless pain and disfigurement."

Nine are dying, or the cancer is progressing.

Eighteen had no proven evidence of malignancy.

Seven had received curative treatment before going to the clinic.

Seven were impossible to follow up because of incomplete or incorrect records at the clinic.

Four are inconclusive because it is too soon to predict the outcome.

Bonner Bemoans B.C. Tax Share

British Columbia is not getting its fair share of federal tax revenues, Attorney-General Robert Bonner told the legislature Tuesday.

"We have great expenses if this province is to develop in a hurry," Mr. Bonner said.

The attorney-general, also minister of trade, said capital investment in B.C. last year was \$1,400,000,000 while the total for the whole of Canada was only \$8,000,000,000.

But the province is not getting a proportionate share of revenues, he said.

The Social Credit government

will continue to press for a better fiscal agreement with Ottawa, the attorney-general said.

He called on the opposition to join in a bi-partisan policy to secure more money from the federal treasury. Other B.C. governments in the past have taken the same stand against Ottawa, Mr. Bonner said.

Because B.C. is so far removed from Ottawa, the provincial government must be "vigilant" and "militant" in its dealings with the federal government.

Mr. Bonner defended the government's current economy measures, which he said was saving money at no sacrifice of efficiency.

"Instead of being applauded for saving money, we are being accused of penny-pinching," he complained.

Dealing with the special B.C. trade mission to Europe last fall, Mr. Bonner said the government is not concerned where investment capital comes from as long as the province gets it.

"There should be no reserve other than that the interests of the people are protected," he said.

Mr. Bonner was apparently referring to the proposed northern B.C. development of Swedish financier Axel Wenner-Gren.

Blind Means Test Must Go—CCF

Abolition of the means test for blind pensioners and an increase in the basic social assistance grants was called for Tuesday by Cedric Cox, new CCF member of the Legislature for Burnaby.

"The time has come when all of us should recognize the social problem of our needy and sick citizens and treat them with the same respect we would like to get ourselves," Mr. Cox said in his maiden speech.

Most blind persons have to pay for care of one kind or another, he said, and should not be compelled to submit to a means test.

Mr. Cox said old age pensioners in B.C. can receive up to \$75 a month with the provincial cost-of-living bonus, while single persons on social assistance or mother's allowance have to live on \$50 a month.

A couple living on the old age pension can receive \$150, while a couple on social assistance receive only \$76.50.

Mr. Cox said the government,

besides raising the assistance rates, should also increase the cost-of-living bonus for pensioners.

The new member hit out at conditions at Woodlands School, operated by the government for mentally deficient children.

A "foolhardy" reduction of staff is jeopardizing the existence of the school, he said.

"We have a new building there which is only half occupied. The school is understaffed . . . and overworked."

Mr. Cox is a son-in-law of the late Ernest Winch, and succeeded the veteran CCF member in the Burnaby seat.

He disclosed that six weeks ago a committee of the U.S. Senate, not knowing Mr. Winch had died a year ago, sent an invitation asking him to give an address in New York on housing for senior citizens.

Mr. Winch was recognized as a leader in this field, and was responsible for establishing the New Vista Society in Burnaby.

ON SERIOUS OFFENCES

'Juveniles Need Tough Treatment'

Tougher treatment for juveniles who commit serious criminal offences was urged in the Legislature Tuesday by Mrs. Buda Brown (S.C., Vancouver-Point Grey).

"They need stricter discipline and plenty of hard work," Mrs. Brown said.

It is foolish to place on probation young offenders who have been convicted of breaking and entering or stealing a car.

Sending these offenders to gleaming new institutions such as the new Haney jail will not change their attitudes, Mrs. Brown said.

"An industrial school should mean just that," the member said.

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She urged the government to consider carefully any proposed changes. There have been reports the New Haven institute will be abolished in favor of the facilities at the new Haney institution.

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The province cannot afford to neglect the recreational needs of the people, she said.

"This government will never lose one dollar spent on providing accommodation for the many thousands who wish to spend their leisure time in the great outdoors."

Mrs. Brown urged the government to speed up development of roads into Garibaldi Park.

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Two Jails To Close In Province

Attorney-General Bonner confirmed in the Legislature, Tuesday, that the provincial government intends to close down the Nelson jail and Prince George women's jail.

"It has been found that it is better to bring prisoners from these areas to the Lower Mainland, Mr. Bonner said.

The changes are part of the planned reorganization of the provincial jail system referred to in the Throne Speech at the opening of the current session.

The reorganization is partly the result of completion last year of the new Haney correctional institute.

NO CUTBACK

Denying that the government is cutting down on essential services such as jail staff in its current economy drive, Mr. Bonner said there are now 798 jail workers and 26 probation workers in the province.

These figures compare with 308 jail workers and 16 probation workers in 1952.

Meanwhile, a delegation from Nelson city council will come to Victoria to protest to Attorney-General Bonner the closing of the jail there.

Mayor T. S. Shorthouse said closing of the jail would be a serious loss to the city. Twelve families and a payroll of about \$75,000 are involved, he said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Bonner said in an interview plans are "almost decided" to re-locate the New Haven Borstal School at Haney.

He said the move is being considered because of better training facilities which would be available in the new jail at Haney, but made it clear the Borstal institution would not be located in the jail.

The plan would be to place it close by so that the Borstal inmates would have access to the jail classrooms.

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Mr. Bonner in the Dock

MR. ROBERT STRACHAN HAS leveled direct charges at the attorney-general for his handling of the Sommers case.

The leader of the opposition says Mr. Bonner "stands convicted as a man who put his political duty before his public duty."

If Mr. Strachan's charge sticks, then the attorney-general is branded as a person who has not attended properly to the public business for which he assumed responsibility.

The alternative to the Strachan indictment is that the chief law officer of the Crown failed through ineptitude to clear up an unsavory condition—that, in effect, he handled the matter incompetently. If such is the case, again he has failed to attend properly to his public duties.

The facts of Mr. Bonner's handling of the issue are public property.

The attorney-general had presented to him a body of evidence concerning the award of certain forest management licences. He was asked to investigate that body of evidence thoroughly.

Mr. Bonner dismissed the submission, contending it was a mere political manoeuvre.

Under newspaper and public pressure, the attorney-general eventually called for a police investigation of the material. The investigation led to a criminal charge against the minister named in the "body of evidence" 707 days after the "body of evidence" was first submitted. That

case is now proceeding in the courts and is, in consequence, removed from comment.

But Mr. Strachan is on thoroughly sound ground in insisting "on the right to comment on the part played by the attorney-general in this whole sorry affair."

The position taken by the leader of the opposition is strengthened by events of preceding sessions. He, his party colleagues and Liberal members, called for a judicial inquiry into the questions raised by the "body of evidence."

Such a course of action could have settled the whole issue in short order. The minister whose reputation was at stake would have had an opportunity to clear his name, or action could have been taken on the information presented to the attorney-general.

By technicalities and legalisms, the case was delayed and Mr. Bonner escaped for the time being the responsibilities which were his. He must accept the consequences of his actions.

Nor is he alone in the position he occupies today. He is joined by members of his government who whipped a supine following into line to defeat efforts to bring the issue to a quick conclusion.

Mr. Strachan has delivered his indictment in the House. It will doubtless be followed by others as the session progresses. The public is being served by those who press the issue.

Corroboration on Hoxsey

THE SPECIAL UNIVERSITY OF British Columbia investigating committee has confirmed earlier authoritative reports on the Hoxsey clinics.

"The medications known as the 'Hoxsey treatment for cancer' are of no value in the treatment of internal cancer and the external treatments used have no place in modern cancer therapy," the committee says.

This is substantiation of the information given out by doctors and medical experts after Mrs. Lydia Arsens made her claims for the Hoxsey treatment in the Legislature some time ago.

Mrs. Arsens flies in the face of the report with the statement she will continue her "fight for a clinic in B.C." and does her best to cast suspicion on the Committee findings.

She is, of course, entitled to her opinion, however dangerous it may be. But on an issue that can be so disastrous to the individual, she must ask herself if she is justified in raising hopes of serious cancer sufferers.

In the opinion of men who are devoting trained minds to research on cancer there is one grave danger posed by so-called "cures." Resort to the latter, the research people point out, can delay the application of successful, recognized techniques to a cancer sufferer until it is too late to help him. A malignancy that might be overcome in its early stages can grow to incurable dimensions by the time a disillusioned patient returns to accepted forms of treatment.

The quest will go on for a cure. It is a project of high priority in research. And the quest will be accompanied by many controversial reports of success from unorthodox methods.

A layman will hesitate to pass judgment, but one point stands out clearly: Doctors and those dear to them are dying from cancer. Is it reasonable to assume that medical men, facing their own personal tragedies because of this killer, would willingly shut the door against a cure?

NORMAN CRIBBENS



IN THE LEGISLATURE

The spirit of the late Ernest Winch—friend of the poor and the weak—seemed to linger over the House Tuesday afternoon when his son-in-law and successor in the Legislature, Cedric Cox, made his maiden speech as CCF member for Burnaby.

Mr. Cox, a studious looking man in a dark blue suit, was clearly pre-occupied with humanity. He called for an end to the means test on pensions for blind persons. He asked for a Canadian Merchant Marine to aid Canada's unemployed, and he called on the B.C. government to set an example to the United States by recognizing Communist China.

Then, in a ringing tribute to his father-in-law, he said:

"He accomplished more for the under-privileged than any member of this House, past or present. He was a leader in the field of low-cost housing, and it is significant that the United States Senate, not knowing he was dead, recently asked him to give an address in New York on housing for senior citizens.

"No greater tribute could have been offered to my predecessor — the late member for Burnaby."

★ ★ ★
The new member seemed particularly anxious that Premier Bennett and his government should dare the "displeasure" of the United States by recognizing Communist China.

He felt that if B.C. took the lead other provinces of Canada would join her in taking "the more enlightened view."

★ ★ ★
Attorney - General Robert Bonner, in his first speech of the session, also referred to the United States.

"After listening to the honorable member for the Opposition (CCF leader Robert Strachan) I realize that the U.S. Republicans are not the only party which cannot get their rockets off the ground," he said.

★ ★ ★
Mrs. Buda Brown, with her crinkly golden hair and blue-

tinted spectacles, has an obvious flair for reporting on provincial institutions.

Entering her second session as the Social Credit member for Vancouver - Point Grey, Mrs. Brown became so enthused over British Columbia's correctional homes that she spoke feelingly of "a beautiful jail with lovely kitchens and a nice color scheme."

Those of us who had not openly broken the law wondered why we should be shut out of such places as Mrs. Brown described. Could it be that you have to rob a bank to achieve the Shangri-la of your hopes and dreams?

Possibly the lady member supplied the answer when she recommended stricter discipline for delinquents and fewer excuses for those who take the easy way out in avoiding unpalatable restrictions on their social behavior.

★ ★ ★
Both Mrs. Brown and her opposite number in the House, Mrs. Lois Haggen (CCF - Grand Forks - Greenwood) seem to favor dark blue dress. Not so surprising when you remember that the centennial carpet in the B.C. Legislature is a bright red!

And as might be expected, both ladies have left their red dresses at home.

★ ★ ★
The Daddy of the House, 83-year-old Tom Uphill, listened to most of Tuesday's speeches with eyes closed in what Charles Dickens would have called "an excess of pleasure."

Hands calmly folded on lap, Tom wore the benign expression of one who has heard it all before but thinks it is worth hearing again if only for the goodwill behind it.

\$70,000 Plane Bill Defended by Gaglardi

Two aircraft operated by the Provincial Highways Department cost the government at least \$70,000 in the 1956-57 fiscal year.

The expenditures are listed in two reports tabled at the current legislature session.

Largest amount is \$50,196 in the annual highways report for "aircraft repairs."

Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi told reporters he "thinks" this money was spent on installing two new motors and radio equipment in the department's Grumman Widgeon.

In the public accounts for 1956-57, the highways department shows an item of \$20,539 for "aircraft operation."

There is no breakdown for either figure, and it is not known if this represents the total cost to the department of the planes.

The planes are maintained and operated for the highways department under contract by Pacific Western Airlines at Patricia Bay and Vancouver Airport.

SECOND PLANE

The Widgeon is the plane used most frequently by Mr. Gaglardi on his flying junkets around the province.

The other plane, a Mark V Anson, is used occasionally by the department of lands and forests.

Mr. Gaglardi said the Widgeon was bought by the department in a state of disrepair for \$10,000. Cost of a new Widgeon would have been about \$140,000, he said.

Some \$40,000 was spent on renovations, Mr. Gaglardi said,



P. A. GAGLARDI

and a further \$50,000 for new engines and radio equipment.

UNDERPOWERED

Defending the purchase of the new motors, the minister said:

"The plane was underpowered. What good would it be to the department of high-

ways if I landed on a mountain because of my poor motors?

"What's \$50,000 in comparison to a human life? My human life?"

"I don't say \$50,000 isn't a lot of money, but in the first three years in office I saved the government \$10,000,000 because I was able to get around."

"And the only way to get around the way I have to get around is in an airplane."

CCF PLANS DETAILED PROBE INTO HIGHWAYS EXPENSES

The CCF plans to make a searching inquiry at the current legislative session into the operations of the provincial highways department.

CCF members on the House public accounts committee have asked that all vouchers from the department be produced for examination.

It is known the opposition is particularly interested in learning the details of travelling expenses by Highways Minister Gaglardi. (See page 29.)

They want to find out more about the two airplanes operated by the department. Public accounts for the 1956-57 fiscal year tabled in the House last week give little detail.

Bonner Unfit, Nimsick Charge

(See Also Page 10)

Any problem handled by Attorney-General Robert Bonner has turned into a "fiasco," CCF member Leo Nimsick said in the legislature Wednesday.

Speaking just before Social Credit rebel Melvin Bryan, Mr. Nimsick said the attorney-general should have resigned when he finally ordered that criminal charges be laid against former lands and forests minister Robert Sommers.

Because of his mishandling of the Vancouver police probe,

the Sunday sports issue and the Sommers case, "I don't think the attorney-general is a fit and proper man for the position he's in," Mr. Nimsick said.

Unemployment House Probe Starts Friday

The legislative labor committee, which this year will deal with the unemployment problem, will hold its first meeting Friday.

First item on the agenda is the crisis at the interior mining town of Fernie, where 400 men are threatened with layoffs by the closure of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. colliery at Elk River.

The matter was referred to the committee last Friday when the government turned down a CCF demand for immediate debate on unemployment.

Chairman of the committee is Social Credit whip Bert Price.

New Sunday Sport Ruling Aim of CCF Member's Bill

A private bill will be introduced in the Legislature this week by CCF member Gordon Dowding which would make Sunday sport possible in all B.C. municipalities.

The bill, which is not expected to be accepted by the government, provides that a plebiscite on the issue can be held if asked for by 10 per cent of the electorate.

If the vote was in favor of paid commercial sport on Sunday, the municipal council could pass an enabling by-law.

Horse racing is not included under the act, entitled the "Lord's Day (British Columbia) Act."

It is expected the Legislature will approve a Vancouver city charter amendment at this ses-

sion allowing Sunday sport in the mainland city. The government has promised support for such a measure.

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NORMAN CRIBBENS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Most debated question in political circles today is: Will Premier Bennett read Mel Bryan out of the Social Credit ranks for his revolutionary action in demanding the resignation of Attorney-General Robert Bonner?

My guess is that the Premier will do nothing of the kind. He is much more likely to point to Mr. Bryan, the young member for North Vancouver, as a shining example of "freedom of opinion" within the government ranks, offsetting the repeated suggestion that the Premier himself exercises a kind of dictatorship.

Many of the crowds packing the public galleries Wednesday afternoon expected dark-haired Mr. Bryan to cross the floor of the house and sit with the Opposition—following the example set a few years ago by Premier Bennett and Mrs. Tillie Rolston.

But Mr. Bryan stayed quietly in his seat and an anticlimactic silence followed his bold request that Mr. Bonner resign because of "public dissatisfaction" "over his handling of the controversial Sommers case."

The boldness of the challenge was heightened by the fact that Mr. Bonner was the government's "top man" Wednesday, the Premier being away in Vancouver meeting the Queen Mother.

No one questioned Mr. Bryan's sincerity. The words he spoke had obviously been quietly and calmly thought out and his manner betrayed only a slight hesitation.

The flurry of white notes across the floor of the House after he sat down told their own story. Mr. Bryan was being invited to join both the Liberal and CCF ranks, but he showed no disposition to join either.

On the same side of the house Attorney-General Bonner and former lands and forests minister Robert Sommers—the key figure in the case—sat in grim silence.

Second surprise of the afternoon

was 83-year-old Tom Uphill, time-honored Labor member for Fernie.

Because of unemployment in his constituency, Tom abruptly abandoned the role of legislative clown, by which he is known, and played Hamlet instead.

Without once cracking a smile, he made a dramatic appeal on behalf of 250 miners thrown out of work by the closing of the Elk River Colliery at Fernie, and urged that the Social Credit governments of B.C. and Alberta should co-operate in relieving their hardship.

"For perhaps the first time in my life I felt I couldn't joke on the floor of the House," Tom said afterwards. "The situation is too serious."

Surveying his grave features, I found it hard to believe this was the man who has been known for 38 years as the Premier of B.C. But there was no questioning the depth of his feelings.

My hope is that, come what may, we shall again see the beaming moon-face turned towards the Speaker and hear the gales of laughter as Mr. Uphill, in his quaint blend of Irish and Welsh, forces everyone to see the funny side of life.

Extending a special welcome to the new MLAs, Leo Nimsick (CCF, Cranbrook) reminded me of the popular "Head" of a boys' prep school telling the newcomers on opening day to make themselves at home (even when they are being stuck with pins).

"Don't worry about those butterflies in your stomach," he told the new members. "You will get them whether you are making your first speech or your 20th."

MLAs REACTIONS

'Act of Courage, Poor Timing, Very Sound'

Reaction among MLAs to the dramatic statement by Social Credit member Mel Bryan calling for the resignation of Attorney-General Bonner was as expected: It brought applause from the opposition, frowns from government members.

"I'm very sorry that it happened," said Social Credit whip Bert Price. "I don't see any gain to the member, the public, and certainly not to the members on the government side."

"It was an act of courage that should be appreciated by his constituents," said Tony Garrahy (CCF-Mackenzie).

George Gregory, Liberal member for Victoria, said it was a "courageous stand that will be long remembered."

"It was poor timing," said Cyril Shelford (SC-Omineca).

"In the democratic system under which we operate, he has a right to say what he wants,"

said J. Donald Smith, Social Credit member for Victoria.

"It's good to rock the boat sometimes to make sure it's seaworthy," said John Tisdalle (SC-Saanich), "but not to punch a hole in the bottom of it."

Mr. Tisdalle said he didn't agree with Mr. Bryan.

"I don't believe the attorney-general has been derelict in his duty," the Saanich member said.

Herb Bruch (SC-Esquimalt), said Mr. Bryan "has a right to his opinion," but until the Sommers case is completed it is not right to adjudicate on whether the attorney-general's actions have been right or wrong.

Statement 'Very Sound'—Harding

"It was a very sound and studied statement," said Randolph Harding (CCF-Kaslo-Slocan).

"I was rather surprised to see one of the government members bring it up. I only hope we'll hear more from the government members in this regard."

"It was an interesting afternoon," commented Dan Campbell (SC-Campbell River).

Mr. Gregory said there was "great significance" in the fact that demands made in the House previously by Liberal members have now been echoed by a Social Credit member.

The Liberal member said that since Mr. Bonner's trade mission trip to Europe last fall he would be giving up the attorney-general's job to concentrate on the portfolio of trade and industry.

"It would not surprise me if today's developments force the premier to demand Mr. Bonner's resignation from the cabinet entirely."

Mr. Gregory said he didn't

think the government would have the courage to read Mr. Bryan out of the Social Credit party for the stand he has taken.

Don Robinson (SC, Lillooet) said he didn't believe any other Social Credit members feel the same way as Mr. Bryan.

Because Social Credit is a democratic movement, the member had a right to say what he pleased, Mr. Robinson said.

"I see no reason why he shouldn't be allowed back in the caucus."

Party whip Price defended the attorney-general against the charges made by the North Vancouver member.

"The mere fact of a member attacking a cabinet minister is his privilege," Mr. Price said. "But to fight a minister who can't fight back puts it in a different light."

"His speech inferred the attorney-general is part of some conspiracy, whereas the attorney-general has had to carry a terrific load in this case—none of which was of his own doing."

TEXT OF MLA BRYAN'S STATEMENT ON BONNER

Text of statement on Attorney-General Robert Bonner by Mel Bryan, Socred MLA for North Vancouver, follows:

I have several matters to discuss concerning my riding but before doing that I wish to address myself to one of the major issues facing this province today.

I want to speak about a question that has been causing extreme concern to people not only in my riding but to the people of British Columbia.

I want to make it clear that I am not dealing with or commenting on the details of a case before the court.

Over two years ago, statements were made concerning the operation of our great forest industry and the government of this province.

They were given wide publicity. They led eventually to the resignation of a minister from the cabinet, and a veritable storm of public controversy, court actions and counter-actions.

Now Part of Record

It is not my intention to discuss the allegations, although they are now part of public record. The chain of subsequent developments led to charges which are now being adjudicated—where thousands of British Columbians felt they should have been adjudicated a long time ago, in the courts of our land. The outcome of this case as a British Columbian has no bearing on what I have to say.

What concerns the people of this province, and has concerned them with greater intensity as time went on, has been the unsatisfactorily explained delay in resolving this issue on the part of the minister charged with law enforcement and with maintaining the legal dignity of this government.

I refer to the delay by the honorable, the attorney-general.

I speak for myself, and I believe, for thousands of people who have supported this government, Mr. Speaker, in expressing the solemn belief that the attorney-general of this province has failed to carry out his duties with the speed and efficiency his position demands.

Principle at Stake

I may also remind those who do not share these views of mine that a very important principle is at stake here, a very precious principle—and one I am not prepared to sacrifice in the interests of party unity.

Here was developed a fundamental issue that should have been dealt with without any concern for political questions or party loyalties.

The people of this province have been assured ever since 1952 that the government they now place their trust in represents something new, clean and sincere . . . a new concept of government, totally unlike the previous administrations in this province.

I believe, generally, the people charged with governing

our province today have shown a realization of that different concept of government, have shown it with a vigor and progressiveness that is reflected in the great strides forward taken by our economy.

But, I must insist, Mr. Speaker, that the manner in which the attorney-general failed significantly to deal with an issue involving a cabinet minister and the government itself, has placed a serious strain on the respect and support that this government has generally deserved.

Sound and Fury

I was one of the candidates who fought for this government in the provincial election campaign of 1956. I believed the assurances from the attorney-general that there was more sound and fury than substance in the allegations concerning the government's administration of our greatest basic industry.

I and candidates like me, were assured by the attorney-general's statement that the allegations were "far-fetched".

Mr. Speaker, people are puzzled by the fast-moving chain of events of recent months. First a commission-type of inquiry was set up to probe the allegations. Then, it was hastily abandoned in favor of outright charges of conspiracy against several persons.

And all this, we must assume, Mr. Speaker, was based on the same sequence of events and circumstances that our attorney-general so blandly dismissed last year and the year before.

What happened, Mr. Speaker, to change his concept of law enforcement so drastically?

It goes without saying that a cabinet minister's observance of his oath of office must be above reproach—must, like Caesar's wife, certainly be above suspicion.

Serious Doubts

I know I am voicing the serious doubts of thousands of British Columbians when I question the present attorney-general's appreciation of the basic concepts inherent in the high office he holds.

His attitude during the past two years indicates, at least, a stubborn reluctance to forego his apparent belief that it wasn't necessary to establish Caesar's wife above suspicion—not until developments threatened Caesar himself.

This is a grave moment for me, Mr. Speaker, and one I have reached only after the most serious consideration and soul-searching, both for the government I have supported and for my own position.

My considerations leave me with no alternative, to an honest conviction that the attorney-general of this province has shown a great lack of ability to fulfill all the requirements of his high post and should resign his duties in favor of someone who can.

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g MLAs to the dramatic statement member Mel Bryan calling for the resignation of Attorney-General Bonner was as expected: a pause from the opposition, frowns members.

it happened. J. Donald Smith, Social Credit member for Victoria, said "It's good to rock the boat sometimes to make sure it's seaworthy," said John Tisdalle (SC-Saanich), "but not to punch a hole in the bottom of it."

Mr. Tisdalle said he didn't agree with Mr. Bryan.

"I don't believe the attorney-general has been derelict in his duty," the Saanich member said.

Herb Bruch (SC-Esquimalt), said Mr. Bryan "has a right to his opinion," but until the Somers case is completed it is not right to adjudicate on whether the attorney-general's actions have been right or wrong.

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think the government would have the courage to read Mr. Bryan out of the Social Credit party for the stand he has taken.

Don Robinson (SC-Lillooet) said he didn't believe any other Social Credit members feel the same way as Mr. Bryan.

Because Social Credit is a democratic movement, the member had a right to say what he pleased, Mr. Robinson said.

"I see no reason why he shouldn't be allowed back in the caucus."

Party whip Price defended the attorney-general against the charges made by the North Vancouver member.

"The mere fact of a member attacking a cabinet minister is his privilege," Mr. Price said. "But to fight a minister who can't fight back puts it in a different light."

"His speech inferred the attorney-general is part of some conspiracy, whereas the attorney-general has had to carry a terrific load in this case—none of which was of his own doing."

Alberta Help Sought For Unemployed Miners



TOM UPHILL
... pleads for miners

The Social Credit governments of B.C. and Alberta were asked to co-operate, Wednesday, in an effort to re-establish 250 miners thrown out of work by the closing of the Elk River Colliery at Fernie last Monday.

In a fighting speech on behalf of the unemployed miners, Tom Uphill, veteran Labor member for Fernie, urged that 147 Alberta miners now working at Michel, B.C., should be found other employment so that Fernie miners could work at Michel.

Mr. Uphill said Alberta had benefitted because the B.C. mine absorbed 147 miners still living and paying taxes over the border in Alberta.

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receiving thousands of dollars from these miners and in the circumstances it would be a Christian and statesmanlike act if the Alberta and B.C. governments co-operated in helping the workless miners of Fernie."

Mr. Uphill said he hoped to meet Premier Bennett and his cabinet with a view to placing a proposition before the Alberta government "as soon as possible."

He was critical of a suggestion that Fernie miners should be given work on the roads.

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"These men have given their lives to the mines," he said. "They have their homes there—they have a place in the life of the community. Why should they be turned into the streets to do work that unskilled men can do?"

"They deserve better treatment than that. What member of this House would like to be turned out his job at 45 or 50 and told to take a pick and shovel on the roads?"

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Voice of a Conscience

IN A STARTLING SPEECH IN the Legislature, Social Credit member John Melvin Bryan has called for the resignation of Social Credit Attorney-General Robert Bonner. The plaster which covered the cracks in the party's stand on Mr. Bonner's handling of the Sommers case has been washed away and the fissures stand glaringly revealed.

Mr. Bryan's reasons for calling for the attorney-general's resignation are exactly the same as those presented by this newspaper. To them is added a high sense of indignation. "I believed the assurances from the attorney-general..." Mr. Bryan said.

He was expressing general disillusionment when he added: "I know I am voicing the serious doubts of thousands of British Columbians when I question the present attorney-general's appreciation of the basic concepts inherent in the high office he holds."

Mr. Bryan has shown political courage in stating his honest belief. It remains to be seen if others of his party are similarly endowed.

Mr. Bonner should resign.

But the issue should not end with Mr. Bonner's resignation.

Mr. Bonner, though chief law

officer, is but the lieutenant of Premier Bennett. If the Premier did not know what Mr. Bonner was doing he was derelict in his duties as head of the government. If he did know, then he has no escape from shared responsibility.

The indictment delivered by Mr. Bryan in the silent House yesterday marks the fruition of processes Mr. Bennett and Mr. Bonner set in motion more than two years ago.

When the Sommers issue first arose, they had ample opportunity to bring it to a speedy conclusion. They were asked repeatedly to set up an independent agency to study material which cast grave reflections on a former minister of the Crown. They refused to follow this logical and honorable course.

If, during the time the question was discussed, they managed to convince their followers in the Legislature that they were in the right, that conviction no longer holds. It was broken by the man who said in reproach, "I believed the assurances of the attorney-general..."

The schism in the party ranks is evident. It is revealed by at least one member who is not prepared to violate his conscience in the interests of partisan political considerations.

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Bennett Faces Crisis Over Bryan's Speech

MLA's Demand For AG to Quit Before Caucus

The first open revolt in Social Credit party ranks over the Sommers bribery charges left Premier Bennett today facing possibly his biggest political crisis since he took office nearly six years ago.

Legislative circles were buzzing this morning after the sensational attack launched in the House Wednesday afternoon by J. Melvin Bryan, Social Credit member for North Vancouver, who demanded Attorney-General Robert Bonner resign from office for his handling of the Sommers affair.

Bryan charged that he had supported the government in the 1956 election after assurances from Mr. Bonner that the allegations against former forests minister Robert E. Sommers were "far-fetched".

But events since then—first the appointment of a royal commission, then the laying of bribery charges—had raised doubts in the minds of thousands of British Columbians, he declared, as to the attorney-general's concepts of his office.

The time had come for the attorney-general to resign his duties in favor of someone who could fulfill all requirements of the high office.

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One of Most Slashing Attacks

It was one of the most slashing attacks against a cabinet minister ever heard in the House from a government supporter.

Political observers recalled the scene when Premier Bennett himself made his famous "disassociation" speech from the Coalition government eight years ago and then walked across the floor to become an Independent.

But whether Bryan's move will go that far was in doubt today.

A Social Credit caucus was slated just before the House opening this afternoon.

Premier Bennett and the private members, it was expected, then, would decide whether to continue to accept the North Vancouver MLA as a member of the caucus.

First reaction of Premier Bennett was that he would not attempt to oust Bryan from the party.

Mr. Bennett was not in the House when Bryan made his demand for the attorney-general's resignation. He was attending a tea for the Queen Mother in Vancouver.

Interviewed afterwards he said he would "never invite any member to cross the floor."

He was also asked if he thought it would lead to a serious split in Social Credit ranks. He replied: "The answer is no."

The premier defended Mr. Bonner against the attack from within his own ranks by saying he is "the most outstanding attorney-general this province, or any other province has ever had."

"I couldn't disagree with anything more than with Mr. Bryan's statement," he declared.

Government members obviously were shocked by their colleague's statements, although it was learned Mr. Bryan raised the matter previously in caucus.

It appeared there was little support, if any, among Social Credit members for the stand he had taken although most defended his right to say it.

Angered by the embarrassment caused the party by Mr. Bryan, they may take a different attitude behind the closed doors of the caucus session today, however.

Bonner Says He Will Not Resign

Mr. Bryan said he definitely intended to attend the caucus meeting. In an interview, he indicated he expects to be allowed to stay on the government side of the House.

When it was learned what Mr. Bryan intended to say to the legislature, there was speculation that he would cross the floor after making his speech. He said later he had given no thought to taking this step.

For his part, Attorney-General Bonner made it clear he has no intention of resigning. He told reporters in the corridor after the House rose:

"I've never walked away from a tough job in my life and I don't intend to start now."

The House was hushed when Mr. Bryan got up to speak. Most of the members knew what was coming.

CCF leader Robert Strachan, as well as Premier Bennett, was

absent. Mr. Strachan also was in Vancouver to meet the Queen Mother.

Otherwise the chamber was almost filled. Members on both sides listened in stony silence to the North Vancouver member as he read his prepared text in deliberate tones.

Mr. Bonner sat impassively through Mr. Bryan's remarks, and applauded half-heartedly at the end of his speech. His only sign of discomfort was a redness that crept up from the back of his neck as Mr. Bryan launched into his attack. But he took several notes.

Almost all the members were in the House while the member spoke, and listened quietly.

Former lands and forests minister Robert Sommers, now Social Credit MLA for Rossland-Trail, was out of the chamber when Mr. Bryan began but Continued on Page 2

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came in when he was about half-way through.

Mr. Bryan said he believed there was a principle at stake that he could not sacrifice to the interests of party unity.

The charges levelled against Mr. Sommers more than two years should have been dealt with "without any concern for political questions or party loyalties," he said.

"My considerations leave me with no alternative to an honest conviction that the attorney-general... has shown a great lack of ability to fulfill all the requirements of his high post and should resign his duties in favor of someone who can."

A number of party members, including Highways Minister Gagliardi attempted before Mr. Bryan spoke to persuade him to drop the subject of the attorney-general.

Mr. Gagliardi was closeted with the member in an adjoining committee room for almost half an hour.

At least two other MLA's tried without success to talk him out of it.

Mr. Bryan began his speech with an eight-minute statement on Mr. Bonner's role in the Sommers case, then dealt with problems of his own riding.

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MORE CRITICISM

In this second part of his speech, he had more criticism for the government, specifically Mr. Gagliardi and Premier Bennett.

He criticized the highways minister for deciding to build a new bridge across Vancouver harbor at Second Narrows instead of First Narrows.

He said the premier should put into legislation his verbal assurances that revenue from the highly-profitable Lions Gate Bridge will not be used to subsidize less-used bridges of the Toll Highways and Bridges

Authority in other parts of the province.

Mr. Bryan, 45, is a former publisher of a weekly newspaper in North Vancouver. He sold out his interest last fall.

He was first elected to the Legislature in the 1956 general election.

CAUSED HUBBUB

He is the first Social Credit back-bencher to take a firm stand against the government on a major issue since the party was first elected to power in 1952.

His statement caused an immediate hubbub among Social Credit members.

More than a dozen of them gathered in the government caucus room after the House adjourned to discuss the incident.

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NO FEARS OF DISCIPLINE ON SOLO EFFORT

'I Would Vote Exactly as I Spoke'—Bryan

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Social Credit MLA Mel Bryan says the thought never occurred to him that he might be kicked out of the party for demanding the resignation of Attorney-General Bonner.

"I can't believe the question would come up," he said in an interview after dropping his bombshell in the

legislature Wednesday afternoon.

"My remarks to the legislature are my answer to the question—I simply had to place principles ahead of an appearance of party unity."

"And I say 'appearance' of unity, because as I said, I am sure that thousands of this government's supporters feel

exactly as I do on the question."

Mr. Bryan said he has given no thought to his next move.

"I got my own feelings off my chest, and I haven't even thought of what my next move might be. Naturally if the issue I discussed ever became the subject of a vote, I would vote exactly as I spoke today."

"But that doesn't mean that I wouldn't support the government on other matters in which the principle isn't involved. Only time will tell."

Mr. Bryan said he doesn't expect that his bold action will result "immediately" in other Social Credit MLAs taking the same stand.

He said he had received no pledge of support from any other of his colleagues. In fact he had never discussed the matter with any of them

outside the caucus room, Mr. Bryan said.

When it was suggested to him that his action might lead to the collapse of the Bennett government, and he was asked "do you want that?" Mr. Bryan replied emphatically "no."

Mr. Bryan said that if Attorney-General Bonner resigned, it would strengthen the government "considerably."

He said his present attitude toward Mr. Bonner's position began when the attorney-general ordered that criminal charges be laid in the bribery conspiracy case last November.

At that time, Mr. Bryan said, the attorney-general contradicted his original statements dismissing the charges when they were first made in December, 1955.

"When the charges were first made, the attorney-gen-

eral should have cleared the matter up—one way or the other. He should have got it out in the open."

Asked what action he thought Mr. Bonner should have taken originally, Mr. Bryan suggested a royal commission inquiry.

The North Vancouver member said he wanted to stress that in taking his stand, "I was speaking for myself and not for any association or group. But I also think I was speaking for many, many other British Columbia citizens who have supported the government on everything else."

Mr. Bryan said he had not consulted the North Vancouver Social Credit Constituency Association before making his statement.

"I don't believe the (association) members would expect me to ask for guidance on such a basic principle as that I described in the House."

Mr. Bryan said he was quite prepared to defend his stand to his local association at any time.

More Funds Asked For Agriculture

The provincial government should double the amount it spends on agricultural development in B. C., Stanley Carnell (SC-South Peace River) told the legislature Wednesday.

He stated that only \$1,800,000 out of a \$274,000,000 budget in 1957 had been allotted to agriculture—less than 1 per cent of the total.

"This is a trifling sum when viewed in the light of our tremendous growth possibilities in the north," Mr. Carnell said. "If it were doubled it would not be out of line with the importance of the industry to this province."

Mr. Carnell predicted that extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway into the Peace River country would mark the beginning of a new era in the beef industry.

"This railway is the key to the future of our province," he said amid applause. "In days to come we will look back on the Peace River extension as the turning point in our history."

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Angry Bennett Blasts Press Over MLA's Attack on A-G

Member's Revolt Sensationalized Premier Claims

By PETER MURRAY, Times Legislative Reporter

Premier Bennett angrily flayed the press today for "blowing up" the speech of a government back-bencher demanding the resignation of Attorney-General Bonner.

The premier claimed that similar attacks on cabinet ministers to that made Wednesday by North Vancouver Socred MLA J. Melvin Bryan had happened "many times" in the past in the B.C. Legislature.

"I am amazed at all the headlines," the premier told reporters before he entered a cabinet meeting this morning.

"But I don't blame you," he said. "You have to sell papers. If I was a newspaperman I'd probably do the same thing."

Mr. Bennett charged further that the press is "misinforming"

the people of the province by "misinterpreting" the events at the current legislative session.

"I've been in the House since 1941, and this is the quietest session I've ever seen."

The newspapers were attempting to play up "little things," he claimed.

'No Significance' in Speech

Mr. Bennett said he attached "no significance" to the speech of Mr. Bryan.

That was the stand the premier took Thursday when he served notice he intends to try and ride out the storm created by Mr. Bryan without expelling the rebellious member.

The premier and Attorney-General Bonner didn't attend a government members' caucus which was expected to decide the fate of Mr. Bryan, who said Wednesday the attorney-general should resign because of his mishandling of the Sommers case.

It was learned that the crisis

precipitated by Mr. Bryan's stand was deliberately ignored at the caucus session.

Questioned by reporters as he entered the legislative chamber at the start of the afternoon sitting, Premier Bennett took the stand that Mr. Bryan had a right to attack a cabinet minister if he wished.

"It's a democratic movement," Mr. Bennett said.

The premier said he had been kept away from the caucus meeting by a "rush of business." He denied that the Bryan incident had anything to do with it.

Bryan May Cross Floor Later

Next move in the drama appears to be up to Mr. Bryan or any other government back-bencher who may decide to back him up.

Observers believe that if Mr. Bryan does not get any support from his colleagues, or satisfaction from the government on the issue, he may decide to cross the floor of the House later in the session.

His only comment to reporters after the caucus meeting was a terse: "I am still a member."

As the government members emerged from the caucus room, Mrs. Buda Brown (SC-Vancouver Point Grey) grabbed Mr. Bryan's arm and called to reporters:

"Look we're happy and unanimous."

The corridors were still buzzing about Mr. Bryan's revolt, but there was little discussion of the issue in the House.

Two government members who spoke in the Throne Speech debate, Dan Campbell and Alex Matthew, made oblique references to the incident by mentioning that MLAs had complete

freedom to say what they wished in the House.

But none of the four Socreds who spoke during the day came to the defence of the attorney-general, or had any words of praise for him.

Rae Eddle (CCF-New Westminster) praised the "sincerity of purpose" with which Mr. Bryan had made his statement.

"The honorable member expressed the same sentiments as those from this side of the House in the last two years, and on behalf of the opposition, we concur in what he said."

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NORMAN CRIBBENS IN THE LEGISLATURE

The first night sitting of the session turned out to be a light-hearted affair with some jocular bantering between government and opposition benches.

The storm created the day previous by a Social Credit member's demand for the resignation of Attorney-General Robert Bonner appeared to have subsided, and the only reference to it was made by Arthur Turner (CCF-Vancouver East) when he said:

"I hope the government will heed his (Mr. Bryan's) words and clean out their stables."

These challenging words went unanswered as a smiling Premier Bennett rose at 10.17 p.m. and moved adjournment of the House.

Try as he would, Mr. Turner could not needle the government into an angry rejoinder and the reason may be that, like the late Ernest Winch, he is too benevolent a figure to provoke anger.

"One of the successes of the Social Credit government is that everything is bigger than when they came in . . . bigger jails, bigger asylums, bigger debts, bigger everything."

And then he went on: "It is reported to me that certain civil servants were warned to drop their membership in the civil servants' association."

"By whom?" asked Provincial Secretary Wesley Black.

"By hint," answered CCF leader Bob Strachan.

Mr. Turner went on to say that half the janitors in one section of the Legislative Buildings had been fired.

"That's not true," said Mr. Black.

"Oh, no," answered Mr. Turner. "Nothing is true when the government doesn't like it."

Deputy Speaker Alex Mathew (SC, Vancouver Centre) lost no time in emphasizing the "freedom of opinion" permitted in Social Credit ranks as exemplified by Mel Bryan's attack on Mr. Bonner.

"Every member on this side of the House has unfettered liberty to say whatever he wants to say and to fight for the rights of his constituency," Mr. Mathew said.

Back in the House after his

meeting with the Queen Mother Wednesday, Premier Bennett joined conspicuously in the desk thumpings that greeted Mr. Matthew's declaration of independence.

So did Mr. Bonner.

Victoria, it seems, has no special priority in the matter of old courthouses. New Westminster has one just as old and even more antiquated, according to Rae Eddie, enterprising CCF member for the Royal City.

Mr. Eddie painted a charming Old World picture of court officials communicating by speaking tube, with a venerable gas lamp lighting the judge's desk.

"The most we can say of it is that it was built in the 1890s and is still standing," the member said.

Mr. Eddie had a word of assurance for any new members who might be dismayed by the verbal battles in the House.

"We may be vigorous in our differences of opinion," he said, "but, by and large, we have a happy faculty for leaving our animosities in this chamber, and when we meet outside we are good friends."

Dan Campbell, tall bespectacled member for Comox, put in a word for juvenile offenders, urging that they should be treated with sympathy and understanding rather than harsh discipline.

"We do not blame our dogs if they cannot do the tricks we have not taught them," he said. Why should we blame children if they fail to do what they have not been trained to do?"

One of the quietest people in the legislature is Mrs. Lois Haggen, blue-eyed CCF member for Grand Forks-Greenwood, always a composed and intelligent listener to whatever is going on.

Some say Mrs. Haggen never gets mad about anything. My guess is that, if the occasion arose, she would.

'Responsibility' Urged on Labor, Management

A Social Credit member urged both management and labor Thursday to show more responsibility in disputes that affect the welfare of communities.

Dan Campbell, MLA for Comox, cited the prolonged strike in the pulp and paper industry as an example where the interests of the community should be given more consideration.

Some labor unions are guilty of making "outrageous demands," he said.

On the other side, he scored the "piety" of some industrialists who show no respect for the responsible position of the labor movement in our affairs.

Mr. Campbell said the objective of B.C. labor legislation should be to keep men working, and he recommended some changes.

At the start of contract negotiations, he said, the government, if requested, should conduct a vote among union members to see if they would accept the findings of an arbitration board.

This is the only vote the government should supervise in a labor dispute, he said.

If the union turns down arbitration, then they can follow the same procedure they now have, but the government should take no part in a strike vote.

Prosecution Urged By MLA For Crest Use

Esquimalt MLA Herbert Bruch said Thursday night the Vancouver man who copyrighted the B.C. Centennial crest should be prosecuted.

Speaking in the legislature, the Social Credit member said he admired the "ingenuity" of the man, Art Parker, but "I don't like someone taking the centennial emblem and using it for his own purpose."

Mr. Bruch said provincial legislation makes it illegal for anyone to use without special permission the provincial crest which is contained within the centennial emblem.

Something should be done to clear up confusion about use of the provincial crest, he said.

"Either the legislation should be relaxed so the crest can be used with discretion or it should be enforced tightly."

U.S. Metal Tariff Hit by B.C. House

A resolution introduced by CCF member Leo Nimsick calling for concerted government opposition to a proposed U.S. tariff on lead and zinc imports was unanimously approved by the Legislature Thursday.

Mr. Nimsick's motion said the tariff would seriously affect the B.C. economy, and called on the provincial government to make immediate representations to Ottawa asking the federal government to take all possible steps against it.

Announcing government acceptance of the resolution, Attorney-General Bonner said an understanding must be achieved in both the U.S. and Canada of the need for free trade between the two countries.

Mines Minister Kiernan pointed out that his department had made representations to Ottawa on the tariffs some months ago.

Federal government officials

had assured him, Mr. Kiernan said, that protests would be made to Washington.

(An Ottawa report Thursday disclosed that there was an exchange of notes between the two countries last summer, in which Canada suggested that retaliatory action might be taken if the lead and zinc tariff was imposed.)

Mr. Nimsick said the situation created by the tariff threat is urgent. A number of mining companies in his Cranbrook riding are in suspense and can not plan ahead, he said.

Randolph Harding (CCF-Kaslo-Slocan) said there was much unrest in his riding over the situation.

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On the other side, he scored the "piety" of some industrial-ists who show no respect for the responsible position of the labor movement in our affairs.

Mr. Campbell said the ob-jective of B.C. labor legislation should be to keep men work-ing, and he recommended some changes.

At the start of contract ne-gotiations, he said, the govern-ment, if requested, should con-duct a vote among union mem-bers to see if they would ac-cept the findings of an arbitra-tion board.

This is the only vote the gov-ernment should supervise in a labor dispute, he said.

If the union turns down arbi-tration, then they can follow the same procedure they now have, but the government should take no part in a strike vote.

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roduced by CCF member Leo Nim-ited government opposition to a pro-ead and zinc imports was unani-the Legislature Thursday.

n said had assured him, Mr. Klerman y, and said, that protests would be made to Washington.

(An Ottawa report Thursday disclosed that there was an ex-change of notes between the two countries last summer, in which Canada suggested that retaliatory action might be taken if the lead and zinc tar-iff was imposed.)

Mr. Nimsick said the situa-tion created by the tariff threat is urgent. A number of mining companies in his Cranbrook rid-ing are in suspense and can not plan ahead, he said.

Randolph Harding (CCF-Kaslo-Slocan) said there was much unrest in his riding over the situation.

PUBLISHER'S NOTEBOOK

By STUART KEATE

Mr. Bonner's Dilemma

The current rhubarb in the House raises an interesting question, to wit:

Whither Bonner?
"The Case of the Aggravat-ed AG" (as Erie Stanley Gardner might call it) really goes back about ten years, when Mr. Bonner backed Mr. Bennett in his abortive at-tempt to wrest the Tory leadership from Herbert Anscomb.



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Both were active in Con-servative affairs. Bennett, of course, was in the House; Bonner was a promising junior in a law office headed by a one-time president of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada.

Bob seemed to have all the equipment necessary for a successful political career—an affable personality, acute brain, good war record, excel-lent "presence." He began to move up in the ranks of Young Conservatives.

Then came Mr. Bennett's switch from Tory to Indepen-dent to Socred. Not long after he achieved power, he approached his young friend and offered him the highest law office in B.C.

This was the moment of decision for Bonner.

If he accepted, it meant turning his back on his Tory friends, casting aside Con-servative principles and em-bracing the abacadabra of Social Credit.

The glittering prize of the Attorney-Generalship was too

great a temptation. Bonner accepted.

Had he thought the thing through, Bob might have re-alized that any party built on an unsound premise, and without a political philosophy, could not long endure. Now the slippery descent is in train.

Meanwhile, a consummate political irony was unfolding. The Tories, deep in the mor-ass when Bonner left them, "followed John" to the broad, sunny uplands of power. While Bob looked on, from the slightly declassé fringes of Social Credit, his old friends and colleagues (like Davie Fulton) were succeed-ing to the highest posts in the land.

But now it was too late to turn back. The Tories were chilly.

It's something of a personal tragedy. Undoubtedly, Bon-ner will see it through. He has no other alternative—ex-cept, perhaps, a few years of penance and a return to his position as a responsible Tory, which is his true role.

But the decision which set these forces in motion was his alone. If today his cup is bitter, it should never be for-gotten that it was Bonner himself who seized it.

Flare-Up Starts Jobless Inquiry

The legislative labor com-mittee got into a row at its first session today over what wit-nesses it should call on the un-employment problem.

A CCF motion that the heads of B.C.'s large integrated forest companies be invited to appear was voted down by the govern-ment-dominated committee.

Instead, the committee de-cided to call representatives of the industry such as the B.C. Lumber Manufacturers' As-sociation.

CCF member John Squire said the committee should "get at the root" of the problem by calling the leaders of the "seven or eight" big forest companies in the province.

"Unless we talk to these com-panies and hear the reasons for their ups and downs, then we're wasting our time."

"These companies are part and parcel of the province," Mr. Squire said. "As they go, so go we."

Representative associations could not speak with authority for the industry, he claimed.

The CCF member got into a hot exchange with Labor Min-ister Wicks after the minister accused him of "pre-judging" the companies.

"The companies in the forest industry are responsible for un-employment," Mr. Squire said. "Let's not be naive about it."

Mr. Wicks claimed that the

CCF motion would slow down the work of the committee.

"Who's going to decide what's a big company and what's a little company," he asked. "Why call one group of companies and not others?"

Herbert Bruch (SC-Esqui-malt) said it was not the pur-pose of the committee to "take a company and crack the whip over it."

Committee chairman Bert Price (SC-Vancouver-Burrard) pleaded that the committee should "try and avoid any fric-tion over things personal or political."

Mr. Squire said that unless the big logging companies "are prepared to regulate their work for us, will continue to have our ups and downs."

He suggested that forest man-agement licences should contain a clause that the companies holding them must try and spread their work over the year to keep men working.

On a motion by Mr. Bruch, the committee decided to invite the following groups to appear before the committee on the seasonal unemployment prob-lem:

The shipbuilding industry and unions; the B.C. Federation of Labor, B.C. Industrial Federa-tion, Canadian Legion, Cana-dian Manufacturers' Associa-tion, Council of Women, Board of Trade, Council of Churches and B.C. Research Council.

The committee also decided to hold another meeting next Thursday on the crisis in the interior town of Fernie caused by a coal-mine shutdown.

Interested groups and the company will be asked to make representations.

Trade Report Shows Drop In B.C. Industry

Proof of the slowdown in British Columbia's main indus-tries in 1957 is contained in the annual report of the provincial department of trade and in-dustry tabled in the legislature Thursday by Attorney-General Bonner.

The report shows that the estimated total value of produc-tion in the forestry industry was \$621,000,000, compared with \$628,000,000 in 1956.

The falloff in the mining and fishing industries was even greater.

Value of mineral production dropped from \$190,000,000 in 1956 to \$167,000,000 last year; and fishing from \$67,000,000 to \$62,000,000.

Exports totalled \$860,000,000 during the year, while imports amounted to \$510,000,000.

'Quarter Plan' for Schools Supported by Socred Member

Proposal that B.C. adopt the "quarter plan" of schooling was made in the legislature Thurs-day night by Herbert Bruch (SC-Esquamalt).

Mr. Bruch said under the scheme the school year is broken into four separate quar-ters, with one of them a vaca-tion period.

Vacations would be staggered throughout the year so that four classrooms would actually be provided by every three that are built.

Brighter students would be able to move ahead more quickly, he said, and students who fall behind might be able to catch up in one quarter in-stead of repeating the whole year in the same grade.

Mr. Bruch also proposed that in rural areas the morning starting times for different schools should be staggered so that fewer school buses would be needed to get students to class.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1958

Compensation Board 'Hostile', Says Eddie

Administration of the B.C. Workmen's Compensation Act came under fire in the legislature Thursday afternoon from Rae Eddie, CCF member for New Westminster.

"It is better to have a bad act sympathetically administered than a good act interpreted by a hostile administration," Mr. Eddie said.

"If the present administrators cannot handle the act properly, they should go. . . . There is a great danger that the system we have built up over the years may be wrecked by those who now have charge of it."

Mr. Eddie said B.C. workers were "deeply discontented" with the present administration.

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Mr. Eddie said the rights of an injured workman transcend all other considerations.

STRACHAN ON CIVIL SERVICE REPORT:

'Only Half Story Told'

Figures introduced in the legislature by Provincial Secretary Wesley Black purporting to show that the government is not cutting down its staff were challenged Thursday night by Opposition Leader Robert Strachan.

Mr. Black tabled a civil service commission monthly report at the close of the afternoon sitting showing a total of 9,621 persons were on the government payroll last December.

This figure compared with 9,270 in December, 1956.

Mr. Strachan rose at the start of the night sitting to charge that Mr. Black had "told only half the story."

The report dealt with only what are classed as "permanent" government employees,

the CCF leader said, and did not include a large body of "temporary" workers.

Mr. Strachan said in a report last year the provincial secretary had listed 8,866 permanent

employees and 5,745 temporary employees on the government payroll.

He challenged the minister to file both categories together again this year.

Up-Island Residents Urge Speed In Building Northern Road Link

A call for faster government action on construction of a road link to northern Vancouver Island was made in the legislature Thursday by Dan Campbell (SC-Comox).

Mr. Campbell said he would present to Highways Minister Gagliardi a petition containing the names of more than 2,000

up-island residents urging that the job be started now.

Representations should be made to Ottawa for federal aid on the road under the Trans-Canada Highway agreement, he said.

The road should be built from the present northern terminus of Sayward 100 miles to Port Hardy, Mr. Campbell said.

Highways Minister Gagliardi said in 1956 that surveys would

be started to find the best route between Sayward and Port McNeill, a distance of 50 miles.

Mr. Campbell said residents in the area are "very unhappy" at the lack of progress, and want more information from the minister.

Road access to the northern tip of the Island has been made more urgent by the recent withdrawal of Unions Steamship service, he said.

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'Mayo-Type' Hospital for UBC Aim of Vancouver Legislator

Construction of a 600-bed hospital and clinic on the University of B.C. campus was urged in the Legislature Friday by Social Credit member Alex Matthew.

"I want this university hospital . . . to be a provincial diagnostic clinic equal in standing to the Mayo Clinic and to other eastern clinics," the Vancouver-Centre member said.

Mr. Matthew said the hospital could be of aid to every general practitioner in B.C. who want to refer cases for help.

He suggested the hospital would be a good centennial year project.

Mr. Matthew also urged the government to extend its Vancouver motor vehicle testing program throughout the province.

"It can be done and at com-

paratively small expense," he said. "And what is that expense compared with the saving of human lives!"

He said more stress should be placed on the high school driver training course, and more government aid provided.

PREMIER LIBERAL AFTER ALL?

"I have been asking for money all afternoon," Frederick Sharp (SC, Vancouver East) said in the legislature Thursday, "but I am sure the premier will be liberal."

Amid laughter from all sides of the House, CCF leader Robert Strachan replied:

"If you're not careful he'll be going after Lester Pearson's job."

RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS

Socreds Against Discrimination

The Social Credit party stands "foursquare" against racial or religious discrimination, Alex Matthew (SC, Vancouver Cen-

tre) said in the legislature on Thursday.

Mr. Matthew said the Social Credit government has been "accused of being anti-Jewish, anti-this and anti-that."

This is not so, he said. In fact the government was the only government anywhere to give this stand legislative effect by passing the Fair Employment Practices Act in 1956.

"And then forgot about it," interjected CCF leader Robert Strachan.

Opposition members hooted at Mr. Matthew's defence of Social Credit on the discrimination issue.

"Tell Hansell, 'Tell Blackmore, 'Tell Young,' they called out.

Mr. Matthew raised the subject in talking about his Vancouver Centre riding, where he said, could be found every nationality and every creed living in harmony and friendship.

More MLAs Asked For Vancouver

A redistribution of provincial legislature seats to give the populous lower mainland region greater representation was urged Thursday by Fred Sharp (SC, Vancouver East).

He called on the government to appoint an "impartial, non-political committee" to examine the redistribution question.

Mr. Sharp said Vancouver City, which has almost one-third of the registered voters in B.C., has only nine members in the legislature.

"In other words," he said, "33

per cent of the registered voters have only 17 per cent representation in this legislature, and this does not indicate equitable representation."

74,107 VOTERS

Mr. Sharp said Vancouver East riding, which has 74,107 registered voters, has two members, or one for every 37,053 registered voters.

At the same time, Victoria, with 31,502 registered voters, has three members, or one for every 10,500 voters.

The Vancouver East member also called on the government to launch a large-scale public housing development.

VICIOUS VISE

"Pensioners and people in low income groups are caught in the vicious vise of high costs of accommodation with limited income," he said.

"Many times at the mercy of heartless landlords, advantage is taken of their dire circumstances."

Turning to education, Mr. Sharp said there is an urgent need for the department to establish a "realistic basic standard" for equipping all types of schools.

He also urged the government to revise its teachers' salary schedule used to compute provincial grants to school boards.

The present schedule is "far out of line" with current salaries, he said, and is imposing a serious financial burden on all school boards in B.C.

Forest Appointment Called 'Not Moral'

The appointment of former Chief Justice Gordon Sloan as timber adviser to the government was "not a moral procedure," Arthur Turner (CCF, Vancouver East) told the legislature Thursday night.

"It may have been a legal procedure but it was not a moral procedure, as far as the people of this province are concerned," Mr. Turner said.

"An appointment of this kind should have been referred to

the legislature first. Before one man takes over the forest policy of this province, it should have been discussed right here in this House."

Mr. Turner added that Mr. Sloan was "a most competent man who does a good job on anything he undertakes."

Urging a better deal to provincial civil servants, Mr. Turner said the average civil servant's wage had increased from \$275 monthly in 1956 to only \$277 in 1957.

In a plea for public power development, the CCF member said:

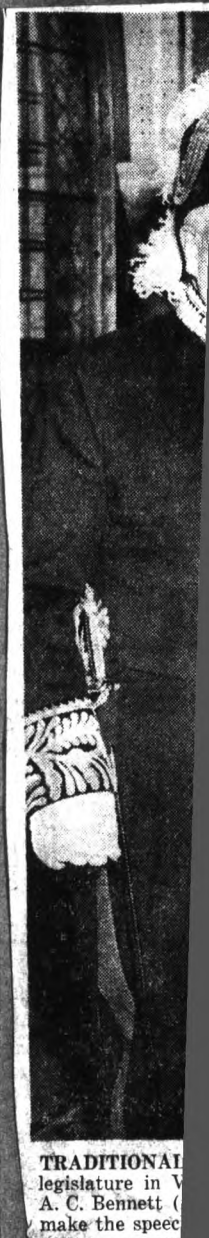
"Even the Liberal party at its last convention agreed that the Columbia River should be developed by public power."

"In the United States public power is accepted by everyone. You don't have to be a Socialist to recommend it, for the capitalists themselves realize that public power is cheaper than any other power."

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Friday, Jan. 24, 1958



TRADITIONAL POMP marked opening of the second session of B.C.'s 25th legislature in Victoria Thursday. Before the opening ceremony, Premier W. A. C. Bennett (right), escorted Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross into House to make the speech from the throne. See another picture, P. 17 (C. Jennings)

DECORATIONS UPSET MLA's

VICTORIA — Tempers flared in a Social Credit caucus, over gaudy decorations on the front of the Legislative buildings.

The decorations, in green and gold, are up to help celebrate the centennial year.

Some of the MLAs feel they are so gaudy that they ruin the stately appearance of the stone building.

Sales tax: \$85 million For BCHIS: \$32 million

Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA—How a tax grows.

In 1954, B.C. Hospital Insurance was in trouble because premium collections weren't meeting hospital costs.

The 3 per cent sales tax provided \$35,466,768 in 1953-54.

But with the 5 per cent sales tax, it rocketed to \$55,178,473 in 1954-55.

Last year it was \$85,132,489, and the government's biggest single source of revenue.

And the hospital costs, according to the public accounts, were \$32,008,041.

Which meant that the sales tax, which nearly everyone believes is "the hospital tax," provided \$53,124,448 for other government costs.

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Color, noise — but no surprises

By GORDON McCALLUM
Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA—The fanfare was there. The color was there. The booming guns were there. But the information wasn't.

The second session of the twenty-fifth B.C. legislature opened Thursday and the public and MLAs got precious little tip-off on what is coming up during their next six weeks of deliberation.

And today they'll learn little more.

The sitting will be completely given over to the moving and seconding of the reply to the speech from the throne.

Thursday's traditional speech from the throne, written by Premier Bennett and delivered by the lieutenant-governor, was a review of what the government says it has done.

It included cheers because Princess Margaret is coming this year for the centennial celebrations and almost no hint of what is coming up by way of legislation.

THE SPEECH forecast that the government would do "everything possible" to alleviate unemployment.

It forecast some changes in the municipal act, which everyone knew had to be patched up anyway because it went through the House too quickly last year.

And it forecast a new education act—which everyone knew about anyway, because the government announced last year that it would be revised.

APART FROM THAT, there appeared to be nothing. Some observers described it as among the dullest throne speeches yet—as far as content was concerned, not the way the lieutenant governor delivered it.

The throne speech said: "Certain plans to further assist cities and municipalities will be submitted to you."

This may take the form of guaranteeing some bond issues.

BUT MOSTLY the throne speech reported things which the public already knew.

For instance, the government promise to match, up to \$7,500,000 contributions given to the

Sommers sits behind Bennett

VICTORIA (CP) — Robert E. Sommers, Social Credit MLA for Rossland-Trail, recently charged with conspiring to accept bribes, attended the opening of the legislature here.

Mr. Sommers sat immediately behind Premier Bennett.

university. Last year the promise was \$5,000,000 and the increase to \$7,500,000 was announced during the year.

The premier also announced—another thing already known—that the PGE extensions to Fort St. John and Dawson Creek will be finished this year.

The speech said that the 900-page forestry report compiled by former Chief Justice Gordon Sloan will be laid before the house and that "legislation will be introduced to implement certain recommendations of this report . . ."

The speech forecast that the four-lane highway from Whalley to the junction of King George Highway and Trans-Canada would be increased from four lanes to six.

THE INFORMATION was not new: Highway Minister Gagliardi has said before that it is in his planning.

The Kelowna bridge across Lake Okanagan will be finished this year; work is progressing on the Second Narrows bridge in Vancouver (due to be finished in 1959.)

AT THE OPENING the House went through the formal process of naming Hugh

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(See SPEECH)

Bennett began year \$41 million in black

Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA—Premier Bennett under-estimated his 1956-57 revenue collections by \$46,246,773.

This was told in the public accounts issued to the legislature on Thursday.

And the revelation of the big under-estimate of revenue was coupled with another one.

When he began the fiscal year, Premier Bennett had a revenue surplus of \$41,169,868. This figure has never been disclosed before.

THIS COULD be a big reason why the premier is shrugging off rumors that the government is in financial difficulties.

If revenues are down in the present fiscal year, that revenue surplus is there—or was there—to take care of it.

THE PREMIER, as finance minister, reported 1956-57 revenue was \$270,783,792, an alltime high. In the budget which covered the period he estimated it at \$224,537,019.

He put \$26,622,409 into debt retirement, compared to \$12,272,131 in the previous year. He reported the debt at \$181,672,500 with \$72,328,588 put away to meet it.

Current revenue produced \$14,443,996 for fixed debt charges.

THE PREMIER reported a revenue surplus of \$6,812,505, which, he said in the public account, he put with \$8,187,494 from previous revenue surplus to make a supplementary sinking fund installment (in effect a payment on debt) of \$15,000,000.

THE PREMIER reported that

the province spent \$80,365,346 on highways construction — apart from toll highway authority spending—and the throne speech complained that the federal contribution to it was only \$7,385,219. (This would be federal government expenditures on Trans-Canada Highway construction.)

This highway expenditure was doubled over the previous fiscal year when the figure was \$40,995,899.

It cost \$32,008,041 to pay for hospitalization, up from \$30,548,000 in the previous year.

The province's contingent liabilities rose from \$100,000,000 to \$241,334,638. These are the debts of the toll highway authority, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and the B.C. power commission.

They borrow their own money, the government guarantees the borrowings and then does not show the debt on government books.

INSTEAD, they are shown as contingent liabilities and not part of the government's debt structure.

The balance sheet showed that the government's assets are \$608,107,000 against liabilities of \$242,694,570. The assets include the legislative buildings and the highways.

From Page One

SPEECH

Shantz, Social Credit member for North Okanagan, as Mr. Speaker.

It was only a formality because Premier Bennett already had designated Mr. Shantz as the man.

Official tribute was paid to Ralph Chetwynd, who was minister of agriculture when he died just after the end of last year's session. Members rose for a moment, and opposition leader Robert Strachan, CCF, added a personal tribute.

"A LIGHT went out in this HOUSE when Mr. Chetwynd was taken away," he said. "He always had a cheery smile for all."

THERE WAS a formal ceremony of introducing three new members to the legislature.

Elected in by-elections, they were Gordon Gibson of Delta (Social Credit); William Speare, Cariboo (Social Credit); and Cedric Cox, Burnaby, (CCF).

Mr. Gibson was introduced by Premier Bennett and Attorney General Bonner; Mr. Speare by the premier and Forestry Minister Ray Williston; Mr. Cox by CCF Leader Robert Strachan and Arthur Turner, CCF, Vancouver East.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE

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VICTORIA — Motorists paid \$1,696,081 to use the Lions Gate Bridge in the fiscal year ending last March 31.

In the year before, they paid \$1,728,245.

The drop was caused by the removal of passenger tolls.

The profit was \$733,222, which was carried into reserve account. The public accounts didn't say so, but that profit will be part of the cost pooling with the Lions Gate and now-building Second Narrows Bridge.

IN OTHER words, it appeared that Lions Gate users already are paying off part of the debt on the \$22,000,000 Second Narrows Bridge.

Statistics

VICTORIA—Facts and figures given in reports tabled in the legislature Thursday:

B. C. HOSPITAL Insurance Service, in its nine years of operation, has paid out \$210,000,000 on 2,132,000 hospital accounts.

It has paid \$18,500,000 in grants for hospital construction and equipment.

It has paid the bills of 1,900,000 patients who were in the hospital for a day or more; and for 510,000 emergency or short-stay patients in hospital for less than a day.

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B.C.'S 52 FERRIES carried 2,165,751 cars and drivers and 4,161,694 passengers in the year ending last March 31.

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SNOW REMOVAL cost the highway department \$3,470,446 in the fiscal year ending last March 31.

Gaglardi still in the lead

VICTORIA — Highways Minister Gaglardi is still the leader in cabinet expense accounts.

The public accounts filed Thursday showed that besides his salary of \$7,500 for the fiscal year ending last March 31, he got \$5,043 for travelling. In the previous year his travelling cost \$5,151.

B.C. liquor profit \$25,048,630

Tax adds \$3,413,865

Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA—British Columbians are buying more liquor and boosting the government's profit on it.

The Liquor Control Board made a profit of \$25,048,630 in the fiscal year ending last March 31.

In the previous year it was \$22,598,988.

The figures are revealed in the public accounts, filed Thursday in the legislature.

THE PROFIT in the last fiscal year was made on \$63,118,245 in sales to the public and \$25,083,023 in the collection of licences.

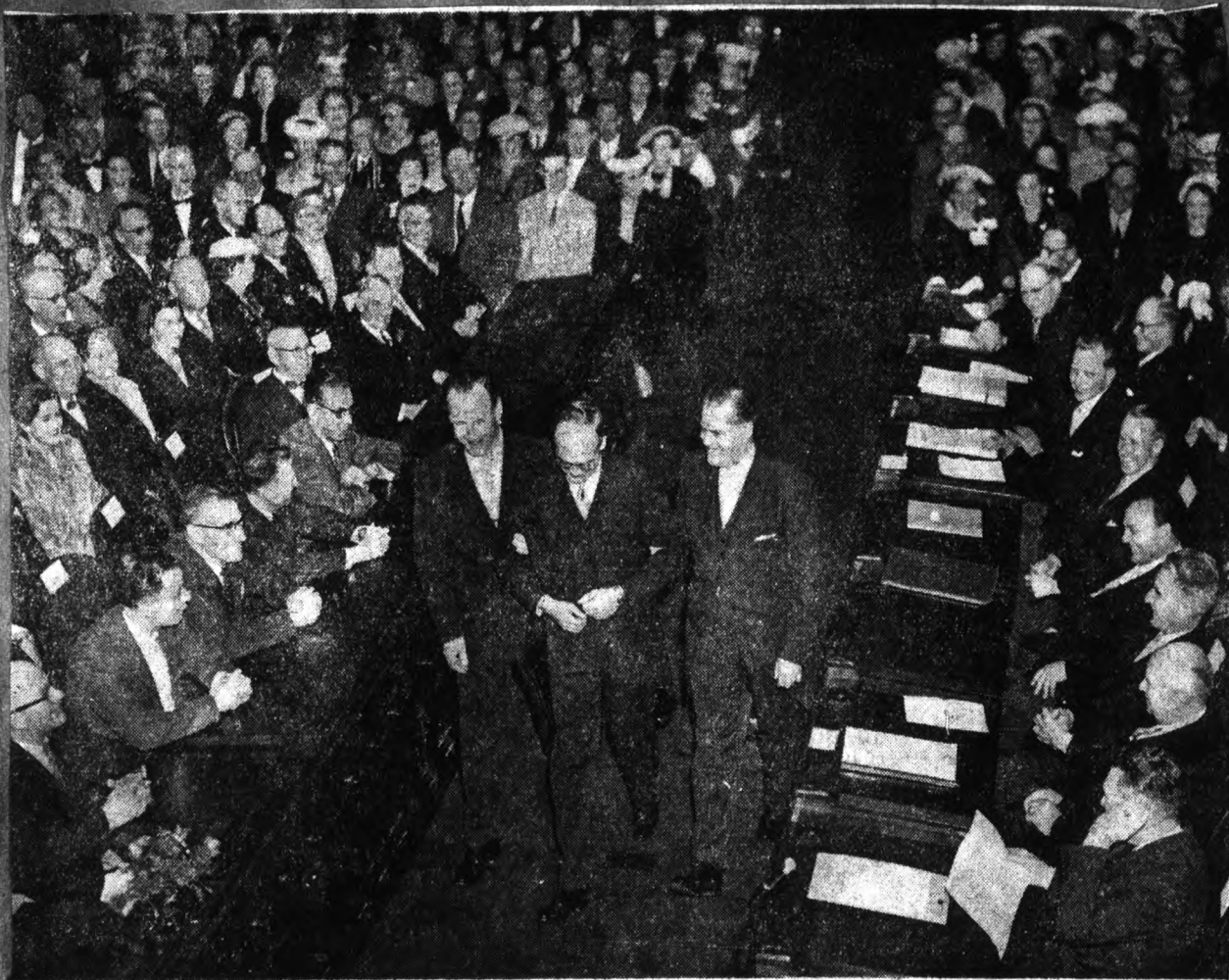
In the previous year, sales to the public totalled \$57,814,264 and \$21,593,071 was collected in licences.

Substantial price increases were made in liquor prices in the fall of 1956, and these are reflected in the increased profit reported by the board.

BESIDES producing this handsome profit for the government, liquor purchasers provided an additional \$3,413,865 in sales taxes paid on the liquor. This total does not show in the government profit but as a collection in the sales tax section.

During the year the board paid \$60,141,527 for liquor stocks: In the previous year, just over \$53,000,000.

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POLITICAL RIVALRY FORGOTTEN—at least for the moment, Opposition leader Robert Strachan, left, and Premier W. A. C.

Bennett, were all smiles as they escorted new speaker Hugh Shantz to his seat as Legislature opened in Victoria Thursday.

—Photo by Charlie Jennings



MLA FOR ROSSLAND-TRAIL, Robert E. Sommer, former forestry minister, took his seat for opening of house. He sat behind and between Premier Bennett and Attorney-General Robert Bonner.

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MR. STRACHAN up a nice neat schedule the government side debate on the speech from the throne start at the Friday sitting. Two governments, William Spear and Gordon L. Gibb had been scheduled

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Mr. Strachan rose the House drop and discuss the urgent unemployment.

THE SPEAKER motion was out of the vote to sustain the government produced the Wicks unemployment sitting committee tion. And from the finish, there was selling.

THE POINT at Mr. Strachan felt employment situation serious that it should be at once.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1958

Jobless argument erupts in legislature

Bennett, Strachan 'dog fight' shout across floor

By GORDON McCALLUM
Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA — The Legislature erupted into a bitter quarrel between Premier Bennett and CCF Leader Robert Strachan on Friday as the House debated unemployment.

And in the end, after two hours and one minute, everyone peacefully agreed to a motion by Labor Minister Lyle Wicks that the problem "of seasonal unemployment and the means available for alleviating this problem" be sent to the standing committee of the House.

The premier and Mr. Strachan quarrelled so bitterly that Mr. Strachan told the premier: "If he is looking for a dog fight in this session, he is going to have it."

And the premier, his face blazing red, replied:

"The honorable the leader of the opposition cannot threaten the prime minister of this province."

MR. STRACHAN had fouled up a nice neat schedule set by the government side that the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne would start at the Friday afternoon sitting. Two government speakers, William Speare of Cariboo, and Gordon L. Gibson of Delta had been scheduled to speak.

'Urgent problem'

Mr. Strachan rose to ask that the House drop everything and discuss the urgent problem of unemployment.

THE SPEAKER RULED his motion was out of order. After the vote to sustain his decision, the government promptly introduced the Wicks motion to have unemployment sent to the standing committee for consideration. And from the start to the finish, there was a lot of hussling.

THE POINT at issue was that Mr. Strachan felt that the unemployment situation was so serious that it should be debated at once.

'Hear it now'

The government agreed it was serious, but that the subject should go to the labor committee where—as Premier Bennett said—witnesses from both management and labor could be called.

Mr. Strachan claimed the government move was to put the subject over until near the end of session: that the committee would not meet until then. The premier denied it.

Mr. Strachan accused the premier of asking Ottawa last Nov. 25 to co-operate in measures, "to provide employment now," but now that "we have a chance of debating unemployment, he wants to sweep it under the rug. Shame on the whole Social Credit government."

THE CCF LEADER accused the government of deliberately holding back on Trans-Canada Highway construction.

HE SEEMED to have won a

partial admission from Premier Bennett later when he said that the province felt at that time that it could get a better cost sharing deal, and in fact had improved the 50-50 lead to a 90-10 deal on some sections.

"You weren't intending to spend the money," Mr. Strachan shouted at the premier. "You were more interested in building up surpluses."

Like jack rabbit

Once, while the CCF heckled him, Mr. Bennett shouted "Wild, wild language." And later, "There's another hatchet man going."

"You're jumping up and down like a jack rabbit," he told Mr. Strachan later.

MR. BENNETT claimed that only the B.C. Social Credit government, as far back as two years ago, forecast conditions today as a result of the tight money policy. The people are going to see, he claimed, in the conditions now that "genuine Social Credit is needed across the nation."

The premier claimed that the B.C. government has been doing a lot to help employment: PGE extensions, bridge building through the highway department and the toll highway authority, tremendous B.C. Power Commission expansions.

"But there is still unemployment," cut in a CCF voice.

"HECKLE, HECKLE, heckle," Premier Bennett snapped back. "See how unfair they are."

Division bells rang four times during the afternoon, the first one 14 minutes after the house opened. It was almost unprecedented.

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In all of them the government was solidly on one side: the opposition solidly on the other.

And after it was all over, it seemed clear that all sides of the house agreed that unemployment should be discussed.

But the government wasn't going to lose control of the political ball by allowing a resolution to have it discussed. And, perhaps more important, it meant that a lot of the discussion would be in a little committee room instead of on the floor of the house.

Tom Uphill describes dying city

VICTORIA—The plight of Fernie, a city about to die, will get top priority when the legislature's select standing committee on labor debates the unemployment situation.

The government on Friday accepted a motion by Victoria Liberal George Gregory that the plight of Fernie get top billing when the committee meets. Earlier, the House had agreed to send the general problem of seasonal unemployment to the committee.

Eighty-three-year-old Tom Uphill, Labor member from Fernie since 1920, was near tears when he rose and told the House: "There are broken hearts in Fernie today."

"There is no place in the continent which is being hit as hard as Fernie is being hit now."

"THE PEOPLE have their whole life savings there and in a week they will lose them."

Fernie has a week to live out the robust life it has and then things will start to fail because the single mine is being closed and 400 miners will be out of work. It is the city's major industry.

"FERNIE IS FACED with a disaster which must be averted if we can," said CCFer Randolph Harding, Kaslo-Slocan.

Mines Minister Kenneth Kiernan told the House that on Thursday he had communicated with the (American) owners of the mine.

"I have communicated to them that they are acting rather abruptly in that they have given no notice."

—Photo by Charlie Jennings
escorted new speaker Hugh
opened in Victoria Thursday.

AND-TRAIL, Robert E. Sommer, minister, took his seat for opening and between Premier Bennett and General Robert Bonner.

CCF ask B.C. control of telephone company

Province Victoria Bureau
VICTORIA—The CCF will seek to get provincial control of the B.C. Telephone Co. Ltd. because, it charges, federal control is "limited and ineffective." The B.C. legislature will be asked to pass a resolution directing that the government ask Ottawa to put control under provincial jurisdiction.

Notice of the resolution was put on the order paper Friday by CCF leader Robert Strachan.

The resolution: "Whereas the British Columbia Telephone Co. Ltd., operating under a federal charter, is subject only to limited and ineffective control by the federal board of transport commissioners;

"Therefore it be resolved that this house is of the opinion that the provincial government should apply to the federal government of Canada to have control (of the company) and its subsidiaries within the province of B.C. revert to provincial jurisdiction in order that the rates and services can be controlled on behalf of the people of the province by the Public Utilities Commission of B.C."

Iron ore tax defended by Kiernan

VICTORIA (CP)—Mines Minister Kenneth Kiernan Friday denied the B.C. tax on shipments of iron ore from the province was "discriminatory" against Japan. He was commenting on an article in the Japan Metal Daily, published in Tokyo, criticizing the new tax.

The article said the Japanese government may be contemplating counter measures by putting import duties on grain and lumber shipped from B.C. ports.

"It is not a question of placing the tax against anybody," Mr. Kiernan said Friday.

"We just don't believe that strategic natural resources—in the case of iron ore one in limited quantity—should be removed from B.C. without making at least some contribution to the treasury of the province."

The tax, imposed by government order-in-council last October, charges an export tax of between 25 and 50 cents a ton on iron ore shipped from B.C. ports.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Jail admissions jump 4,500

VICTORIA (CP) — A 67 per-cent increase in the number of persons jailed last year was shown in the report of the inspector of jails tabled in the legislature. In the 12 months ending last March 31, a total of 14,100 offenders were sent to jail compared to 9,630 in 1955-56.

More than 10,000 admissions were recorded at Oakalla, an increase of nearly 4,000 from the previous year.

"This increase is made up partly by the growing number of teenagers who, for lack of adequate alternatives to delinquency and the deficiency of preventative services in the community are not being dealt with in time to avoid the necessity of sending them to prison," said Warden Hugh Christie of Oakalla.

ALSO BLAMED for part of the increase was the present unsettled employment picture which "has resulted from the influx of transient workers and adventurers attracted by the growing cities."

Warden Christie strongly urged provision for proper classification facilities at Oakalla.

"THE WAITING-TRIAL facilities which allow the mixing of the young with the old, the most degenerate with the first offender, and the addict with the non-addict, must be replaced by a unit which allows for proper segregation and provides a separate cell for each person," he said.

Director of Correction E. G. B. Stevens also said the present facilities for admission, observation and classification of prisoners at Oakalla "are very inadequate."

IN ADDITION he stressed the importance of probation as a means of treatment for offenders.

"The new penology is not coddling prisoners but is a sincere intelligent effort to get value for money spent through the rehabilitation of those who fall afoul of the law," he said.

Cost of jail maintenance for the year was \$3,108,125 compared to \$2,296,580 for the previous year.

Why? how? when? asks Strachan

Province Victoria Bureau
VICTORIA — The legislature session is just two days old and already opposition members have 19 searching questions on the order paper.

The subjects range from highway costs to finances.

THE FIRST 14 queries are by CCF leader Robert Strachan.

Among the things he wants to know: The number of employees in the health department; the number in the finance department; what payments, if any, have been made to municipalities under the Liquor Control Act.

OF INTEREST to beer drinkers: Mr. Strachan wants to know how much the breweries charge the Liquor Control Board for bottled and barrelled beer, and how much hotels and beer parlors have to pay the Liquor Board for it.

Mr. Strachan will also ask if PGE employees are covered by group insurance and what insurance agent sold the policy, if any.

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Frankly, Premier Bennett, we think the time has come for your government to give the B.C. taxpayers a clear and understandable statement of the finances of this province.

There are some important questions to be answered about the state of the public pocketbook.

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How was it possible, for instance, for your finance department to under-estimate 1956-57 revenue collections by \$46,246,733? In your budget for the current fiscal year you estimated you would be starting with an accumulated surplus of only \$4,500,000, and yet the public accounts released on Thursday show the surplus actually came to \$41,169,868.

This is no doubt meant to be a happy surprise, like a magician pulling a white rabbit out of a hat, and we are certainly glad to know that the provincial finances are in better shape than rumor, for want of a clear-cut statement, has been suggesting.

But we are more than a little concerned about your finance department's inability to anticipate tax returns. Being a few million out is perhaps excusable. An under-estimate of \$46,000,000 is quite another matter. Or was this a deliberate attempt to hide a financial nest egg where nobody could find it?

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Further, the people who are devoting so much time and effort to the province's health and welfare services are confounded by the discrepancy between the government's current economy campaign and its budgetary complacency.

The women who are so vitally interested in Woodlands School for Retarded Children in New Westminster want to know why, if the government has been saving money away, it has been necessary to turn children away from the school?

Why is the economy axe threatening the New Haven Borstal, the Provincial Mental Hospital at Essondale and the rehabilitation program at Oakalla Prison Farm?

Why are there widespread cuts in highway department staffs? In some districts the lay-offs are said to total 95 per cent of the men.

Our puzzlement over this situation is increased by the throne speech, prepared by your government, in which you undertook to co-operate with national and municipal governments to "do everything possible to increase employment and to assist those who, through reasons beyond their control, cannot find employment."

We find it hard to believe a government with revenue surpluses and pledged to help unemployment would be eliminating jobs.

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It seems probable the answer, or part of it, may lie in your report that \$26,622,409 has been put into debt retirement, more than twice the amount devoted to this purpose in the previous year.

But however meritorious this debt retirement it hardly tallies with the government's failure to come through with its usual interim school grants, an omission that forced B.C. school boards to try to borrow around \$3,500,000 for December expenses.

It seems our anxiety to reduce one debt necessitated taking on a new one, for the education department has promised to redeem the loans to the school boards by an issue of debentures early in 1958.

This also brings into question the government's oft-emphasized "pay-as-you-go policy." Issuing new debentures for school costs when such big revenue surpluses were available hardly seems like pay-as-you-go.

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And the government's interest in debt reduction raises another question. While the provincial debt was being whittled down the province's contingent liabilities rose from \$100,000,000 to \$241,334,638. These are the debts of the toll highway authority, the PGE and the B.C. Power Commission, which borrow their own money and, presumably, will pay it back out of earnings. But the government nevertheless guarantees the borrowing.

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These are some of the things that are bothering the people of this province, Mr. Premier. They are entitled to a clearer explanation of what's going on. After all, it's their money, not the government's.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1958

325,000 FAVOR DENTURIST BILL

Approximately 325,000 B.C. citizens have gone on record as favoring a bill making it legal for public denturists to deal directly with the public.

The bill will be presented to the provincial legislature by Cyril Shelford, Social Credit MLA for Omineca.

Jerry Smith, secretary of the newly-incorporated Dental Technicians and Public Denturist Society, said the figure represents the total number of citizens who have indicated their support of the bill.

The 230,000-strong B.C. Federation of Labor, 70,000 members of the Federated

League of Elder Citizens, and 20,000 private citizens have gone on record as favoring the bill, according to Mr. Smith.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1958

Sommers, Gregory clash in forestry case debate

Bonner also hit for avoiding duty

By GORDON McCALLUM
Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA — Former forestry minister Robert Sommers accused Victoria Liberal George Gregory of being "yellow" as they clashed in the Legislature Monday.

Mr. Gregory called for a probe into all forest management licences "to see if they were merited."

Mr. Sommers, facing a conspiracy trial in Vancouver, was the target of rebuke by Mr. Gregory.

The Liberal, phrasing his statements carefully, said he wanted to "congratulate the member for Rossland-Trail (Mr. Sommers) on feeling better. He apparently was too ill in November to see his doctor."

It was an apparent reference to the fact that Mr. Sommers, during a civil suit, had not visited a Vancouver doctor as directed by Mr. Justice Wilson.

MR. GREGORY said he was sorry Mr. Sommers had not appeared at that time "but I am delighted that the honorable member has the opportunity at last to have his name cleared."

"You'd better not goad me," Mr. Sommers said, without standing.

"I shall goad you and criticize you as I please," Mr. Gregory replied.

"YOU HAVEN'T got guts enough," Mr. Sommers said.

"The honorable member did not have the courage . . ." Mr. Gregory started, and then seemed to check himself.

Mr. Sommers muttered under his breath, "You are yellow, you are yellow."

"I THINK THAT the decision by Mr. Justice Wilson indicated who is of that color," Mr. Gregory said.

(Mr. Justice Wilson had dismissed Mr. Sommers' civil suit against Vancouver lawyer David Sturdy when Mr. Sommers did not appear.)

EARLIER in the session, CCF Leader Robert Strachan had criticized Attorney-General Robert Bonner for his handling of the Sommers case.

"He has clouded the issue with the jargon of his voice — worn phrases and the ingenuities of legal verbiage," Mr. Strachan said. "He has identified himself and the government with those who now stand charged in the courts of our land."

"No matter how that court case ends (the Sommers case) the attorney-general stands convicted as a man who put his political duty before public duty."

MR. GREGORY CALLED for a "complete investigation" into the circumstances surrounding the award of every forest management licence.

Mr. Gregory said former chief justice Gordon Sloan, as forestry commissioner, had declined to hear "evidence of corruption in the issuance of management licences."

"I would say no matter what the outcome of the criminal charges, said Mr. Gregory, "Mr. Sloan should have a complete investigation to see if each one was obtained on its merits or otherwise."

Mr. Gregory was critical of both Sloan and Mr. Justice Clyne, who resigned to head Macmillan and Bloedel, for quitting the bench.

"I hope that no more judges are going to leave no matter what inducement is offered."

MENTAL INSTITUTIONS HIT

'B.C. economies cost 25 years progress'

Provincial economies threatened to wipe out 25 years of progress in mental institutions, charges B.C. division of Canadian Mental Health Association.

"If the government goes on cutting back staffs of institutions, we can go back overnight to the position we were in 25 years ago," said Jim Ward, executive director of the association.

These views have been sent to Premier Bennett in a protest letter from CMHA. Copies have been sent to every B.C. cabinet member.

Details will be given at the CMHA annual meeting Wednesday night at Mental Health Centre, Willingdon and Grandview, Burnaby.

"MEANWHILE I don't think it would be fair to publish the letter until the premier has received it," said Mr. Ward.

Protests against the government economies came to a head following a story in The Province about institutions closing down and others refusing patients.

"THERE IS EVIDENCE to suggest that our entire mental health program is coming to a standstill," said Mr. Ward. "If there is no improvement in the staff situation, we will end up with a simple custodial system."

The government ordered a five per cent staff cut in all departments. Replacements for normal staff turnover were refused.

As a result, said Mr. Ward, several institutions are unable to use newly-completed accommodation. Others are cutting existing services.

A new building at the Home for The Aged at Coquitlam is not in full use; the new mental health centre and child guidance clinic in Burnaby is in partial operation; Woodlands school for retarded children which recently opened a new wing, is turning away patients and has 500 on a waiting list; a new nurses training school at Esson-dale has been standing in a near-finished state for several months.

CCF wants milk prices controlled

By GORDON McCALLUM
Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA — The CCF called in the Legislature Monday for re-establishment of milk price control at the retail level. B.C. now controls only the price paid to producers.

CCF leader Robert Strachan, voiced the request as he led off opposition criticism of the Speech from the Throne.

He did not enlarge on the reference. It came during general criticism of the agricultural department which, he said, had not spent the money voted for it by the Legislature.

'Super-salesman' peddles 3,500 coins for \$3,499

VICTORIA — Liberal Archie Gibb took 3,500 silver dollars to the recent Liberal convention in Ottawa.

He did it to publicize B.C.'s centennial and sold them for a dollar — paper money.

And he did it so well, that he was only out \$1 on his accounting. Liberal George Gregory proudly told the legislature on Monday.

GIBSON MAKES DEBUT

The name is the same, but the voice is changed

VICTORIA — Gordon Gibson spoke in the legislature Monday. But it was not the same Gordon Gibson most of the members had come to know.

The first Gordon Gibson was a big and booming liberal, who lost his Lillooet seat in a by election.

The new Gordon Gibson is a chiropractor and Social Credit member for Delta, who Monday made his maiden speech.

Like most other maiden speeches it said a lot of nice things about the government.

HE HAD SOME concrete suggestions, however. He wants Delta broken up into two ridings, instead of one riding with two members as it is now.

He wants more money made available for municipal capital expenditures.

ON STORE HOURS, he said: "I am sure that more adequate provision will be forthcoming in the proposed changes (to the Municipal Act) to the effect that the so-called corner store operators will be given further leeway and defined hours."

He suggested municipalities should have complete control of these stores.

IN HIS SPEECH, Mr. Gibson may have given a "tip" that payments to welfare cases may be increased.

He said: "I am hopeful that some further consideration will be forthcoming to increase the basic allowance rates, and some further assistance to the municipalities in shaping the allowance."

"I already realize that the present pay for social assistance, which includes the old age group, allowances to blind persons and to disabled persons is the highest in Canada—but it is obvious to everyone that the premier and his government has done so many things that would seem impossible at the beginning, and with this in mind I do not hesitate in suggesting a further increase in assistance to social welfare cases."

MLA urges federal aid

VICTORIA (CP)—The Federal Government should be urged to do everything possible to prevent the U.S. from placing a tariff on imports of lead and zinc, Leo Nimsick (CCF—Cranbrook) said in a notice of motion Monday.

Mr. Nimsick gave notice he would move that the B.C. government press Ottawa for action on the U.S. tariff proposal.

His notice said it was necessary that the tariff be prevented because it "would seriously affect the economy of B.C."

Flying Phil's plane repairs cost \$50,000

VICTORIA—How much does it cost to run the airplanes for Phil Gaglardi, the flying highway minister?

The figure has never been given to the legislature.

But here is a big clue: It cost \$50,196 just to repair them in the fiscal year ending last March 31.

Mr. Gaglardi uses two planes, one a Widgeon which lands on either land or water, and an Anson, which comes down only on land.

RESEARCH SHOWS RAINMAKING

...NOT WORTH BOTHER

Province Victoria Bureau
VICTORIA — B.C. research council told the Legislature on Monday that rainmaking efforts in B.C. produced little results.

It was the second report issued by the research council, and the finding was about the same as it was in the first report a year ago.

NO CHANGE in rainfall as a

result of seeding, has been proved—the effects of seeding, if any, are small and undetectable."

The rain target areas were around Campbell River and Powell River.

THE COUNCIL agreed, however, that the statistical studies increased rainfall and stream flow by something over 0.33 per cent (one third of one per cent.)

"But, the probability that the increase could be as much as 10

per cent is extremely small."

People interested in nice weather for the tourist season had this assurance: "No reliable estimate can be formed for the effect of seeding in regions outside the target areas."

"However, it is certain that if there are any net effects in areas of interest to interior agriculture and the coast tourist industry, they are negligibly small."

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By DILLON O
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HOXSEY TREATMENT 'USELESS'

Hoxsey clinic 'useless'

By DILLON O'LEARY

Province Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — The controversial Hoxsey cancer treatment has been branded of no medical value and in some cases a menace to life in the special report of a six-member committee of the University of B.C.

Tabled in the legislature Monday, it is the answer of private on-the-scene investigation demanded during uproar and appeals in the legislature in 1956, started by former Socred MLA Lydia Arsens of Victoria, and continued in 1957 by Randolph Harding (CCF, Kaslo-Slocan).

Of 78 patients from B.C. treated at the Hoxsey Clinic in Dallas, Texas, from 1952 into the first 6½ months of 1957, the committee found:

That 32 are now dead, nine are dying or the cancer is progressing, 18 had no proven evidence of malignancy, and seven had probably been cured by orthodox medicine before visiting the clinic.

There was one patient cured but with needless pain and disfigurement, seven were impossible to follow up because of incomplete or incorrect records of them at the clinic, and four cases were inconclusive because it was too soon to predict their outcome.

IN THE REPORT was the statement that the committee encountered at the Hoxsey clinic many cancer patients requiring surgery — which the Hoxsey treatment rejects — and that such patients are in serious danger.

"The delay occasioned by seeking out the Hoxsey treatment may mean the difference between life and death," the report explained.

OF THE SIX UBC faculty members composing the committee, three were medical doctors.

On the committee were: Prof. J. M. Mather, MD, the chairman, head of the department of public health of the faculty of medicine; A. W. R. Carrothers, associate professor, faculty of medicine;

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(See Hoxsey)

Neal Harlow, UBC librarian; Prof. S. A. Jennings, department of mathematics, faculty of arts and sciences; George D. Saxton, clinical instructor, dept. of surgery, faculty of medicine; and Prof. H. E. Taylor, dept. of pathology, faculty of medicine.

Its members were selected by Dean John W. Patterson, dean of the faculty of medicine of UBC. He was acting on the request of Education Minister Leslie Peterson, made in a letter of March 19, 1957.

THE COMMITTEE by-passed the possibility of an expensive long range study. It decided to visit the Hoxsey clinic and study existing evidence, including Hoxsey literature. Full co-operation was accorded by the Hoxsey clinic and Harry Hoxsey, the committee stressed frequently.

In assessing evidence and following investigations, the committee visited from July 21 to Aug. 3 last year four U.S. centres:

"WE, A COMMITTEE of the faculty members of the University of British Columbia, convened to conduct an impartial review of the Hoxsey treatment for cancer, conclude after personal investigation and a review of the documentary material that:

The procedures and the medications known as the "Hoxsey treatment for cancer" are of no value in the treatment of internal cancer, and the external treatments used have no place in modern cancer therapy."

THE REPORT explained the Hoxsey treatment rejected both surgery and X-ray and other radiation as means of treating cancer.

Instead, it relied on medicines or pills on internal cancers and burning salves — which burned out both cancerous and healthy skin and tissues — for external cancers. (The report referred to the salves as "escharotic treatment — discarded as obsolete by the medical profession many years ago.")

TO BOOST record of cures, the report gave this explanation for the Hoxsey treatment's claims to success where orthodox medicine has failed: The Hoxsey method of diagnosis is so faulty that many patients are told they have cancer when no such condition exists, then treated and told later they have been cured.

The chief testimony on Hoxsey's behalf is not scientific evaluation or medical assessment but the claims of his patients, said the report.

POINTING OUT that even skilled diagnosticians cannot confirm the presence of cancer without the aid of biopsy (examination of suspected tissue) and pathological examination, the report said: "The unsubstantiated testimony of apparent cures by ex-patients is without merit in evaluating the claims made." (Hoxsey methods ignore biopsy and pathology.)

DESCRIBING the clinic as a large converted house without facilities for in-patient care, the report continued: The impression gained by the committee was of over-crowding and minimal facilities.

"Patients occupied every available space in rooms and hallways. The premises were cluttered. The clinic bore no resemblance to what one would expect in a long established and profitable institution dealing with so large a body of patients.

"In fact, neither equipment nor facilities were impressive."

THE COMMITTEE was informed the professional staff consisted of five osteopaths and two medical doctors, but noted "we did not meet any members of the staff who possessed the degree of doctor of medicine." Nurses on duty were not—"as far as we were able to ascertain"—graduate and registered nurses.

The report emphasized the requirements for proper treatment of cancer:

An adequate patient history taken by a physician.

A complete physical examination.

A selected laboratory and X-ray investigation to confirm the clinical impression.

A biopsy of tissue, wherever possible, with subsequent pathological examination.

Correlation of all these findings by the physician to produce a diagnosis.

After treatment, a carefully organized follow-up check on the patient over a number of years.

IN DETAILED discussion of how diagnosis and treatment could be measured by these standards, the report came to conclusions that in almost no regard were proper measures taken.

Patients' histories are "grossly inadequate: — They are taken by unskilled personnel" and are almost entirely governed by "the patient's own interpretation of his condition."

Laboratory tests are usually irrelevant to cancer.

X-RAY UNDER Dr. Donald

Watt, certified as a radiologist by the osteopathic board, is competent in chest and skeletal x-rays, but incompetent in x-rays of the gastrointestinal tract — "the x-ray department does not function as an efficient aid to the diagnosis of cancer..."

Physical examinations of patients are "superficial and inadequate."

"ONE CASE listed in the report was from B.C.: "This woman accompanied her husband who had already been treated adequately for his cancer by his physician.

She had no specific complaint but felt that since she was there she might as well go through the clinic.

She emerged with a diagnosis of "possible cancer of the heads of both femurs," and was given the Hoxsey treatment.

"WE ASKED for and were shown her X-rays. They showed

absolutely no evidence of cancer.

A year later on her return visit she was again X-rayed and told she was cured.

This woman may well be convinced she was cured of a disease which she never had."

From records of the B.C. cases which had presented themselves at the clinic, the following were listed as referrals: "naturopath," "friend," "member of parliament" and "senator in Victoria."

Naturopathic magazine, and Hoxsey literature and radio programs were also listed as effective advertisers.

THERE WAS STRIKING evidence that the legislature debates precipitated by Mrs. Arsens and carried forward by Mr. Harding had proved effective advertising for Hoxsey: of the 78 B.C. patients attending from 1952 onward, 27 of them came in 1956 and 21 in the first 6½ months of 1957 — well over half.

HOXSEY REACTION

Reactions on the Hoxsey cancer report Monday were varied.

Dr. Ronald Nash, associate director, B.C. Cancer Institute:

"Although it doesn't appear to tell us anything we didn't know, the report is fine; but I doubt if it will do any good."

He said "quacks" in this area were doing the same things and, "there are special types who go there, those who have had all the treatment and are hopeless and those who simply thought they had cancer."

Edwin R. Moxey, president of the Pure Food Guild:

I feel he (Hoxsey) is curing cancer and so do thousands of my friends. The medical profession will do everything in its power to stop it from being known. Medical men are business men and their business depends upon disease, not health."

Mrs. Lydia Arsens (former MLA who started the controversy): "They are doing marvelous work down there. It is a fact, they are."

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MLA urges federal aid

VICTORIA (CP)—The Federal Government should be urged to do everything possible to prevent the U.S. from placing a tariff on imports of lead and zinc, Leo Nimsick (CCF—Cranbrook) said in a notice of motion Monday.

Mr. Nimsick gave notice he would move that the B.C. government press Ottawa for action on the U.S. tariff proposal.

His notice said it was necessary that the tariff be prevented because it "would seriously affect the economy of B.C."

Flying Phil's plane repairs cost \$50,000

VICTORIA—How much does it cost to run the airplanes for Phil Gagliardi, the flying highway minister?

The figure has never been given to the legislature.

But here is a big clue: It cost \$50,196 just to repair them in the fiscal year ending last March 31.

Mr. Gagliardi uses two planes, one a Widgeon which lands on either land or water, and an Anson, which comes down only on land.

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1958

'ONLY PRETENDING POVERTY'

Bennett planning big budget—CCF

Special to The Province

VICTORIA — A record \$300,000,000 provincial budget is forecast for 1958 by CCF Leader Robert Strachan.

"He (the Premier) desperately needs something spectacular for this budget because he knows he is in trouble, he needs something flamboyant.

"It wouldn't surprise me," Mr. Strachan told the Legislature, "to see a budget of over \$300,000,000 just so the premier, in this centennial year, can say he wiped out the debt."

It was obvious, said Mr. Strachan, in the throne speech debate, the government is curtailing services but he can't bring himself to believe it is because the government has squandered away its money.

HE SAID the Woodlands School for Retarded Children is slamming the door in the faces of children who need admission: that juvenile offenders — unable to get into proper confinement — "are put among hardened criminals, facing a dread and blank future."

Government inaction, he said, has meant "old people are condemned to spend their remaining days in the cheerless gloom of third-floor attics."

AT THE END of his address, Mr. Strachan moved the standard want-of-confidence motion. It was voted down 36 to 13.

Mr. Strachan said the speech from the Throne "said nothing and said it well . . . His Honor (the Lieutenant-Governor) did a nice job of reading, but its content was nil."

THE CCF LEADER chided Premier Bennett for his participation in the last federal election.

"He neglected his cabinet duties to go campaigning, but his party barely held its own."

He criticized the government for not giving bargaining rights to civil servants.

THEY PROMISED it in 1953 when they promised anything to anyone," he said. "They should have the same rights and privileges as any other worker, an appropriate relationship between employer and employee."

He accused the government of "an almost pathological fear of criticism." He said the government was a 20th century edition of Cato, the censor of ancient Rome.

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Hoxsey report splits parties

Bitter fight shaping up on cancer 'cure' findings

DILLON O'LEARY
Province Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — A new alignment of Legislature groups which cuts across party lines is shaping up. They will be called Hoxseyites and anti-Hoxseyites. Such a group does not foretell a political crisis.

It does mean, however, that the cross-fire and debate will not follow the usual pattern of Social Credit and CCF aligned solidly against one another when "cancer cures" are discussed during health department estimates debates.

Precipitating this is the report on the Hoxsey cancer treatment and the so-called "Hoxsey clinic" of Dallas, Texas, tabled in the Legislature by Health Minister Eric Martin. The six-member committee was composed of UBC faculty members. Three of them were medical doctors, the other three laymen.

DISAGREEMENT on the report — (which treats Hoxsey as a fraud) — shows every sign of nearing the highly emotional stage among MLAs.

So strong is resentment against the report among some leading CCF members that Leader Robert Strachan refuses to comment on the basis of extensive newspaper summaries of the report.

He won't venture to criticize Harry M. Hoxsey by as much as one word until he has had the chance to read the entire 15,000-word report. Nor will he say one word of commendation for the committee's work.

BUT OTHER CCF and Social Credit members are rushing into print condemning the committee report, without having read it.

Only the Liberal group in the Legislature is unanimous in its attitude — favorable — to the

report. This is, however, easier for the Liberals. George Gregory of Victoria and P. A. Gibbs of Oak Bay make up the total membership of the Liberal caucus.

DISSATISFACTION with the committee has its weird aspects. For instance: Why doesn't the committee buy Hoxsey pills and do laboratory experiments with them?

The report in which three doctors participated pointed out that the drugs in the Hoxsey medicine were well known to pharmacology, and produced no miracles.

CCF'er Arthur Turner was one of the most critical of the report.

TURNER IS determined there should be further investigation of the cancer "cure formula".

A critic of the report who has read it is Randolph Harding (CCF Kaslo-Slocan). Harding had seconded Mrs. Lydia Arsens (a former Social Credit MLA from Victoria) in preaching Hoxsey cures.

ALSO CRITICAL are such Social Crediters as Cyril Shelford (Omineca) and Don Robinson (Lillooet).

It's not unanimous in either party, of course. CCF'er Tony Gargrave (MacKenzie) and Mrs. Buda Brown (SC, Point Grey) make it plain they have no use for Hoxsey, as examples of members who favor the report.

But those legislators critical of the report are meeting informally and intend to give the government a hot time when the Hoxsey report comes up for discussion.

Bill forces magistrates to retire

VICTORIA — All B.C. magistrates may be forced to retire automatically at the age of 75.

A bill introduced by Attorney-General Bonner in the legislature Tuesday would put this retirement age in the Magistrates Act. It is in the Municipal Act now but does not affect magistrates in unorganized territory.

Other new legislation introduced by the attorney-general included:

A bill fixing the limit of will probations in county courts at \$5,000. It is now \$3,000; a year ago the legislature set it at \$7,500 but the act was never proclaimed. Now it will settle down at \$5,000.

Where a person is missing, and a relative seeks a court order presuming death has occurred, the one order will fit all legal requirements.

Formerly, an order was needed before remarriage, and another to probate a will; another for insurance.

Deserting B.C. husbands may find cost higher

VICTORIA (CP)—Deserting husbands may be forced to pay as much as \$75 a week for maintenance of their wives and children under a bill given first reading in the legislature Tuesday.

The bill, an amendment to the 1948 act for maintenance of wives and children, upped the maximum a deserting husband may be ordered to pay to \$75 from \$40 a week.

The bill was introduced by Attorney-General Bonner, who also introduced another bill forcing the retirement of a stipendiary magistrate or police magistrate at the age of 76.

Plane needed better motors

VICTORIA—Highways Minister Gaillard said Tuesday he "thinks" a \$50,000 aircraft repair item in the highway department books was for new motors and radio equipment for the department's Widgeon plane.

"I think it would be that," he said.

He said stronger motors were put in because the craft was underpowered.

\$12,000 to learn what?

At a cost which it says is "a little more than \$12,000" the provincial government has found out what most people had known all along: that the Hoxsey cancer treatment not only is worthless but is a danger to life because it dissuades cancer sufferers from seeking the medical attention which might save them.

Last year, when the legislature commissioned the University of British Columbia to send a team of experts to investigate the Hoxsey clinic in Dallas, Texas, this newspaper pointed out that the ground had already been covered conclusively by the American Medical Association. It questioned the use of public money for re-covering it, and it suggested

that no report, however conclusive, would in any case influence the closed minds of the faddists who insist that the medical profession is in league with that mythical "they" to keep the "truth" from the public.

The event has proved us right.

If the government had paid less attention to the yammering of the cranks, that \$12,000 might have been spent in forwarding the research of those thousands of dedicated men and women who are working, anonymously and for little pay, in laboratories and hospitals to break down the chemistry and biology of cancer. If a cure is ever found, it is they who will find it.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1958

Paying the bill for airborne Phil

Does a minister of highways, and especially one proficient in "testing curves" with a car, need an aircraft?

The Rev. and Hon. Mr. P. A. Gagliardi has two provided for him by the provincial government. And some taxpayers have marvelled at the coincidence by which his airborne work as Hon. happens sometimes to bring him at the weekend within easy reach of Kamloops, where he functions as Rev.

The government has never allowed the Legislature—and through it the taxpayers—to know how much Mr. Gagliardi's private airline actually costs.

However, it has now emerged that in the last fiscal year the government paid \$50,196 for repairs to the aircraft, and Mr. Gagliardi says he "thinks" this was for more powerful engines and new radio equipment for his department's Widgeon amphibian. The other aircraft is—glory be!—an Anson.

In addition to repairs, of course, the operation of two aircraft involves regular maintenance, which is expensive; fuel and oil bills, which are expensive; airport handling charges of one sort and another,

which are not inexpensive; pay for the pilots—supplied in this case by Pacific Western Airlines under an agreement with the government—which is not in the day-laborer bracket.

How much these things add up to we do not know.

However, that \$50,196 repair item alone is slightly more than half of the yearly operating budget of the New Haven Borstal institution, which the provincial government is closing for reasons of "economy"—against the advice of everybody who knows anything about the treatment of young offenders.

That \$50,196 also equals a substantial part of the money the government is "saving" by staff reductions in mental institutions—reductions which the B.C. division of the Canadian Mental Health Association says may wipe out the progress made in the last 25 years.

All of which raises a question: Is keeping the Rev. and Hon. Mr. Gagliardi airborne really of more importance to British Columbia's future than taking care of its young offenders and its mentally ill?

Grandmother's opinion

TREAT THEM ROUGH

Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA — A grandmother went to the defence of good teenagers in the legislature on Tuesday, and said it was wrong that only a few bad ones can cast a stigma on all of them.

Mrs. Buda Brown, Social Credit, Vancouver Point Grey, didn't have too much to say in favor of the bad teen-ager. If he commits a crime, she said, he must be punished.

But Mrs. Brown was "sad to say that much of the good of this teen-age group is taken for granted . . . This province has the right to be proud indeed of

this portion of our population.

"BUT LET ONE teen-ager in the community commit a criminal act, and all are branded and tainted at the same time. This small percentage of wrongdoers has characterized the teen-ager in the minds of many as an undisciplined mob, devoid of any sense of social responsibility . . . This government owes to the present generation of its youth all the assistance it can possibly give to eliminate the stigma thrust upon it by so few of its members."

Mrs. Brown said that transferring juvenile offenders to beautiful, new buildings won't change their attitude.

"What will change it," she said, "will be stricter discipline and plenty of work."

"LET THE WORD 'industrial school' mean just that."

She suggested that it might be time to put all correctional institutions under the attorney-general's department. Some are under the health branch.

Youthful offenders, she told the legislature, must be held under strict and severe discipline.

"Our program of correction in the institutions we now have needs overhauling." She advocated a committee, under the direction of the attorney-general's department, to lay out a program.

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1958

BUDA BROWN JOINS CCF TO BUCK STAFF CUTS

By DILLON O'LEARY
Province Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — Pleas against staff cuts at Essondale and Woodlands School were heard from both Social Credit and CCF benches in the legislature Tuesday.

Outside the legislature, Provincial Secretary Wesley Black denied reports that services have been reduced at Woodlands.

He had been misquoted previously in a statement attributed to him that there are no empty beds at Woodlands, he claimed. "I said only that service has not been curtailed," he said. "My responsibility is to the legislature, and it is there I propose to answer."

INSIDE THE CHAMBER. Cedric Cox (CCF-Burnaby) a son-in-law of the late Ernest Winch, pleaded with the government against "foolhardy" staff reductions at Woodlands.

Mrs. Buda Brown (SC-Point Grey) joined him in asking the government to refuse to cut staffs at Essondale and Woodlands.

Prior to their speeches, Attorney General Robert Bonner argued that the Social Credit government has expanded prison, mental health, and hospital services.

HE WAS REPLYING to opposition leader Robert Strachan's accusation that the government is "penny pinching and

cheese paring" in these services.

But Mr. Bonner omitted any specific reference to Essondale or Woodlands, and to other charges that staffs have been cut in such institutions as Oakalla prison farm.

CLOSING OF THE WOMEN'S jail at Prince George and the Nelson jail was announced. He did not disclose the date planned for this move, but said the inmates would be kept on the lower mainland.

Since 1952 the government has provided additional accommoda-

tion for 1,112 prisoners at a cost of \$6,139,941, he said.

Jail staff in 1952 was 308 and probation staff 16; today the jails employ 798 and probation staff is 26.

FROM MARCH 31, 1953, up to last Dec. 31, staff for provincial mental hospitals had increased from 2,115 to 2,796, he said.

Since Aug. 1, 1952, there had been 1,357 beds added to B.C. hospitals, more than keeping pace with the growth of population, he claimed.

MR. COX PRAISED the new Haney jail as a vast improvement over Oakalla — "which is a fire trap and disgrace to any government" — but urged that more money to hire qualified personnel must be spent if Haney is to prove a success.

He said the "foolhardy reduction" of staffs in the various departments at Woodlands "is jeopardizing the existence of the school."

"We have a new building there which is only half occupied. The school is understaffed at present, and overworked."

"There is an average of 12 employees quitting every month with no replacements in sight. The salaries are too low to attract the right kind of help."

"It is not everyone that can stand working or teaching under such conditions. The worker must be very kind with children and also be prepared to accept their disabilities."

"I am told that in some cases at Woodlands School it takes up to one and a half hours to feed a child. When you consider there are close to 300 children in this category, the need for more help is justified."

New Haven move set says A.G.

VICTORIA—Plans to relocate the New Haven Borstal School in Haney are "almost decided", Attorney-General Bonner said Tuesday.

The Province earlier predicted the Burnaby institution would close and the facilities move to the Haney jail.

Mr. Bonner, in an interview outside the Legislature, said the move is being considered because of better training facilities in the new jail.

However, he made it clear the new Borstal Home would not be located in the jail.

Plans are to place it a mile or so away so the New Haven inmates would be in easy access to the jail classrooms.

"I doubt that any technical college in the country has better training facilities," Mr. Bonner said.

HE INSISTED that this was not to be construed as a government decision to close down the New Haven institution which is a no-wall and dormitory-type training school for specially selected prisoners.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1958

And... we still need a bridge

By GORDON McCALLUM
Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA — Social Credit rebel Mel Bryan accused Highways Minister Phil Gaglardi on Wednesday of wasting another year without planning another bridge at First Narrows over Burrard Inlet.

He refused to accept the government's explanation, he said, that the now-building Second Narrows bridge would relieve congestion on First Narrows.

Surveys, he said, have shown that the vast majority of cars crossing Lions Gate are travelling between points west of Lonsdale in North Vancouver and west of Main in Vancouver.

"IT WOULD BE wishful thinking to say that people are going to drive 12 or 15 miles out of their way to cross Burrard Inlet on their way to work (by using Second Narrows)" he said.

Mr. Bryan complained, too, that he only had Premier Bennett's assurance that Lions Gate profits would not be used to subsidize other toll bridges. He wanted it in legislative writing, he said.

"Believe me, Mr. Speaker," said the member, "this (new Second Narrows bridge) will make an appreciable difference in the frustrating lines of bumper to bumper traffic that are daily incidents in the operation of Lions Gate bridge and its hordes of motorists."

"JUST HOW GOLDEN this Lions Gate bridge egg is to the B.C. toll authority is clearly illustrated in the figures placed before this House last year. A summary of revenues and expenditures on Lions Gate bridge for a nine-month period in 1956 placed revenues \$1,335,677, and expenses at \$210,278, or a profit of \$1,116,399.00.

"Those figures cover only three-quarters of 1956, and Lions Gate bridge is doing substantially more business now, than in 1956. I think it is safe to say that net profits in Lions Gate bridge in 1957, would exceed a million and a half dollars."

HIGHWAY FIGURES QUERIED

\$12,000 in travel costs —and no names given

VICTORIA — Who used nearly \$12,000 worth of travel tickets and hotel accommodation on behalf of the department of highways?

Where did they go? And when? And why?

CCF members of the legislature are going to call for vouchers in the unexplained expenses listed in the department of highways.

The public accounts list every employee of the government and what he spent for travelling.

But at the end of the section dealing with the department of highways employees, the record says there are additional travelling expenses which have not been allocated. Presumably that means allocated against a departmental name.

THEN WHO SPENT the unallocated expenditures including

\$1,147 to B.C. Air Lines; \$1,730 to Blaney's Travel Service; \$2,972 to Canadian Pacific Airlines; \$1,411 to the CPR; \$1,559 to Pacific Western Airlines; \$1,807 to Trans-Canada Airlines.

And the department paid \$1,194 to Hotel Vancouver — again unallocated travelling expenses.

The CCF is going to call for the vouchers in the public accounts committee.

IT HOPES names can be coupled with the expenses.

Other departments also list unallocated travel expenses.

The health department, for instance, paid \$2,454 to Pacific Western Airlines, \$1,332 to Canadian Pacific Airlines, \$2,237 to B.C. Airlines and \$1,455 to TCA.

Can't work from chair —Gaglardi

Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA—Flying Phil Gaglardi's department of highways airplane cost \$50,196 to equip with new motors and radio and another \$20,539 to operate in the last fiscal year.

But the minister of highways Wednesday stoutly defended the use of the plane, the purchase of the new equipment, and the job he felt he is doing for the highway department.

"I have to visit 52 major places in B.C., and there are only 52 weeks in the year," he said. "How am I going to get there if the government doesn't supply me with an airplane?"

"If the government says I can't have an airplane, well all right, but you can't run the department of highways from a swivel chair."

The minister defended the purchase of new motors.

'Best we've ever had'

Premier Bennett voiced his strongest praise to date for Attorney-General Robert Bonner when he was told, in Vancouver, of Mr. Bryan's demand for Mr. Bonner's resignation.

The premier called Mr. Bonner the "most outstanding attorney-general this province or any other province has ever had."

"I COULDN'T disagree with anything more than with Mr. Bryan's statement," he told reporters as he left the Lieutenant-Governor's home after attending a tea for the Queen Mother.

Asked if Mr. Bryan's motion could lead to a split in the ranks, the premier said: "The answer is no."

ASKED TO comment on Victoria reports that Mr. Bryan might be "invited" to cross the floor of the house, Premier Bennett said:

"I never will invite any member to cross the floor."

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By one Social Creditor after Mr. Bryan's speech:

"I don't mind him rocking the boat, but he doesn't have to sink us."

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1958

Battle in Socred caucus looms after MLA's revolt

Resign, Bonner told in House

By GORDON McCALLUM
Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA — A full-scale row in the Social Credit caucus appeared to be building for today after Mel Bryan, diminutive North Vancouver MLA, broke ranks and demanded the resignation of Attorney-General Bonner.

In an all-out criticism of the attorney-general for his handling of the Sommers case, he invited Mr. Bonner to get out and make room for someone who can do his job.

When he finished his speech, many thought he would make the traditional move and leave through the door normally used by the opposition.

But he didn't, and now everyone wonders what is next: whether he will attend the Thursday caucus of Social Credit members.

And Social Crediters seemed to be working themselves into two separate groups:

ONE SAYS he shouldn't have made the attack in the legislature, but will defend his right to have done so;

And the second group which feels that if Mr. Bryan has no faith in one member of the government, then he has no faith in the others, and he has no alternative but quit the group.

MR. BRYAN SAID:

"It is my honest conviction that the attorney-general . . . has shown a great lack of ability to fulfill all the requirements of his high post and should resign his duties in favor of some one who can."

His speech stunned the government side of the House, although many of the members knew it was coming.

There had been last-minute appeals to him not to make the speech.

PREMIER BENNETT was not in the House; he was in Vancouver to meet the Queen Mother. So was CCF leader Robert Strachan.

When Mr. Bryan finished his speech, the whole House waited to see if he would leave the House by the door normally used by the opposition side.

He didn't. He just sat down, white-faced, and for a time held his head in his left hand.

TWENTY MINUTES later he left the House, and to reporters said, "I have said every word I am going to say."

The North Vancouver publisher was not at the caucus of Social Crediters just before the House opened. And he had apparently tried to screen his intentions.

A polling of Social Credit members after the sitting brought this unofficial result:

OTHERS in the Social Credit caucus feel as Mr. Bryan does, and have said so.

But no others are prepared to join him in publicly criticizing

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BONNER BATTLE

Mr. Bonner on the floor of the House.

THIS IS THE third session in a row that the Sommers case has put the House into the headlines.

At the 1956 session, Robert Sommers, then forestry minister, resigned under fire on the question of forest management licences.

Last year, while his civil suit against Vancouver lawyer David Sturdy was still pending, he was again under fire; he is now a private member.

And now it has started all over again this year, while Mr. Sommers faces a conspiracy trial in Vancouver.

MR. BONNER sat stonily tak-

ing a few notes as Mr. Bryan talked but the red could be seen creeping up over his balding head.

And just after he finished, Health Minister Eric Martin, unable to contain himself any longer, got to the corridor and told a friend, "some people are mired in their own slime."

Mr. Bryan was applauded from both side of the House. But from the government side it was weak. The Opposition pounded the desks vigorously, but not as much as home observers had expected.

MR. BRYAN'S move, without definitely going to the Opposition, puts him in a difficult position:

He has said that the attorney-general is not doing his job and he should quit. And when the attorney-general's estimates are up, it means that Mr. Bryan, within his conscience, won't be able to vote for them. Neither can he support Mr. Bonner's legislation.

And Mr. Bonner, coming out of the House after the sitting, indicated that he would not accept Mr. Bryan's advice.

Full report of Mr. Bryan's speech — Page 35.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 1958

Quit? —who me?



MEL BRYAN
... bowed his head

Province Victoria Bureau
VICTORIA—Mel Bryan, stern critic of Attorney-General Bonner in the legislature said late Wednesday he had given no thought to quitting the Social Credit party.

"I haven't even thought of it," he said in an interview in his motel suite late Wednesday when asked if he had planned his next move.

The 45-year-old member for North Vancouver said he fully realized the importance of a Social Credit backbencher criticizing a government member.

BUT HE SAID "I thought about it and thought about it and finally I had to say something."

Mr. Bryan stoutly refused to say what discussions were held in Social Credit caucus before he went into the legislature.

But it appeared that for several days he had taken up the question of Mr. Bonner's handling of the Sommers' case and went to the legislature itself when he didn't get satisfaction in the caucus.

"I got my feelings off my chest," he said.

"NATURALLY, if the issue on which I spoke ever became the subject of a vote, I would vote exactly as I spoke today."

"But that doesn't mean I wouldn't support the government on other matters in which this principle isn't involved."

In a further extension of his viewpoint he said "the thought has never occurred to me" when asked whether he feared he might be expelled from Social Credit.

"I can't believe the question would come up," he said.

Had he consulted his constituency association?

NO, HE ADMITTED. But he had spoken on "an issue of principle" such as he was elected to do.

But he would be ready and willing to appear before his constituency association of North Vancouver to explain his action.

Would other Social MLAs support his stand with similar speeches?

"I HAVE NEVER discussed this with any members outside our caucus," he said.

Did he have any pledges of support?

"Oh, no, no, no," he said. "I don't think there'll be any general

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QUIT

breakaway of the members immediately. Only time will tell."

WOULD HIS SPEECH weaken the government?

"I think if Bonner resigned it would strengthen the government considerably," he said.

But he admitted seeing little possibility that this would happen.

HE HAD ACCEPTED the attorney-general's explanation for not releasing the RCMP "Butler report" on the charges against Mr. Sommers, he said. He still accepts Mr. Bonner's view that the report should not be released because police reports on citizens are made public only in "police states."

In reviewing his reaction to the attorney-general's handling of the Sommers-Sturdy case, he had changed his mind about how Mr. Bonner should have proceeded when details of the charges were disclosed to the attorney-general in December, 1955.

"HE SHOULD HAVE cleaned the matter up one way or the other," said Bryan. "He should have called a judicial inquiry, two years ago."

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MEL BRYAN DEMANDS

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TEXT'Attorney-general
should resign duties'

Resignation of Attorney-General Robert Bonner for his "great lack of ability to fulfill all the requirements of his high post" in connection with the Sommers case was demanded in the legislature Wednesday by Mel Bryan (Socred, North Vancouver).

Full text of that portion of Mr. Bryan's address follows:

I have several matters to discuss concerning my riding but before doing that I wish to address myself to one of the major issues facing the people of this province today.

I want to speak about a question that has been causing extreme concern to people not only in my riding but to people throughout B.C.

I want to make it clear that I am not dealing with or commenting on the details of a case before the court.

OVER TWO YEARS AGO, statements were made concerning the operation of our great forest industry and the government of this province. They were given wide publicity. They led eventually to the resignation of a minister from the cabinet, and a veritable storm of public controversy, court actions and counter-actions.

It is not my intention to discuss the allegations, although they are now part of public record. The chain of subsequent developments led to charges which are now being adjudicated — where thousands of British Columbians felt they should have been adjudicated a long time ago, in the courts of our land. The outcome of this case has absolutely no bearing on what I have to say.

WHAT CONCERNS the people of this province, and has concerned them with greater intensity as time went on has been the unsatisfactorily explained delay in resolving this issue on the part of the minister charged with law enforcement and with maintaining the legal dignity of this government.

Says principles
at stake

I SPEAK FOR myself, and, I believe, for thousands of people who have supported this government. Mr. Speaker, in expressing the solemn belief that the attorney-general of British Columbia has failed to carry out his duties with the speed and efficiency his position demands.

I may also remind those who do not share these views of mine that a very important principle is at stake here, a very precious principle — and one I am not prepared to sacrifice in the interests of party unity.

HERE WAS DEVELOPED a

fundamental issue that should have been dealt with without any concern for political questions or party loyalties.

The people of this province have been assured ever since 1952 that the government they now place their trust in represents something new, clean and sincere. A new concept of government, totally unlike the previous administrations in this province.

I believe, generally, the people charged with governing our province today have shown a realization of this different concept of government, shown it with a vigor and progressiveness that is reflected in the great strides taken forward by our economy.

But, I must insist Mr. Speaker that the manner in which the attorney-general failed significantly to deal with an issue involving a cabinet minister and the government itself, has placed a serious strain on the respect and support that this government has generally deserved.

'I believed
the assurances'

I was one of the candidates who fought for this government in the provincial campaign of 1956. I believed the assurances from the attorney-general that there was more sound and fury than substance in the allegations concerning the government's administration of our greatest basic industry.

I and candidates like me, were assured by the attorney-general's statement that the allegations were "far-fetched."

MR. SPEAKER, people are puzzled by the fast-moving chain of events of recent months. First a commission-type of inquiry was set up to probe the allegations. Then, it was hastily abandoned in favor of outright charges of conspiracy against several persons.

And all this, we must assume, Mr. Speaker, was based on the same statements that our attorney-general so blandly dismissed last year and the year before.

What happened, Mr. Speaker, to change his concept of law enforcement so drastically?

IT GOES without saying that a cabinet minister's observance of his oath of office must be above reproach — must, like Caesar's wife, certainly be above suspicion.

'I am voicing
serious doubts'

I know I am voicing the serious doubts of thousands of British Columbians when I question the present attorney-general's appreciation of the basic concepts inherent in the high office he holds.

His attitude during the past two years indicates, at best, a

stubborn reluctance to forego his apparent belief that it wasn't necessary to establish Caesar's wife above suspicion — not until developments threatened Caesar himself.

THIS IS A GRAVE moment for me, Mr. Speaker. It is one I have reached only after the most serious consideration, both for the government I have supported and for my own position.

My considerations leave me with no alternative.

It is my honest conviction that

the attorney-general of this province has shown a great lack of ability to fulfill all the requirements of his high post and should resign his duties in favor of some one who can.

Legislature hits tariff

Province Victoria Bureau
VICTORIA — The legislature unanimously asked Ottawa to try to stop the U.S. from tariffing Canadian lead and zinc out of the U.S. market.

The motion was introduced Thursday by Leo Nimsick (CCF, Cranbrook) and quickly agreed to by the government, through attorney-general Robert Bonner.

Bill Asselstine (S.C., Atli), accused U.S. members of the United Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers of trying to "put their Canadian brothers out of work in B.C.—by lobbying in Washington for increased tariffs."

The tariff threat, he said, already has closed one mine in his riding. (See Canada warns, page 15.)

PRISON ECONOMY SCORED

A blistering, three-pronged attack on provincial government economies in prison and welfare systems was made in Vancouver Thursday.

• Magistrate Roderick Haig-Brown, of Campbell River said the cuts were "approaching criminal mismanagement." He urged people to write to their M.L.A.'s.

• Lawyer Tom Norris, Q.C., president of the Borstal Association of B.C., quoted a report saying: "To collect all prisoners under 21, and confine them in a corner of a large jail and call the result a Borstal institution is a sham and pretence, a piece of administrative complacency, defrauding a credulous public."

• The John Howard Society appealed to Attorney-General Bonner to take a second look at recent decisions he has announced.

THE MOVES THAT came in for most criticism were closure of jails at Nelson and Prince George, the transfer of New Haven Borstal on Southeast Marine in Burnaby to the new Haney Correctional Institution, and staff cuts at Oakalla Prison Farm.

Magistrate Haig-Brown said anyone with the slightest concern for the welfare of B.C. must be deeply shocked at news of the impending cuts.

"Talk of cutbacks and economies at the present stage is sheer governmental incompetence," he said.

"AFTER THE long succession of prosperous years the province has enjoyed, it argues something approaching criminal mismanagement of public affairs—or a

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cynical disregard for humane considerations in the hope of a temporary political advantage."

Mr. Norris said the proposed move of New Haven would mean the end of the Borstal system, one of the high points of Canadian penal reform.

"The experts are institutionalization mad. They believe all boys can be put into little strait-jackets and trained to conform. The individual approach will be lost."

MR. NORRIS said the attorney-general had said the Haney workshops were much better.

"Trade training is only an incident in the Borstal program," he said. "We are trying to reach their minds, and give them a proper outlook on life."

The prison outlook the youths could pick up from spending their days in Haney, even though they slept outside it, would make the task of the Borstal "big-brother" workers almost impossible, Mr. Norris said.

HE HAS SENT a five-page letter to Mr. Bonner asking him to change his mind.

Frank Lewis, president of the John Howard Society, said closing the small prisons at Nelson and Prince George was completely contrary to the recommendation of the Fauteux committee on prison reform. This was that prisons should be smaller.

At present, Kootenay prisoners with short sentences could serve them there without being exposed to the hardened criminal element in Oakalla.

And the female addicts in Prince George could be taken far from Vancouver's skid row.

He said that Borstal had an 80 per cent reform rate, which was unique in North America.

'ONLY HALF STORY'

Strachan challenges number on payroll

Province Victoria Bureau
VICTORIA — Figures introduced in the legislature by Provincial Secretary Wesley Black purporting to show the government is not cutting down its staff were challenged Thursday night by Opposition Leader Robert Strachan.

Mr. Black tabled a civil service commission monthly report at the close of the afternoon sitting, showing 9,621 persons were on the government payroll last December.

This compared with 9,270 in December 1956.

Mr. Strachan rose at the start of the night sitting to claim that Mr. Black had "told only half the story."

The report dealt only with what are classed as "permanent" government employees, Mr. Strachan said.

It did not include a large body of temporary workers.

MR. STRACHAN said that in a report last year the provincial secretary had listed 8,866 permanent employees and 5,745 temporary employees on the government payroll.

He challenged the minister to file both categories together again this year.

HE ADDED that many workers classed by the government as temporary had actually been civil servants for many years.

Mr. Black's report listed 2,763 employees in his own department last December. Compared with 2,428 in December, 1956.

OPPOSITION members have accused the government of cutting down on staff institutions such as Essondale Woodlands school and Oakalla in the current economy drive. These departments are handled by Mr. Black.

Earlier, Mr. Black's report showed that the 9,621 year-end figure had slipped from a high of 9,781 in July.

THE AVERAGE monthly salary last December was \$279.72, compared with \$276.13 a year earlier.

Mr. Black pointed out that the December figure does not yet show the 7½ per cent increase, effective last July, which is still to be authorized by the legislature.

Gaglardi has airline credit, too

Province Victoria Bureau
VICTORIA — Highway Minister Gaglardi's expense account gained added interest Thursday when he said the \$5,043 traveling expenses listed against his name did not include airline tickets.

"I have a credit card," he explained, "and I just charged my airline tickets."

"THE \$5,043 was just my out-of-pocket expenses."

But the minister didn't know how much in airline tickets he had used.

THE INFORMATION came to light after it was revealed Wednesday that there are more than \$11,000 in airline and hotel expenses, charged by the department but not allocated to any particular name in the highway department.

It put a whole new light on the expenses of ministers reported in the public accounts.

MR. GAGLARDI'S expenses were the prime target in an investigation in the public accounts committee promised by the CCF. This was because his were the highest listed expenses of any of the cabinet ministers.

MR. GAGLARDI said it was his trimming of former contract prices on gravel and dirt removal on highway construction over the past three years that saved B.C. the \$10,000,000 he announced earlier this week.

He says he made the savings by "getting out and seeing what jobs were being done" by airplane.

Mr. Gaglardi said that when he went into office, the average contract price for rock removal was more than \$2 a yard and dirt removal about \$1.30.

He said he trimmed costs to less than \$1.50 and about 30 cents respectively.

On the plane expenses, he said, "What's \$50,000 in comparison to a human life? My human life?"

"I don't say \$50,000 isn't a lot of money but I saved \$10,000,000 because I was able to get around."

CAUCUS MUM BRYAN

VICTORIA — North Vancouver won't be kicked out of the Social Credit caucus by Attorney-General Bonner.

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CAUCUS MUM ON BRYAN

VICTORIA — Mel Bryan,
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won't be kicked out of the
Social Credit caucus for de-
manding the resignation of
Attorney-General Robert
Bonner.

Everything appeared to be
sweetness and light after a So-
cial Credit caucus on Thursday,
which Mr. Bryan attended.

Within the locked caucus
doors, the question of his revolt
was not raised even once in an
hour-long session, despite predic-
tions he might be asked to re-
sign from Social Credit and walk
across the floor of the House.

NEITHER PREMIER Bennett
nor the man under fire, Bonner
—who ordinarily attend the So-
cred caucus—attended this meet-
ing.

At the day's legislature sitting,
Bryan took his usual seat amid
friendly chit-chat with his neigh-
bors.

THE PREMIER said he will
not invite Mr. Bryan to depart
from the Social Crediters, "be-
cause I only invite people into
the movement, never cut."

And Mr. Bryan, as he walked
down the corridor, said: "I am
still a member."

MRS. RUDA BROWN (Van-
couver Point Grey) took his arm
to show that they are still So-
cial Credit buddies.

Car-tangled span under fire again

Province Victoria Bureau

VICTORIA — Another Social
Credit member has asked for
another bridge across the First
Narrows because of the traffic
load on Lions Gate Bridge.

Fred Sharp, Vancouver East,
told the legislature Thursday
that the present bridge "is en-
tirely inadequate to carry the
load." He said traffic is tied up
every morning and evening.

"A NEW BRIDGE across the
First Narrows is sorely needed,"
he said.

His speech followed by a day
that of Mel Bryan, Social Cre-
dit, North Vancouver.

Mr. Bryan had said "the peo-
ple" responsible for bridges and
highways had failed in their du-
ties for not planning another
First Narrows bridge now.

MR. SHARP took up the case
for Vancouver generally.

He asked for more financial
help for the city, for greater re-
presentation in the legislature,
and for highway grants to en-
able the city to meet the traffic
load which provincial highways
are channeling into the city.

(More Legislature news
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Charge by MLA

SLOAN 'MADE A DICTATOR'

VICTORIA — The government has appointed a
dictator over B.C. forests in former Chief Justice Gor-
don Sloan, and se will not be responsible to elected repre-
sentatives, Arthur Turner, CCF Vancouver East,
charged in criticizing the appointment in the legisla-
ture Thursday night.

"He will determine the legisla-
tion," said Turner. "If it were
otherwise the government would
be in a pretty bad spot, commit-
ting this legislature and the gov-
ernment to pay \$50,000 a year.

"In other words, he's going to
be the top man, telling the min-
ister (of lands and forests) and
the government what to do."

"HIS APPOINTMENT may
have been legal, but it will not
be a moral appointment. Happen-
ing so close to the opening of this
legislature, it should have been
referred to it.

"The place for such a policy
to be decided is right here."

He accused the government of
planning to grant concessions for
development of Columbia River
power to private instead of pub-
lic interests, and brushed aside
denials from both Premier Ben-
nett and Attorney-General Bon-
ner.

To favor public power "you
don't have to be a socialist," he
claimed. Some businessmen who
favored it were of that opinion
because they knew it meant
cheap power.

HE DENOUNCED a "false
economy" any move to slash
government spending on prisons
and mental care institutions.

At Woodlands School there is
one ward with 14 babies, he said.
One nurse cares for all 14 in-
fants. All have to be individually
fed.

"Not only that, she has to
clean up the ward, too," said
Turner.

"The nurse is no sooner
through with her feeding in the
morning, than the round begins
again."

GLARING ACROSS at provin-
cial secretary Wesley Black, un-
der whose jurisdiction is Wood-
lands School, Turner said: "If
you think that's good, then de-
fend it.

"If you think that's efficiency,
then you're stupid, blind, or
both."

He denounced conditions at
Oakalla prison with mingling of
hardened criminals with young
offenders and of addicts with
non-addicts.

"If this government is deter-
mined on saving money, let me
tell them that is false economy,"
he said. "You can't save money
by cutting down on these institu-
tions, or even by keeping ex-
penditures level."

600-bed hospital urged on UBC campus

VICTORIA (CP) — A 600-bed hospital adjoining
the proposed medical sciences building on the University
of B.C. campus was suggested in the legislature Thurs-
day by Alex Matthew (SC-Vancouver Centre).

Mr. Matthew, also deputy speaker of the House,
said in the throne speech debate there soon will be "a
colossal need for new hospital beds."

He said the hospital
should be "a provincial
diagnostic clinic equal in
standing to the Mayo Clinic
and to other eastern
clinics."

B.C. has "waited too long" for
the new medical sciences build-
ing, to cost more than \$2,000,000.

HE SAID THAT "ANY tax-
payer who pays the sales tax"
should have the right to "the best
in medical care."

"I envisage this university hos-
pital as a diagnostic aid to every

general practitioner in B.C. want-
ing to refer cases for help."

MR. MATTHEW asked the gov-
ernment to "relieve the cities and
municipalities of the 70 cents per
diem charged against them for
each patient in the hospital."

On old age pensioners, he said
he was "praying that the day is
not far distant when a decent
social security plan will be in
force in Canada which will enable
all senior citizens to pass the
evening of their lives away in
civilized decency without the
spectre of poverty and humilia-
tion always hovering over them."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1958

Revolt, or counter-revolt?

Whatever the discipline meted out to Mel Bryan by his party, his critical speech to the Legislature on the conduct of the government in this province has served a purpose.

It should jolt the administration into realization that its policies no longer have the unquestioning backing of its supporters. And a government that is obliged to retain a decent amount of humility and a mind open to suggestions is usually a better government, something which is good for B.C.

But even more significant is the question of party principles which the North Vancouver member has raised. He wants to know whether the Socreds are drifting away from the high ideals and purposes with which they took office. He believes a serious strain has been placed on the respect and support "that this government has generally deserved."

This puts the so-called "revolt" of Mr. Bryan in rather different perspective. To some members of the party it suggests that he is in fact an unusually dedicated adherent bent on a counter-revolt against those who have shown a tendency to desert the basic principles of Social Credit.

The possibilities of such a schism with-

in his ranks should not escape Premier Bennett.

One of the members of his cabinet, Works Minister W. N. Chant, was involved in just such a split when he was agriculture minister in the government of the late William Aberhart in Alberta. He left the Aberhart government on Aug. 25, 1937, when he said he could no longer support the government because of its "autocratic methods" and because it was "menacing the province of Alberta."

Mr. Chant's ousting—he was removed by order-in-council after he had refused to resign—came a few months after the resignations of C. C. Ross as minister of mines and Charles Cockroft as provincial treasurer.

Mr. Bryan, of course, is not a cabinet minister and is something of a Johnny-come-lately to Socred ranks. Nevertheless it is apparent that there is a rift in the solidarity of the government party.

This rift will either be healed or it will grow. The immediate outcome will doubtless be concealed behind the doors of party caucus. But the ultimate result will have an important bearing on the government's future.

Internal problems are becoming as worrisome to the government as the external ones.

The bill for airborne Phil, continued

We have no desire to get into a prolonged argument with the Rev. and Hon. Mr. P. A. Gaglardi. However we cannot let him get away with his answer to our complaints about the cost of keeping him airborne.

And incidentally it now emerges that that cost is \$20,539 for the operation of his Widgeon amphibian on top of the \$50,196 for rebuilding it—a total which is nearly three-quarters of the price of keeping the New Haven Borstal Institution open for another year.

His answer is that "you can't run the department of highways from a swivel chair."

A good many people, including those who cool their heels for days in Victoria waiting for the minister's return from his missions, believe that the department of highways would in fact be run a great deal better if he spent more time in a swivel chair.

It seems to us that Mr. Gaglardi should make up his mind whether he is a minister or a peripatetic foreman—a general or a flight sergeant.

TEENAGERS IN TROUBLE?

ADULTS MUST TAKE THE BLAME

Province Victoria Bureau
VICTORIA — A school teacher Social Crediter Thursday gave adults a lot of blame for troubles among the teenagers.

Dan Campbell of Comox told the legislature:

"To level the juvenile of this generation to the role of warts on our social order is to effectively indict ourselves."

"IT REPRESENTS an uninformed assault on a tiny part of the whole which usually takes the form of bitter attack against

our institutions or in profitless speculation on who is to blame for the juvenile problem."

"For example, projecting the fears and anxieties of the public on the school system is a form of blame. Let us face it. If we don't believe in the doctrine of the pre-ordained, then we must blame the adult society which in theory at least should determine the nature of the offspring."

"WE DO NOT blame our dogs if they have no tricks through lack of training."

"We do not bewail our vegetable garden results if we have not tended to the weeding."

"In short, I believe in the younger generation."

"WHENEVER and wherever I have found them — given challenging situations and the normal controls that should accompany the growth period of all animals and plants, they are the best we've got."

"As a matter of fact, they are all we've got."

Mr. Campbell posed this problem

SOMETIMES it is only the home which sets a standard for a juvenile; sometimes only the school; sometimes only the church.

Sometimes, he said, the school is not equipped to set the standard.

"SOMETIMES the church alone tries to set the standard of conduct and herein lies the danger of bigotry and prejudice."

And, when only the home sets the standard, "herein lies the problem of rebellion when the youngster is the subject of all the other prevailing influences."

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1958

Secret Surplus Of \$41 Million Bared by Gov't

SURPLUS

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The accounts included a statement on Pacific Great Eastern Railway operations for the year ended Dec. 31, 1956.

Operating revenue totalled \$8,810,326, an increase of \$2.5 million from 1955.

ADJUSTED LOSSES

Expenses totalled \$7,068,339, a jump of \$2,200,000 from the previous year.

Income of the government-owned railway, before depreciation, was \$1,796,728. Depreciation came to \$492,000, leaving net income at \$1,304,728, an increase of close to \$600,000 over 1955.

In the 1956 accounting for the PGE there was listed \$7,477,338 for "adjusted accumulated losses during construction to December 31, 1955.

A similar provision, totalling \$7,790,000 was provided in the 1955 PGE statement.

SALES TAX UP

The accounts showed the government underestimated revenue from the five per cent sales tax by \$20,000,000. Original estimate was \$66,250,000. Actual revenue was \$85,132,400.

The gasoline tax, which brought in \$24,067,000, was originally expected to earn only \$20,000,000.

The 10 per cent mining tax brought in \$4,417,164, more than double original estimates. The 10 per cent tax on logging profits earned \$2,048,000, against the original estimate of \$2,000,000.

Timber sales earned \$28,000,000, some \$6,000,000 more than expected.

Extra Cash Aids Faltering Economy

By ALEX YOUNG
Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — The provincial government began operations in the current fiscal year with a previously undisclosed surplus of more than \$41,000,000.

It is believed the surplus is providing considerable help in solving its present financial problems, with current revenues falling below expectations.

Premier Bennett revealed the surplus today when he tabled detailed public accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1957.

'57 Revenue Higher

In his budget for the current year the premier estimated he would be starting the year, April 1, 1957, with an accumulated surplus of only \$4,500,000.

But the public accounts showed today the surplus actually came to \$41,169,868.75.

The accounts also showed Premier Bennett, as finance minister, under-estimated 1956-57 revenues by \$46,000,000. He originally predicted revenues of \$224,035,000, but they came to \$270,783,792, highest in the province's history.

His surplus at the end of the 1956-57 fiscal year would have been \$8,000,000 higher—close to \$50,000,000—but spending was \$8,000,000 more than total revenue.

'Contingent' Debts Up

Other highlights of the public accounts:

B.C.'s bonded debt totalled \$109,343,900 at March 31 last year, a reduction of \$25,000,000 from the \$136,116,783 total a year earlier.

But contingent liabilities—debts underwritten by the government but not directly chargeable to the government—increased by \$100,000,000 to \$241,334,638 from \$141,042,000.

The balance sheet recorded assests with a value of \$608,107,770, against liabilities of \$242,694,570.

Excess assests over liabilities and reserves as of March 31, 1957, were \$365,413,200, an increase of the excess of \$85,686,145 from the previous year.

This was due chiefly to a decrease in the net public debt and an increase of fixed assests.

SEE SURPLUS

Thur., Jan. 23, 1958

Lions Gate Bridge Profits Decline

Passenger Toll Removal,
Federal Penalty Blamed

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—Lions Gate Bridge profits dropped by more than \$400,000 in the year ended March 31, 1957.

Removal of passenger and pedestrian tolls from bridge and a federal government penalty for loss of income tax from the bridge's former private owners, are said to have contributed to the cut.

EXPENSES RISE

Profit from the bridge, operated by the B.C. Toll Authority, totalled \$733,222 for the year.

Premier Bennett revealed this today to the Legislature when he tabled public accounts for the 1956-57 fiscal year.

Toll revenue came to \$1,696,081, down from the \$1,728,245 of the previous year. Expenses totalled \$968,000, compared with about \$480,000 in the 1955-56 fiscal year.

Biggest expense item was \$482,796 charged the government by the federal government last January.

FEDERAL PENALTY

This was a penalty charge to make up for income tax the federal government stood to lose through B.C.'s purchase of the bridge from the Guinness interests.

The toll authority pays no income tax. The government paid the \$482,796, and has now charged it against income of the authority.

The toll authority report showed revenue from the Agassiz - Rosedale bridge amounted to \$38,927, as a result of tolls, and \$7,500 from gas pipeline rental.

Expenses of operating the Agassiz-Rosedale span, from Nov. 1, 1956, to March 31, 1957, came exactly the same as income, so there was no profit from the first five months of its operation.

The Lions Gate and Agassiz-Rosedale spans were the only structures under operation by the authority at March 31.

The balance sheet of the authority showed the authority was committed to \$26,788,599 worth of new construction as of March 31.

At that date the authority's bonded debt stood at \$17,500,000, an increase of \$10,000,000 from a year earlier.

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Civic, School Aids

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — More aid to municipalities was promised today by the provincial government.

The pledge was the highlight of the throne speech delivered at the opening of the second session of the 25th B.C. Legislature by Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross.

Prepared by Premier Bennett and his cabinet, the throne speech also announced:

1—The Trans-Canada Highway from Pattullo Bridge to its junction with King George Highway will be widened from four to six lanes.

2—B.C. beef growers will get cheaper feed grains from the Peace River area through low Pacific Great Eastern Railway rates when the northern extension of the PGE opens this year.

3—The Public Schools Act will be revised, likely to change the basis of provincial grants towards education costs.

4—Reorganization of the provincial jail system has become practicable and will proceed this year.

COLORFUL RITES

The House opened with its traditional pomp and color. Some 400 invited guests were on hand as the lieutenant-governor and his escort of brightly-uniformed aides marched into the chamber at 3 p.m.

His Honor immediately left the chamber when he found there was no speaker. He returned to read the throne speech after the House elected

L. Hugh Shantz, North Okanagan MLA, to succeed former Speaker Tom Irwin, who resigned to seek and win a seat in the House of Commons.

The throne speech, except for the announced extra aid to municipalities and Public Schools Act amendments, was barren of major policy announcements.

PLANS TO ASSIST

The address did not elaborate on added aid to municipalities. It simply said:

"Certain plans to further assist cities and municipalities will be submitted to you."

Observers speculated the premier may be planning to increase the rate of per capita municipal grants.

No details were given on reorganization of the jail system. The speech said:

"With the opening of the Haney Correctional Institution, reorganization of the jail service of the province has become practicable and will proceed during the coming year."

TIGHT MONEY

The speech took little notice of the downtrend in the provincial economy.

It said the government is "cognizant of the remaining effect tight money is having in business and the employment of our people."

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More Aid Pledged In Throne Speech

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"My government will," said His Honor, "on their own, and in co-operation with the national and municipal governments, do everything possible to increase employment and to assist those who, through reasons beyond their control, cannot find employment."

The death of Ralph Chetwynd last year was the first subject noted in the speech. The province lost an "outstanding man" in the death of the former agriculture, trade and industry and fisheries minister, Lieutenant-Governor Ross said.

TAX PROBLEMS

In a general review of developments in the past year—which took up most of the speech—the B.C. submissions towards more "equitable" distribution of federal revenues was referred to.

A "warm welcome" was extended to Princess Margaret, who will participate in B.C. Centennial celebrations this summer.

The speech reported development surveys in the Rocky Mountain Trench area of B.C. are going ahead "more rapidly than anticipated."

The speech repeated an earlier promise that forestry legislation based on the Sloan Forestry Royal Commission report will be introduced.

The government did not elaborate on what measures would be introduced. Soil surveys of the Colum-

bia River basin, undertaken for the international joint commission have been completed.

POWER STUDY

And the Crippen-Wright engineering study concerning power development on the Columbia River will be completed and reported on in the coming year, the speech said.

Highways work is proceeding at a fast pace, the government announced.

In the fiscal year ending last March 31, \$80,000,000 was spent on the highway system, not including the "millions of dollars spent by the toll authority."

A start has been made on the final route of the northern trans-provincial highway between Prince George and McBride, the throne speech stated.

Construction of the Second Narrows Bridge is progressing according to plans, and the Kelowna Bridge will open this year.

The government called for the public to help in raising the \$7,500,000 sought by the University of B.C. for university expansion.

To promote the campaign March 2 to March 8 has been declared B.C. Education Week. The government will match the \$7,500,000 if it can be raised.

The speech, containing more than 2,000 words, is one of the longest on record.

Booze: \$25 Million

VICTORIA — A net profit of \$25,048,630 was earned by the B.C. liquor control board in the fiscal year ended last March 31.

The profit was \$3,500,000 higher than that originally expected by the government in its 1956-57 budget.

Sales to the public of liquor totalled \$63,118,245; sales to licence holders came to \$25,083,123, for total sales of \$88,201,000, highest in the board's history.

Cost of the merchandise was \$59,302,374, for a gross profit of \$28,898,894. Expenses cut the profit to \$25,000,000.

In licence fees, the liquor board received a total of only \$371,245.

Fees were paid by: Dining rooms, dining lounges and lounges, \$73,450; public houses, \$34,350; two per cent monthly tax on dining rooms, dining lounge and lounge licence holders, \$54,902; public house two cents per gallon monthly tax, \$149,856; transfer fees, \$1,675; brewers and distillers, \$57,011.

Thur., Jan. 23, 1958

CAPITAL COLUMN

It's All Sweetness And Light—Today

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—Today all is peace and harmony in your legislature. It's opening day—all fuss and feathers, ancient language, a lot of make-believe, rigid protocol—no politics!

Which is natural enough, MLA's having been summoned by the lieutenant-governor in this proclamation: "Whereas we are desirous and resolved—to meet our people of our province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in our Legislature:

"Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of our loving subjects, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our executive council—to hereby convoke and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you—to meet us in our said legislature or parliament—to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which, in our legislature—by the common council of our said province, may, by the favor of God, be ordained."

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After Mr. Hugh Shantz of North Okanagan is elected Mr. Speaker today he says to the lieutenant-governor: "May it please Your Honor—the House of Assembly have elected me their speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

"If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honor's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honor the most favorable interpretations."

Provincial Secretary Wesley Black replies for His Honor: "I am commanded by His Honor, the lieutenant-governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow the constitutional privileges."

This is all very picturesque and delightful and quite out of this world, but soon all the niceties of opening day will be forgotten as politics creeps into legislative debate, and those MLA's politically opposed to each other hurl themselves into modern-day rough-and-tumble, sparring for position and hurling names at each other.

"The wisdom, temper and prudence hoped for on opening day will oftentimes be lacking as the session wears on and MLA's grow weary, not so much from the work, but from the seemingly interminable hours of talking.

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\$90,000 DAILY COST

B.C. Spends \$210,000,000 On Hospitals in Nine Years

By Sun Staff Reporter
VICTORIA—A total of \$210,000,000 has been spent by the B.C. government in the past nine years on hospital insurance and benefits.

Health and Welfare Minister Eric Martin reported to the opening session of the legislature Thursday that the payments provided hospital expenses for 2,132,000 hospital accounts.

As well as this, he reported, grants towards hospital construction, renovations and repairs in the nine-year period totalled \$18,500,000.

\$90,000 PER DAY

Mr. Martin's report told the House that at present hospital insurance is costing the government about \$90,000 per day.

Public accounts tabled in the legislature by Premier Bennett showed that the portion of the five per cent sales tax earmarked for hospital insurance costs during the 1956-57 fiscal year amounted to \$34,000,000.

But, the accounts showed, expenditures on hospital insurance totalled only \$28,000,000, giving the government some \$6,000,000 for other purposes.

BOOSTED TO 5 PER CENT

The sales tax was increased from three per cent in 1954 to five per cent and hospital insurance premiums were discarded, with the additional tax intended to pay for BCHIS.

Mr. Martin's report to the

House also showed that 97 per cent of B.C. hospital patients today are covered by BCHIS as against only 85 per cent before the premium system of financing BCHIS was started.

Of the 2,132,000 hospital accounts paid by BCHIS in the nine years, 1,900,000 were for in-patients, 510,000 for short-term out-patients and 22,000 were for B.C. residents hospitalized outside the province.

Governor Hurt, but On the Job

More details Page Six

By Sun Staff Reporter
VICTORIA — Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross ignored severe pain Thursday to deliver the throne speech at the Legislature opening.

He was suffering from what is believed to be a slipped spinal disc.

He insisted on attending the opening of the House, in which he is the Queen's representative.

He has been undergoing twice-daily treatment and his doctor's instructions are to rest as much as possible.

Thursday he spent an hour at the Legislative Buildings.

Under the hot glare of television lights and photographers' flash bulbs he sat in the Speaker's chair while more than 400 persons crowded into the hot chamber for 20 minutes as he read the throne speech and opened the session.

His delivery was almost impeccable. Only once during the 20 minutes did he make a mistake.

When he came across a sentence referring to an overhaul of the provincial jail system, the word jail was spelled "gaol." He mispronounced it.

His Honor suffered the injured back several days ago while putting on a sock.

BENNETT HAS EXTRA CASH

VICTORIA—Premier Bennett is making his "economy with efficiency" slogan work in his own office at least.

Public accounts for the year ending last March 31, tabled in the Legislature on Thursday, showed his office wound up with a surplus of \$6.34.

The premier's office had been allocated \$33,974 to spend, but spent \$33,967.66.

GAGLARDI TOP SPENDER

VICTORIA — Highway minister P. A. Gagliardi is still the champion traveller of the B.C. cabinet.

Public accounts tabled in the legislature Thursday showed his travelling expenses for the 1956-57 fiscal year totalled \$5,043.

Labor minister Lyle Wicks spent \$3,093, and Premier Bennett \$2,905.

CAPITAL COLUMN

Throne Speech Odd Document

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA — The faces and the fashions had changed, but it was the same show of pomp and ceremony in the legislature Thursday as on that day in early 1898 when British Columbia law-makers met for the first time in the chamber still in use.

Thomas Robert McInnes was the lieutenant-governor that history-making day 60 years ago, J. H. Turner the premier.

It is appropriate centennial year should start on the diamond anniversary of our legislative buildings.

The speech from the throne this year was an odd document.

It was long, but it didn't say much that was new.

It was obviously padded, for what reason one can't guess.

There was a lot of rehash talked of what the government had done, not much of what it plans to do.

Of course, most governments don't believe in letting the opposition in on everything that's up their sleeves. Mr. Bennett's government which is Mr. Bennett, was highly secretive this year when it came to divulging much in the Speech from the Throne.

A typical vagueness: "Amendments to various acts will be submitted to you."

This could mean anything, everything, or practically nothing at all.

Mr. Bennett, it was easy to see, wasn't tying his government's hand.

No, the premier wasn't pinning himself down in this session's throne speech, but that's all right, under our constitution the premier can do just about anything he chooses, in any way he chooses.

Mr. Hugh Shantz, pretending to be surprised at the honor that had come his way, was duly elected Mr. Speaker.

The premier, and the leader of the opposition Mr. Strachan, marched him to his seat of authority, Messrs. Bennett and Strachan grinning amiably, as if in complete unison, which they were, for the moment; but it won't be long.

Mr. Shantz, in his flowing black robes and tricorn hat, looked boyishly young and handsome, and spoke his pieces in a clear voice, showing none of the nervousness he must have felt on this, the greatest occasion of his life so far.

Liberals Archie Gibbs and George Gregory, bravely wearing the red roses of pure Liberalism in their lapels, smiled wanly as three new MLAs—two Socialists and a CCF'er—were marched before Mr. Speaker.

Messrs. Gregory and Gibbs no doubt were wondering as they watched, if they would ever again be marching another Liberal before the Speaker.

Mr. Bennett showed he likes to be called the Prime Minister, not the premier, though it means the same—in other words, the boss, the big chieftain, the head of the works.

In the speech from the throne, written by the Premier, the Lieut.-Governor said: "I attended the opening of the House of Commons in Ottawa by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and I am pleased that my prime minister was able to represent my government at that time."

"My prime minister," to Lieut.-Governor Ross is Mr. Bennett, not Mr. Diefenbaker. Now this should start something.

Education Minister Peterson certainly moved rapidly in his orders that the British Columbia historical quarterlies for 1955 and 1956 be published immediately, thus satisfying membership of the B.C. Historical Association, which had been paying for their quarterlies but not getting them.

This year, Mr. Peterson has ordered the quarterly will become an annual and an excellent annual it no doubt will be.

CCF Digging For Facts on Gov't Layoffs

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — Opposition leader Robert Strachan today launched a campaign to ferret out the facts about cutbacks in provincial government services.

The CCF chieftain has monopolized the order paper of the Legislature with searching written questions about the strength of civil service staffs.

Mr. Strachan, who also plans to move a motion of non-confidence in the Social Credit government Monday, is demanding figures on the number of persons employed by six major departments.

The non-confidence motion will be based mainly on the "paucity" of Thursday's speech from the throne, which outlines government policy for the session.

"It could stand a transfusion," Mr. Strachan said today.

Warden Attacks 'Frail Facilities'

First Offenders at Oakalla 'Mix With Most Degenerate'

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—An outspoken attack on major operations of Oakalla Prison Farm has been made by the jail warden.

Warden Hugh Christie, in a report to Attorney-General Robert Bonner, sharply criticized the "frail facilities" provided for prisoners awaiting trial.

They allow the mixing of "the young with the old, the most degenerate with the first offender and the addict with the non-addict," he declares.

His statements were contained in the annual report of the inspector of jails, tabled in the Legislature Thursday.

It showed an increase of 67 per cent in the number of persons jailed in B.C.

For the year ending last March 31, 14,100 persons were jailed compared to 9,630 the previous year.

YOUNG CRIMINALS

Warden Christie said a growing number of teenagers were entering Oakalla.

These teenagers, "for lack of an adequate alternative to delinquency and a deficiency of preventive services in the community, are not being dealt with in time to avoid the necessity of sending them to prison," he said.

"The human and financial loss involved in not having adequate preventive services is made more apparent when we realize that a large majority of these youngsters is physically and mentally above the average," he said.

Warden Christie said in the year ending March 31, 1957, Oakalla admissions totalled 10,000, an increase of 3,000 over the previous year.

A large part of this increase was made up of teenagers, he said.

LOCKS INADEQUATE

He blamed "absence of proper training in their homes" or an "adequate substitute in the form of appropriate community resources so necessary in the city of today."

The "frail facilities" where these teenagers are placed while they await trial "must be replaced by a unit which allows for proper segregation and provides a separate cell which is both sanitary and secure for each prisoner."

Warden Christie said the pre-trial unit was "never intended to house its present occupants."

"Its soft iron bars, inadequate locking mechanisms and the absence of proper facilities for segregation are so unwholesome as to be justified for use only in an extreme emergency," he said.

Warden Christie said Oakalla houses an "increasing number of men and women"

who require psychiatric treatment.

Inspector of Jails E. G. B. Stevens said in his report that both Prince George and Kamloops jails are over-crowded.

Social Work Hit by Lack Of Personnel

VICTORIA (CP)—An urgent need for trained social workers is the biggest single problem facing the provincial welfare department today, a report tabled in the legislature Thursday.

"The schools of social work have been unable to provide us with the numbers of professionally prepared people we have needed," said Miss Amy Leigh, assistant director of welfare.

"The need for social workers to help decrease the threat of broken homes, mental illness, crime and alcoholism is obvious to all enlightened people but the supply of trained people is as small as the problems are large."

Total of 60,383 persons in B.C. received assistance from the department last year.

HOUSE BRIEFS

Material Costs Up \$9 Million

VICTORIA (CP)—Provincial government purchasing commission bought \$28,725,917 worth of material in 1956-57 fiscal year, a report tabled in the legislature showed. The total is almost \$9,000,000 over the previous year.

The Queen's Printer made a net profit of \$52,495 for last fiscal year and a gross profit of \$134,529.

A total of 262 offenders were sentenced to Brannan Lake Boys' School last year. All but 40 were first offenders. Average age was 14½ years.

Snow removal cost the highways department \$3,470,000 in the year ending last March 31.

The Sloan Report into the B.C. forest industry, all 900 pages of it, was tabled.

CCF Seeks Hold On Phone Rates

VICTORIA — Robert Strachan, CCF provincial leader, gave notice of motion in the Legislature that calls for the B.C. government to ask the federal government for the right to control B.C. Telephone Co. and its subsidiaries.

This should be done, he said, "in order that the rates and services of the company can be controlled on behalf of the people of the province by the Public Utilities Commission of B.C."

SOMMERS IN HOUSE

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — Former forests minister Robert E. Sommers attended the opening session of the legislature Thursday.

He says he plans to be present for the rest of the session, if he can. He will miss some sessions when he goes on trial next month on charges of conspiracy to accept bribes.

Ferries Carry 2 Million Cars

VICTORIA (CP)—B.C.'s 52 ferries did a landslide business in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1957, a report tabled in the Legislature showed Thursday.

The ferries made 429,019 round trips, carrying 2,165,751 cars and drivers and 4,161,694 passengers.

The smallest of them all, a rowboat on the upper Nass River, made 789 round trips and carried 1,220 passengers.

B.C. HOUSE FLOWERS

VICTORIA (CP) — The first bill introduced at the opening of the legislature Thursday will amend the "Dogwood and Rhododendron Protection Act" to include western trilliums.

Slam-Bang Debate On Jobs in House

Bennett, Strachan Spearhead Bitter Clash; CCF Wins Point

By ALEX YOUNG
Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — A slam-bang debate on unemployment highlighted the first business session of the 1958 legislature Friday.

The battle, touched off by Opposition Leader Robert Strachan, had these results:

1—A probe of the "seasonal unemployment" problem in B.C. will be conducted by the House committee on labor.

2—First item on the committee's agenda will be an attempt to solve the economic disaster facing Fernie, through threatened shutdown of its major industry, a coal mine.

The fight, unexpected at such an early date in the session, lasted nearly two hours and almost forced a night sitting.

Harsh words were exchanged when Opposition Leader Strachan moved for debate at the House opening.

"CAT AND DOG FIGHT"

Premier Bennett called opposition members "hatchet-men" and said they were "discourteous" for interrupting throne speech debate in which two Social Credit members were scheduled to make their maiden speeches.

An enraged opposition leader Strachan retorted that if the premier "wants a cat and dog fight I'll give him one."

"This matter is too important and we won't let you sweep it under the carpet," Strachan said.

Premier Bennett, needles to fury by the CCF leader, complained the CCF was trying to ruin the maiden speeches and mar early sittings of the house in "this great centennial year."

"NIGHT SITTING"

The premier also clashed with new speaker Hugh Shantz, who earlier (1954) was "rotated" out of a house job—that of deputy speaker—by Premier Bennett.

Mr. Bennett tried to cut in

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STRACHAN WINS OUT

He said the government was aiding employment by extending the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, building roads, expanding the B.C. Power Commission and building schools and bridges.

The government accepted a motion from Mr. Gregory to place the Fernie question at the head of the labor committee's agenda when it meets.

When the debate finally died out at 5:05 p.m. (it started shortly after 3 p.m.) the house unanimously adopted the government resolution.

Mr. Strachan had won his fight for a full-scale debate.

Bennett, Strachan Tangle on Jobless

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on Strachan and take over the floor, but Speaker Shantz ordered him down and the premier was heard to remark to other cabinet members, "night sitting, night sitting."

This was ruled out later, although only one of the maiden speeches was delivered.

That was the one of William Speare (SC-Cariboo). The other scheduled speaker, Gordon Gibson (SC-Delta) will speak Monday.

GOV'T SURPRISED

Mr. Strachan took the government by surprise when, at the opening of the sitting, he moved that throne speech debate be halted so consideration could be given to a matter of "immediate and urgent" importance: unemployment.

He was ruled out of order by Speaker Shantz, who said, on coaching of Attorney-General Robert Bonner, that the question already was before the House because the throne speech promised action on unemployment.

WICKS INTERVENES

Despite the ruling, the CCF leader won his point, for Labor Minister Lyle Wicks got up and moved that the question of seasonal unemployment be referred to the standing committee on labor.

The government benches tried to influence the speaker to an early vote on the motion but Mr. Strachan held his ground, opening up the lengthy debate.

After he had spoken for some 15 minutes, Premier Bennett insisted that he be allowed to speak in reply and the speaker ruled the debate would continue unrestricted.

WICKS' MOTION

The Wicks' motion stated: "Whereas members of the House are concerned with the impact of seasonal unemployment upon the people and economy of the province;

"And whereas it is desirable to determine what measure within the powers of the province may be suggested to alleviate this annually recurring problem;

"Therefore be it resolved that upon its appointment the select committee on labor take under examination the conditions contributing to seasonal unemployment and the means available for alleviating this problem and to report its recommendations thereon to this House."

An opposition attempt to delete the word "seasonal" was defeated by the 38-man government majority.

The motion, said Mr. Strachan, was an attempt to

"sweep the dirt under the carpet" because the labor committee hasn't yet been appointed and likely won't be for about two weeks.

'SHAME ON SOCREDS'

He threw back at the premier words Mr. Bennett has used at the November federal-provincial fiscal conference calling for federal unemployment aid "now."

"We want action now," said Mr. Strachan, "not two weeks from now. Shame on the whole Social Credit government. Shame on them."

He accused the government of holding back on Trans-Canada highway construction in B.C. during the 1956-57 fiscal year.

Public accounts showed B.C. got only \$7,000,000 from Ottawa as a 50 per cent payment towards such construction that year.

TO GET BETTER DEAL

The premier admitted this was so, but pointed out B.C. was holding back because it was trying to get, and did get finally, a "better deal" on Trans-Canada highway cost sharing from Ottawa.

"This year we are doing more Trans-Canada highway work than ever before," he said.

Mr. Strachan said the Socreds were even promoting unemployment within the "confines of the government itself" with its "blanket layoffs of employees."

"They go around bragging about the money they are going to spend," he said. "They are building up big surpluses at the same time."

PREMIER IN RAGE

"The premier has promised the people of B.C. 'unending prosperity,'" said the CCF leader but wasn't fulfilling this promise.

When Mr. Bennett tried to break in and the Speaker allowed Mr. Strachan to continue as the opposition leader protested, the premier wagged his finger and said: "Now they want to silence the government. You will stand naked before the people."

It was only when George Gregory (Lib-Victoria) raised his voice and said "sit down when the speaker is on his feet, Mr. Prime Minister," that Mr. Bennett took his seat.

'CAN'T THREATEN PM'

When Mr. Strachan offered a "cat and dog fight if you want it," the premier again got up, finger wagging, and intoned: "You can't threaten the prime minister of B.C."

The Opposition never likes to hear the premier speak, the premier said.

"That's why they've got their little hatchets out with some of their so-called labor leaders," he added.

The Wicks motion was a "genuine motion" designed to avoid just talk," said the premier.

The committee will hear evidence from labor and business and "get the facts."

How Bennett Gets Those Surpluses

Underestimating, Underspending Does It, but '58 Could Be Lean Year

By ALEX YOUNG

Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—How does Premier Bennett pile up his huge surpluses?

The answer is simple: He merely under-estimates the amount of money the government expects to take in during any given year.

FOR RAINY DAY

The idea behind it is to tuck away sizeable sums for a "rainy day."

In the latest fiscal year for which full details of income and outgo are known—1956-57—the surplus wound up at \$41,000,000.

The premier originally estimated it would be a mere \$4,500,000 in his 1956-57 budget.

The final figure of \$41,000,000 was disclosed to the legislature Thursday in public accounts tabled by the premier.

VIVID PICTURE

A review of budget estimates and public accounts from 1953-54 to 1956-57 provides some vivid illustrations of the history of Social Credit financing in B.C.

In the first Bennett budget, for the 1953-54 fiscal year, revenue was estimated at \$164,000,000. Available for spending on top of that was an estimated \$10,000,000 in surplus carried over from previous years.

So the Socred said they had \$174,000,000 to spend. They said they would spend \$172,000,000 of it, winding up the year with a surplus of \$2,000,000. What happened?

They took in \$169,000,000. That was \$5,000,000 more than they predicted, not a drastic miscalculation.

But spending didn't come up to promised levels. It was \$165,600,000, some \$7,000,000 short of the original figure.

So the government wound up with a \$3,400,000 surplus.

But there's more to it than

that. Because of the under-estimating and underspending, the government didn't have to touch that \$10,000,00 left over from pre-Bennett days.

And the premier disclosed in his public accounts for that year, that the "left over" amount from previous governments had been "miscalculated." It was really \$17,000,000.

Add to that the \$3,400,000 surplus from operations during 1953-54, and the 1954-55 fiscal year began with an unspent surplus of \$20,000,000. That's how it started.

The next year, 1954-55, the Bennett budget predicted, would see all the accumulated surplus spent but for \$5,800,000.

But thanks again to under-estimation of revenue and underspending, the government added \$15,500,000 instead.

So 1955-56 started off with a neat surplus of \$35,000,000.

SAME STORY

It was the same story in the 1955-56 fiscal year.

Actual surplus at March 31, 1956: \$49,000,000.

All of that \$49,000,000 was going to be spent in the 1956-57 fiscal year, except for \$4,500,000, the premier said in his original estimates.

But the final story was told in the legislature Thursday. Instead of \$4,500,000, the surplus accumulated at March 31, 1957, was \$41,000,000.

The premier's budget for the current year provides for spending of all accumulated surpluses except \$6,500,000.

For the first time in his five years of budgeting, it could turn out that Premier Bennett is going to find his surplus short.

This is because of the downturn in the economy.

UPHILL SAYS:

Fernie Facing Disaster

VICTORIA — "There are broken hearts in Fernie today."

In his slow trembling grave voice and with glistening eyes, 84-year-old MLA Tom Uphill spoke those words Friday in an appeal to the legislature to save his home town from disaster.

Fernie, he said, has been hit harder by a slackening economy than "any other place on this continent."

COAL MINE CLOSING

The historic town's main industry, the Crows Nest Pass coal co. mine, is closing down "for good" next Thursday and 890 men — half the town's workers — will be out of jobs.

Mr. Uphill, a member of the Legislature for Fernie since 1920 and an old mining man himself, got a heartening answer from the House.

The legislature's standing committee on labor will give the Fernie problem priority when it studies unemployment later this session.

NOTHING TO DO

The government itself was non-committal on direct assistance.

Mines minister Kiernan said he had been in touch with officials of the Crow's Nest Pass Company but found there was nothing the firm could do.

Arthur Turner (CCF-Vancouver East) said B.C. should ask the federal government to appoint a comptroller to keep the mine at Fernie going until "something" permanent can be done.

George Gregory (Lib-Victoria) said he had talked to a Fernie delegation that met the cabinet Friday.

The group was given "no commitment" of aid from the cabinet, he said.

Mr. Uphill himself protested the firm's shutdown "at a moment's notice without providing some form of compensation to the workers who have their life savings invested in Fernie."

Strachan Ruined Peaceful Scene

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—Friday should have been a day of peace and harmony in your legislature, with nothing more than two maiden speeches by Social Crediters Speare of Cariboo and Gibson of Delta.

But the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Strachan, the CCF boss, planned it otherwise, had his way, made a political speech, and then the premier made a political speech, and so politics bust out all over the house far more quickly than anyone expected.

Usually it takes several days; this time politics arrived with a great bang, and so everyone had a fine time.

While Messrs. Speare and Gibson cooled their heels and tore their hair and bit their nails, the big guns—Messrs. Bennett and Strachan—roared forth, and very effective they were, as they spoke without notes, hurling caution and politeness out of the windows.

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Mr. Strachan worked himself into a fever. The premier worked himself into a fever. The premier snickered when Mr. Strachan talked. Mr. Strachan snickered when the premier talked.

"Shame on the whole Social Credit government," roared Mr. Strachan, to which Mr. Bennett replied: "Ho, ho, ho, ho!"

The premier said it was most discourteous of Mr. Strachan to hold up the speeches of Messrs. Speare and Gibson. Then the premier proceeded to do the very same thing, completely forgetting Messrs. Speare and Gibson as he orated spectacularly.

Mr. Strachan, said the premier, uses wild language. Never, said Mr. Strachan, has a government been so afraid of criticism as Mr. Bennett's government.

Liberal Mr. Gregory said something or other, and Mr. Bennett, enjoying the sound of his own oratory, which, it must be said, was very good, said something about "that little remnant of the Liberal party," which caused CCF Mr. Gargrave of MacKenzie to cry out: "Who's playing politics now?" Mr. Gargrave glared at the premier and the premier glared right back at Mr. Gargrave with: "There's another hatchet man trying to heckle the premier."

The premier got lots of heckling, as he defended his government, as he told all who would listen what a wonderful government he has. As Mr. Strachan heckled away to his heart's content, the premier said to him: "My friend, will you stop jumping up and down like a jack rabbit."

CCF Mr. Nimsick of Cranbrook hurled himself into the fray and worked himself into a fever because he doesn't know what Social Credit is. Mr. Nimsick always wants to know what Social Credit's all about. The premier tries to inform him, but Mr. Nimsick just can't seem to learn.

star and much preferring the whole afternoon to himself. By permitting Mr. Gibson to speak on Monday, the premier was getting even with Mr. Strachan.

However, it was Mr. Strachan who threw the monkey-wrench into debate on Friday and so he'll have to pay the penalty on Monday. Such is the way of politics when it creeps into our legislature, which is most of the time.

Mr. Strachan, by a smart political manoeuvre, won the day. He wanted the House to discuss unemployment. The premier didn't want such a discussion. Mr. Strachan kept manoeuvring, and so the House discussed unemployment. If the premier hadn't insisted on making a speech, the unemployment debate would have fallen flat. But the premier lets no opportunity pass to tell everybody what a fine government he heads.

Mr. Speare finally got to his feet late in the day, making a neat, quite satisfactory maiden speech, showing promise of being an effective MLA.

Mr. Gibson adjourned debate until Monday, which didn't please Mr. Strachan too much, since that means Mr. Strachan will have to follow Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Strachan doesn't like following anyone, he being a

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Probe Rejects Hoxsey Cancer Cure

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to conduct a more detailed investigation.

The American Medical Association and American Cancer Institute have refused to investigate the treatment, despite the fact that the Hoxsey vs. orthodox medicine battle has been going on for 34 years.

Case histories of the eight patients were presented to the B.C. investigators.

Following the three days at the clinic the committee spent considerable time at AMA headquarters in Chicago and with the department of health, cancer institute and food and drugs administration in Washington.

The committee's report will be debated by the legislature later in the session.

SOCRED PLEA

The question was first raised in the legislature by former Socred MLA Lydia Arsens of Victoria. Her demand for an investigation led the late E. E. Winch of Burnaby to investigate.

Mr. Winch was convinced that Hoxsey, the multi-millionaire ex-coal miner, was curing cancer. He died before he was able to present his convictions to the Legislature, but his crusade was taken up by Randolph Harding, MLA for Kaslo-Slocan, one of the CCF party's ablest spokesmen in the province.

It was Mr. Harding's plea for investigation that resulted in government action.

HORSE MEDICINE

Hoxsey, now 56, is owner of the Hoxsey Oil Co. in Texas. His "treatment" includes internal medicines and external salves, the formulas for which were discovered by his grandfather in treating horses.

Since he opened his first clinic in 1924, he has been involved in hundreds of lawsuits and has won almost all of them.

He has demanded for years that the medical association and cancer institute investigate his treatment, promising to close his clinics if a thorough investigation proved his treatment does not cure cancer.

Orthodox medicine's reply has been that anyone who considers science obligated to investigate such a medicine or its promoter is either stupid or dishonest—that scientific medicine needn't go beyond analysis of the Hoxsey medicines.

Secret Report Blasts Claims

By HAL DORNAN
Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—A government-appointed committee has rejected the controversial Hoxsey cancer cure.

The committee's findings follow investigation of the Dallas, Texas, clinic and its treatment. The report rejects claims that Hoxsey has a cure for internal cancer.

The committee's report will be presented to the legislature today.

Its contents have been kept secret.

Informed medical sources say the report backs up the American Medical Association and U.S. government health department, which have warned the public against the Hoxsey treatment.

FIRST PROBE

The B.C. investigation is believed to be the first formal investigation of Hoxsey's treatment by a recognized educational authority.

It was ordered last March by the B.C. departments of health and of education.

Dr. John W. Patterson, dean of UBC's medical faculty, undertook the investigation. Chairman of the committee selected by Dean Patterson was Dr. James M. Mather, professor of public health.

Members of the UBC committee included Dr. Harold E. Taylor, professor of pathology; Dr. George D. Saxton, chest surgeon; Dr. S. A. Jennings, professor of mathematics and president, MSA; Alfred Carrothers, associate professor of law; Neal Harlow, UBC librarian.

THREE LAYMEN

The six members were thus equally divided, three medical doctors and three laymen.

They visited the Hoxsey clinic (now known as the Taylor Clinic) in Dallas, Texas, for three days in July.

According to reports, Hoxsey himself conducted them through the clinic, despite the fact he no longer participates in its operation.

The committee examined and interrogated patients.

Hoxsey and his staff based their claims for cures, both for external and internal cancer, on eight cases. But they invited the B.C. investigators

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MLA Asks Vodka Count

VICTORIA—Liberal MLA George Gregory of Victoria wants Attorney General Robert Bonner to prove there hasn't been "sufficient demand" to justify sale of vodka in liquor stores.

In a written question on the legislature's order paper for today, Mr. Gregory has given notice he wants Mr. Bonner to tell the House how many bottles of vodka were specially ordered in the six months ended Dec. 31, 1957.

Mr. Gregory was the MLA who got the AG to admit last session the public could get vodka from the liquor board by special order. Now, Mr. Gregory is pressing for sale by the bottle in liquor stores.

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Opportunity Lost

Premier Bennett lost an opportunity in the legislature Friday. It is too bad he did not for once agree to abandon the traditional order of business and let the members have a serious discussion on unemployment in B.C.

Mr. Bennett knows the situation in this province is serious enough. The members could have brought him news from 52 constituencies—as Labor MLA Tom Uphill did from his stricken riding of Fernie—of how the people are faring and what might be done to correct the situation before the peak of the crisis is reached.

After furiously trying to head off Opposition leader Strachan, and thereby giving the CCF a political advantage, the premier was forced to allow a motion to go through instructing the House labor committee to investigate unemployment.

This committee isn't even appointed yet. It means a delay of weeks. If the committee makes any recommendations

at all the crisis will be upon us before any action can be contemplated, let alone taken.

The government made another mistake by referring in its resolution to "seasonal" unemployment. Everyone knows the present situation is more than seasonal.

Having promised action on unemployment in the throne speech, Mr. Bennett would have been well advised at this stage to allow a bang-up debate followed by a resolution directed at Ottawa. It might have started a legislative chain reaction in Canada.

Dramatic effect would have been gained by interrupting the routine of the moving and seconding of the address in reply to the throne speech, which in any case is mainly devoted to platitudinous praise of the government.

Mr. Bennett let it be inferred that the fate of B.C.'s jobless is less important than his own vanity. We don't believe he meant that.

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UBC PROBES FIND:

Hoxsey Cancer Treatment
'Useless and Dangerous'

(More details on Page 15)

By HAL DORNAN
Sunn Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—The Hoxsey cancer treatment is useless and dangerous.

Over half the patients from B.C. who have taken the treatment—32 out of 78—are dead, dying, or their cancer is progressing.

In 18 of the other 27, there is no proof that the patients ever had cancer.

Only one case, an external cancer, was "cured" by the Hoxsey treatment.

The "cure" involved needless pain and disfigurement, and better results could have been obtained by orthodox means.

"We suggest these findings speak for themselves and indicate the uselessness of the Hoxsey treatment for cancer."

That comment was contained in a special report tabled in the Legislature Monday.

It was signed by six members of the faculty of the University of British Columbia.

Their conclusion, after personal investigation and a review of documentary material:

"The procedures and the medications known as the 'Hoxsey treatment for cancer' are of no value in the treatment of internal cancer, and the external treatments used have no place in modern cancer therapy."

Said Health Minister Eric Martin, who presented the 15,000-word report to the legislature: "This . . . speaks for itself and the people of B.C. should pay close attention to its impartial findings."

"It will go a long way towards clearing up doubts in the public's minds."

Here are some of those findings:

1—There is an almost total neglect of basic principles of cleanliness in treating patients.

2—Many patients are treated without evidence of cancer.

3—External treatments literally burn off the cancerous tissue and adjacent normal tissue.

4—Histories taken at the clinic are "grossly inadequate" and there is no follow-up of patients.

5—Laboratory tests bear no relation to the diagnosis of cancer.

6—X-rays serve mainly to impress patients.

7—Physical examinations are superficial and inadequate.

8—Biopsies or pathological confirmation of diagnosis are rarely sought and when made, the recorded diagnosis are inaccurate.

9—No staff has been hired and no research has been

carried out at the Hoxsey Cancer Research Foundation, set up in 1955.

In general, here is the way the clinic was observed to operate:

"Using an inadequate history taken by an unskilled person, with data from a few irrelevant laboratory and X-ray reports, and without sufficient time for a complete physical examination, the osteopath makes a diagnosis of cancer and prescribes essentially the same treatment of pills for all patients."

"In our opinion, the diagnostic methods used are inadequate, and useless or outmoded treatments are employed

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Found Lacking

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"We were able to check her X-rays and deny the diagnosis categorically," the UBC investigators reported.

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\$12,000 Spent on Probe by B.C.

The ministers estimated Monday the investigation has cost the province \$12,000.

The committee reported the Hoxsey clinic is housed in a converted house, with no facilities for in-patients. Those requiring bed care are placed in nursing homes and certain osteopathic hospitals.

The clinic was "overcrowded, with minimal facilities."

"Patients occupied every available space. The premises were cluttered. There was no resemblance to what one would expect in a long-established and profitable institution dealing with so large a body of patients. Neither equipment nor facilities were impressive."

"We were told the professional staff consisted of five doctors of osteopathy and two of medicine," the report said. "We did not meet any staff members who possessed the degree of doctor of medicine."

How Hoxsey Gets His Patients

How does Hoxsey get patients?

The report describes the various publicity pieces put out by the clinic—books by Hoxsey and publications like "Defender Magazine" and "Man's Magazine." But besides these, many referrals are by individuals.

B.C. patients' charts showed they had been referred by health stores, "member of Parliament," "senator in Victoria" (believed to have been the patients' description of Mrs. Arsenault) naturopaths, naturopathic magazines and radio programs.

Laboratory tests "appear to be done accurately but in no instance do they bear any special relevance to the diagnosis of cancer."

The radiologist, Dr. Donald Watt, is certified by the Osteopathic board. Chest plates and X-rays of bones are well taken, but those for the gastrointestinal tract or digestive system were found to be completely inadequate.

Some of the committee's most damning observations are made in describing physical examination and treatment of patients.

The patient was a man of with a growth on his lower

"He had been attending the clinic for six months or more," the investigators said. "It was stated he had a tumor the size of a pecan. When we saw him he had a deep sloughing ulcer, the result of repeated application of a corrosive material."

"There was no confirmatory pathological evidence that this condition was cancerous. This type of cancer is readily treated with radiation or surgery with an excellent expectation of cure, and with minimum discomfort, pain, and disfigurement."

"He had had six months of painful, disagreeable therapy of an entirely inadequate type, but his confidence, and that of his son, was apparently unshaken. He obviously felt that his life had been saved by this treatment."

The report detailed charges made for treatments. The basic charge is \$400 plus laboratory and X-ray services. An estimate of the average cost to a B.C. patient, including transportation, "is probably not less than \$700 and could be substantially higher."

The only follow-up of patients is a form letter mailed if a patient does not return in six months, as requested, the committee found.

"This, so far as we could ascertain, is the only attempt made at follow-up. It is obvious that the (clinic) is in no position to assess the results of its treatment. Because there is no systematic method of follow-up, the clinic does not know what happens to the great majority of patients."

The 32 B.C. patients who have died are still carried on the clinic's "active" list.

The committee reported in detail some of the wrong diagnoses found by UBC's pathology professor.

Of four diagnosed as a highly malignant type of cancer, three were entirely non-malignant. (Two were benign skin diseases and the other a cyst).

Another diagnosed as cancer of the ear "was in fact a normal piece of ear cartilage," the report said.

8 'Cured' Cases Poor Testimony

On the final day at the clinic, Hoxsey himself presented the UBC team his eight "cured" cases, by which he hoped to prove his treatment's validity. He brought two from Oklahoma and one from New Mexico, and claimed all of them had been cured by his treatment.

Seven of the eight had appeared as witnesses for Hoxsey in a trial in Pittsburgh in 1956. The committee's report said:

"From the supposed 25,000 cases that have been treated, the eight we saw are obviously prize examples, used over and over again as evidence of the value of the treatment."

"The cases represent a variety of types: In two there was

never a proven diagnosis of malignancy; in two others the treatment given before coming to the Hoxsey clinic was adequate by all accepted medical standards; in two the symptoms which brought them to the Hoxsey clinic were the natural result of recent surgery or radiation and their clearing was probably a result of the passage of time."

"In one, a minor operation performed before the visit to the clinic, may well have been sufficient to have cured an early cancer. The final patient, said to have an (external cancer) and to have been treated nine years previously at the Hoxsey clinic, now appears to be clinically cured."

Cases Checked By Committee

One of the features of the UBC report was the detailed follow-up by the committee of B.C. cases.

Said the investigators: "These are our own people, in whom we have a special interest; they are important to this study because we could follow them up most fully."

The committee located 71 of the 78 cases for follow-up. Of these 32 are dead and nine are dying or are suffering a progression of the disease. Seven had curative treatment prior to Hoxsey, one is reported "cured" and in four cases results are inconclusive (too early to determine).

Of 18 cases treated for cancer, where there was no proof of such diagnosis, the committee had this to say: "There is a possibility that among these patients may have been some who actually had cancer and who, by going to the Hoxsey Clinic, may have lessened their chances for survival by their failure to seek proven treatment at once."

"One not unusual type of patient is the one with indigestion—diagnosed as cancer by X-ray examination at the clinic. There were five of these . . . findings would suggest that most of them were suffering from ulcers."

The "cured B.C. case was diagnosed in 1953 as having a slow-growing cancer of the ear."

The patient, an elderly woman, refused surgery, was treated with the Hoxsey corrosive salve which "did in fact remove the cancerous growth, along with a good deal of normal tissue."

"This is a case which could have been readily treated by radiation or surgery," the investigators said. "The (corrosive) treatment, discarded as obsolete by the medical profession years ago, did indeed remove the tumor, but with needless pain and disfigurement."

Report Will Be Printed for Public

From data provided by government, medical and hospital authorities in the U.S. the committee outlined eight other similar "cancer cures" which have raised cancer-sufferers' hopes.

As for the Hoxsey treatment: There is no experimental evidence that the medications have any effect on tumors in animals, much less humans.

The 15,000 word report will be printed for the public, Health Minister Martin announced.

"We have had many requests, even from the eastern U.S.," he said.

It will likely sell for one dollar per copy.

The report is signed at the University of B.C. by: Dr. James M. Mather, chairman, head of the department of public health; Neal Harlow, University librarian; Dr. George D. Saxton, department of surgery; A. W. R. Carrothers, faculty of law; Dr. S. A. Jennings, department of mathematics; Dr. Harold E. Taylor, head of the department of pathology.

CAPITAL COLUMN

Strachan Shows New Sureness

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—The leader of the opposition, Mr. Strachan, showed a new sureness Monday. Last session he was feeling his way, and there was a lot of his old blunder-buss about him.

Monday he was smooth, whimsical, charming, always in control of himself; yet, to, he hurled barbs at the government, and while they hit home, they hit with a quiet, though penetrating sting, rather than with the crash of a club.

Yes, Mr. Strachan has come a long way in a short time. That's why the premier has more fear of him than of the Liberals.

Before Mr. Strachan, there was a maiden speech—from Social Credit Mr. Gibson of Delta, a tall, thin balding gentleman, who wasted no words, presented his message in concise style, and is no mumbler, praises be.

Mr. Gibson, being a good Socred, found the premier a quite wonderful person.

The premier, said Mr. Gibson, had done so much that had seemed impossible, that wouldn't the premier, please, now do something to increase social allowances?

Mr. Gibson, you see, put his complaint into a wreath of praise.

Liberal Mr. Gregory spoke Monday, too. He got into an altercation with Mr. Sommers of Rossland-Trail, whom he had deliberately baited.

Mr. Sommers called Mr. Gregory "yellow," said he had "no guts."

Mr. Gregory, with a fine show of dignity and self-control, didn't reply in kind.

Mr. Speaker Shantz ignored the highly unparliamentary epithets hurled by Mr. Sommers.

One might have expected him to pound his gavel in horror.

Mr. Strachan, in a smart new suit, rose to say it would be a quiet day, an afternoon of relaxation, that he was almost at peace with the world, considering as how he had been to a Burns dinner in Duncan and stuffed himself with haggis, which, to him, Scottish-born, is as a feast for the gods.

Thus Mr. Strachan, in gentle, friendly words, sought to lull the government.

But we knew his "peace with the world" attitude wouldn't last long.

The minute he looked once more at the speech from the throne, he was anything but at peace with the government.

The throne speech, said Mr. Strachan, said nothing and said it well—merely showed, to him, what he

called the government's complete bankruptcy of ideas and policies.

The premier, of course, expected Mr. Strachan to talk this way, and so merely looked bored.

Mr. Strachan then tried politics, said that last session he had listened to what he called screams from the government side of the house, as cabinet ministers prepared for the federal election.

Mr. Martin, said Mr. Strachan, had become positively hysterical.

Mr. Strachan expressed thanks that what he called the cabinet's "peregrinations and convolutions" hadn't paid off very much for Social Credit.

As to last September's three B.C. by-elections, Mr. Strachan found in them clear indication that the government's jig is just about up, that the people of B.C. are getting fed up with what's being handed them by what he called "this conglomeration across the way."

It was at this point the premier and Attorney-General Bonner heckled Mr. Strachan a little, and Mr. Martin called out "nonsense."

This pleased Mr. Strachan, who, theatrically, his eyes to the crowded galleries, hands on hips, said: "They certainly don't like criticism—I've never seen a government that so wriggled and writhed when anyone gives them a little advice. This government has a pathological fear of criticism."

Mr. Strachan concentrated on the attorney-general. Everything Mr. Bonner does, said Mr. Strachan, is ill-considered and shows poor judgment.

"It's always given in good humor," said Mr. Bonner, looking not one whit worried and grinned at Mr. Strachan.

"I've sometimes laughed at the attorney-general, too," said Mr. Strachan, and then he referred to this "so-called attorney-general," a rather personal insult, which Mr. Speaker Shantz chose to ignore. And Mr. Bonner didn't seem to care either.

Mr. Strachan has been reading a lot lately and so threw in some Latin phrases, and then explained what they meant as if no one else would know.

The premier left the house and so did not hear Mr. Strachan say the government skulks behind high-sounding, but false, benevolences, whereas it is really, niggardly with people who need help.

Liberal MLA Called 'Yellow' by Sommers

Clash Between Ex-Minister And Gregory Startles House

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—Liberal MLA George Gregory was told Monday by former lands and forests minister R. E. Sommers that he was "yellow" and had "no guts."



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... "better not goad me"



R. E. SOMMERS
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Ottawa Urged to Fight U.S. Tariff

VICTORIA (CP)—The federal government should be urged to do everything possible to prevent the United States from placing a tariff on imports of lead and zinc, Leo Nimsick (CCF - Cranbrook) said in a notice of motion.

Mr. Nimsick gave notice he would move that the B.C. government press Ottawa for action on the U.S. tariff proposal.

His notice said it was necessary that the tariff be prevented because it "would seriously affect the economy of B.C."

The exchange electrified the legislature as Mr. Gregory, MLA for Victoria, took part in the throne speech debate.

Mr. Gregory began to offer his "congratulations" on the return to health of Mr. Sommers, who faces charges of conspiring to accept bribes in exchange for forest management licences while he was in the cabinet.

CONGRATULATIONS

"I want to congratulate the member for Rossland-Trail for his recovery of health..." started Mr. Gregory.

But he was interrupted by Mr. Sommers and this scene and dialogue followed:

Sommers (interrupting): "I don't like your congratulations at any time."

Gregory: "You'd better not goad me."

Sommers: "I'll goad you as much as I please."

Gregory: "If you goad me any more I'll really start off."

Sommers: "You don't have the guts to talk about it."

Gregory (white-faced, but trying to joke): "Mr. Speaker, I believe that last year we agreed not to use guts."

Sommers (speaking over Gregory): "You are just yellow. Pause. Complete silence in House."

Gregory (slowly, evenly): "I am not going to discuss the case. It is before the courts."

Sommers: "You are yellow."

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Staff Reporter

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The exchange electrified the legislature as Mr. Gregory, MLA for Victoria, took part in the throne speech debate.

Mr. Gregory began to offer his "congratulations" on the return to health of Mr. Sommers, who faces charges of conspiring to accept bribes in exchange for forest management licences while he was in the cabinet.

CONGRATULATIONS

"I want to congratulate the member for Rossland-Trail for his recovery of health . . ." started Mr. Gregory.

But he was interrupted by Mr. Sommers and this scene and dialogue followed:

Sommers (interrupting): "I don't like your congratulations at any time."

Gregory: "You'd better not goad me."

Sommers: "I'll goad you as much as I please."

Gregory: "If you goad me any more I'll really start off."

Sommers: "You don't have the guts to talk about it."

Gregory (white-faced, but trying to joke): "Mr. Speaker, I believe that last year we agreed not to use guts."

Sommers (speaking over Gregory): "You are just yellow." Pause. Complete silence in House.

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Socreds Easily Win House Test Vote

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—The Social Credit government easily weathered its first non-confidence vote of the 1958 session Monday.

But not before opposition leader Robert Strachan had charged:

1—"Penny - pinching and cheese-paring" is building up surpluses but threatening operations of schools, hospital, jails and mental institutions.

2—Civil servants are being made "second class citizens" by the government's refusal to grant them collective bargaining rights.

3—Agriculture is being "neglected" while it suffers a recession and the rest of B.C. is "half prosperous."

4—The government should study general unemployment instead of "seasonal unemployment" as it has promised.

5—The government is showing a tendency to "shuffle off its responsibilities" by delegating problems to too many special tribunals.

The CCF chairman's non-confidence motion, defeated 36-13 without discussion, was based chiefly on cutbacks in services at provincial institutions.

While this "niggardly throttling and penny-pinching" is taking place, the government is "skulking behind high-sounding claims of benevolence," said Mr. Strachan.

"As a result of these policies there are unfortunate children who must sit blankly at home because the door of Woodlands school (for mentally retarded children) has been slammed in their faces," he said.

At the same time, juvenile offenders are "cast among the hardened criminals."

"DEAD HAND OF 1890"

"These will look in vain at this speech from the throne for hope and comfort," he declared.

Mr. Strachan quoted from an 1890 British government statement that told British civil servants they could "seek employment elsewhere" if they didn't like their conditions of work.

"This is the same wording used by this government," he said. "It shows the dead and dusty hand of 1890 is around the throat of this government preventing them from doing what they promised."

Farmers need a \$10,000,000 budget for the provincial agriculture department this coming year, he said, to "make up for what hasn't been done in the past."

Questions such as land development, erosion, drainage, irrigation, low-interest loans, must be dealt with now to ensure the future of B.C. agriculture.

When he mentioned \$10,000,000 new agriculture minister Newton P. Steacy groaned and shook his head.

Marketing is the farmers biggest problem, said Mr. Strachan, but in the 1956-57 fiscal year the agriculture department underspent its markets branch budget by \$22,000.

The opposition leader took the government to task for its "almost pathological fear of criticism."

He likened Premier Bennett to the ruler of the "ancient forums of Rome, Cato the censor."

"I SO DECIDE"

"Every time he spoke, Cato invariably ended his speeches with the words, I so decide. Like Cato, the premier decides. We aren't supposed to ask questions or be critical."

"If we do we are wild, discourteous, hatchmen."

Mr. Strachan said a quotation from the Canadian Social Creditor of January last year could apply to the B.C. Socred government attitude. The quotation:

"Secrecy is the refuge of the corrupt or the incompetent; censorship is the screen for those who dread the light."

Municipal Payments to BCHIS Hit

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — A Social Credit MLA proposed Monday that the government wipe out compulsory municipal contributions to hospital insurance costs.

Gordon Gibson (SC-Delta), in seconding the address in reply to the throne speech, urged that the 70 cents per patient day charge against municipalities toward BCHIS be abolished.

"All municipalities in my constituency have repeatedly found this charge to be particularly onerous," said Mr. Gibson in his maiden speech.

It has been customary for those selected to move and second the reply to elaborate on policy announced in the throne speech.

But in recent years Social Credit MLAs have not done so, thus political observers believe Mr. Gibson was expressing his opinions as an individual MLA.

Mr. Gibson also recommended:

Additional aid towards municipal welfare costs; establishment of hospital districts;

Jobless Probe to Start Soon

VICTORIA—The unemployment probe authorized by the legislature Friday is expected to start within a week.

Appointments of MLAs to the standing committee on labor were approved by legislature Monday.

First meeting, to elect a chairman, is expected to be held in two or three days.

First problem the committee will deal with is the closure, Jan. 31, of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company's Elk River mine at Fernie. This will throw nearly 400 miners out of work.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the labor committee are:

Social Credit: O. R. Newton, William Asselstine, Herb Bruch, Gordon Gibson, George Massey, Bill Murray, Bert Price, Don Robinson, R. E. Sommers, John Tisdalle, Labor Minister Lyle Wicks.

CCF: Cedric Cox, Rae Ed- die, John Squire.

Liberal: George Gregory. Independent Labor: Tom Uphill.

Another major committee, which will hear Vancouver's request for Sunday sports and other city charter amendments, also is expected to start sittings in about a week. Members of this, the private bills committee, are:

Socred: Alex Matthew, Mr. Asselstine, Tom Bate, Dan Campbell, Mr. Price, Mr. Robinson, Fred Sharp, Cyril Sheldford, High Shirreff, Don Smith, Mrs. Buda Brown, provincial secretary W. D. Black.

CCF: Gordon Dowding, Mr. Eddie, Arthur Turner.

Liberal: Mr. Gregory.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Social welfare and education committee, which will study juvenile delinquency in B.C., is composed of:

Socred: Mr. Price, Mr. Bruch, Mel Bryan, Ivan Campbell, Mr. Matthew, William Speare, John Tisdalle, Mrs. Brown, Health Minister Eric Martin, Education Minister Les Peterson;

CCF: Mr. Dowding, Tony Gargrave, Ran Harding, Mrs. Louis Haggan;

Liberal: Archie Gibbs.

RAINMAKERS DON'T DO IT

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—The B.C. Research Council has confirmed its suspicions that no change in rainfall as a result of professional rain-makers cloud-seeding has been proved.

The council said so in a report to Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston, tabled Monday in the legislature.

The bulky mass of statistics backs up the research council's report to the 1957 session of the legislature that cloud-seeding had "negligible" effects.

Strachan Says Gov't Still Floating on 'River of Gold'

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—Opposition leader Robert Strachan doesn't believe the British Columbia Social Credit government is "broke."

"I refuse to believe that even a Socred government could have squandered this river of

gold," he told the House Monday.

He said he believed the government, by its cutbacks in services, is trying to create the impression it is hard up.

Instead, he predicted, Premier Bennett is doing it so he will be able in a week or two, to present a record budget of \$300,000,000.

"He needs something spectacular, something flamboyant in what he likes to call this great centennial year," said Mr. Strachan.

"He needs this to try to turn the public's attention away from his government's shortcomings in the last several months."



Charge that Attorney-General Bonner "bungled" handling of bribery accusations against a former lands and forests minister was made in House Monday by CCF leader Robert Strachan (above).

'SELF INTEREST'

Bonner Rapped In Sommers Case

VICTORIA — Opposition leader Robert Strachan charged Monday that "self interest" was responsible for Attorney-General Robert Bonner's handling of bribery accusations against a former cabinet colleague.

"Bonner bungled," Mr. Strachan told the Legislature as he launched an attack on the way Mr. Bonner dealt with the charges originally made two years ago against former Lands and Forests Minister R. E. Sommers.

"He identified himself and the government with those who now stand charged in the courts of our land," declared the CCF leader.

'STANDS CONVICTED'

"No matter how the court case ends, the attorney-general stands convicted as a man who put his political duty before his public duty."

Mr. Strachan also levelled a general protest against the principle of forest management licences.

The CCF, he said, will oppose any further granting of management licences.

Later in throne speech debate, Liberal MLA George Gregory said all licences so far issued should be investigated because of the "mess forestry is now in."

'PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW'

Such a probe should be the first assignment given former chief justice Gordon Sloan, who is now the government's \$50,000-a-year forestry adviser, said Mr. Gregory.

"I don't know if there has been skulduggery in any other government's day," said Mr. Gregory, "but the people should know."

"There should be a complete investigation of the circumstances surrounding the granting of every forest management licence, right from licence No. 1."

In dealing with Mr. Bonner, the Opposition leader said the attorney-general had been guilty of "self-interest of the most compelling nature."

Mr. Strachan said he would not comment on charges of conspiracy to accept and give bribes now pending against Mr. Sommers and several firms.

'SORRY AFFAIR'

"I will not comment even though one of the companies now involved has been sending out circulars all over the country publicly commenting on the case," he said.

"But I will comment on the part played by the Attorney-General in this whole sorry affair. I know he has clouded the issue with the jargon of his voice-worn phrases and the ingenuities of legal verbiage. He is very good at that."

Mr. Strachan asked: "What evidence did the attorney-general have (when criminal charges were laid recently) that was not his almost two years ago?"

'SUICIDE COMPLEX'

On general forest policy, Mr. Strachan said the CCF was opposed to the basic principle of issuing forest management licences because they took ownership of the forests out of the hands of the public.

Today B.C. is over-taxed because it has lost control of the forests, he said.

The government has a "suicide complex" that impels it to "get rid of the forests as quickly as possible."

Appointment of Mr. Sloan was also attacked. The government, he said, was using "his name to bypass and belittle the legislature."

In his royal commission report on forestry, said Mr. Strachan, Mr. Sloan recommended appointment of a forest "chairman" only by legislation. Thus the government was acting against his ideas.

'DREADFUL THING'

In his speech, Mr. Gregory said appointment of Mr. Sloan was "pleasing," but added it was a "dreadful thing that forestry in B.C. was in such a mess that we have to take one of our finest jurists off the bench to clean it up."

He said he also was "distressed" that another jurist, J. V. Clyne, had gone into private industry.

Mr. Gregory, a lawyer, said it was his understanding that when a man took a judgeship it was "for life," and that he shouldn't leave "no matter what the inducement."

Mr. Clyne took over chairmanship of MacMillan and Bloedel, a large forestry firm, at a reported salary of \$80,000.

\$50,000 Keeps Phil Up in Air

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — Repairs costing more than \$50,000 were done to highways department aircraft during the 1956-1957 fiscal year.

The total was reported in the highways department report submitted to the legislature by Highways Minister P. A. Gagliardi.

Precise total was \$50,196.63 it was labelled "aircraft repairs" and did not specify whether this included maintenance and operation. The two highways department aircraft, a Mark V Anson wheeled aircraft and a Grumman Wildcat amphibian, the latter Mr. Gagliardi's favorite, are maintained and operated for the highways department under contract by the Pacific Western Airlines base at Patricia Bay airport and Vancouver.

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Gov't Faces Open Revolt Over Sommers

North Van MLA Asks Bonner Quit

By ALEX YOUNG and HAL DORNAN
Vancouver Sun Staff Reporters

VICTORIA—Open revolt over the Sommers case rocked the Social Credit government of British Columbia today.

A Socred MLA demanded the resignation of Attorney-General Robert Bonner for "failing to do his duty" in the case.

Mel Bryan (SC—North Vancouver) voiced his opinion in what he said was a "grave moment for me . . . reached after most serious soul-searching."

Mr. Bryan is courting expulsion from the government caucus and the Social Credit party by taking his stand.

In a statement prepared for presentation to the legislature today, he said the attorney-general should quit because his two-year delay in taking action showed he lacks "appreciation of the basic concepts inherent in the high office he holds."

"A very important principle is at stake here, a very precious principle—a principle I am not prepared to sacrifice in the interests of party unity," he declared.

"(It is) a fundamental issue that should have been dealt with without any concern for political questions or party loyalties."

REFUSED TO ACT

He was talking about the refusal of Mr. Bonner from December, 1955, to November, 1957, to attempt to clear up allegations against the former lands and forests minister Robert E. Sommers.

Mr. Sommers now faces criminal charges of conspiring to accept bribes in exchange for forest management licences.

The Bryan move could set the stage for further explosive developments.

It is the first sign of a crack in the Socred government's hold on its supporters since the Sommers case became B.C.'s hottest political issue.

Whether other backbenchers will support him depends to a great extent on how Premier Bennett meets this revolt.

The premier, in Vancouver for the Queen Mother's visit, was not in the House today.

BENNETT MOVE

Mr. Bryan's attack on the government is the most significant move by a backbencher since 1952 when Premier Bennett himself turned on the coalition government, which he then supported, and crossed the floor of the House.

Mr. Bennett's dramatic move then was part of a series of events that ended with collapse of the coalition and a general election that was won by the Socreds.

The "new rebel," Mr. Bryan, is a former North Vancouver newspaper publisher and alderman who topped the polls in the two-member riding in the 1956 general election in

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his entry into provincial politics.

"I was one of the candidates who fought for this government (believing) assurances from the attorney-general that there was more sound and fury than substance in the allegations," he said today.

"I and candidates like me were assured by the attorney-general's statement that the allegations were 'far-fetched.'"

Mr. Bryan's statement started quietly:

"I want to speak about a question that has been causing extreme concern not only in my riding, but to people throughout B.C."

"Over two years ago statements were made concerning the operation of our great forestry industry and the government of this province."

He described how the attorney-general had dismissed the allegations as "far-fetched."

After tracing events which followed the statements, he said:

"The chain of subsequent developments led to charges which are now being adjudicated—where thousands of British Columbians felt they

should have been adjudicated a long time ago—in the courts of our land."

Mr. Bryan said Mr. Bonner's failure to deal with "an issue involving a cabinet minister and the government itself has placed a serious strain on the respect and support that this government has enjoyed and deserved."

He said: "People are puzzled by the fast-moving chain of events of recent months."

"First, a commission-type of inquiry was set up to probe the allegations. Then it was hastily abandoned in favor of outright charges of conspiracy against several persons."

"All this we must assume was based on the same statements that our attorney-general so blandly dismissed last year and the year before."

"What happened to change his concept of law enforcement so drastically?"

Mr. Bryan said it is his "honest conviction that the attorney-general has shown a serious lack of ability to fulfill all the requirements of his high post."

"I call upon him to resign in favor of someone who can," he concluded.

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Socred, CCFer Hit Institution Slashes

Buda Brown, Cox Ask Standards Be Maintained in Hospitals, Jails

VICTORIA—Pleas against economy cuts at provincial institutions were voiced on both sides of the legislature Tuesday.

Mrs. Buda Brown (SC-Point Grey) and Cedric Cox (CCF-Burnaby) both pleaded with the government to retain services provided at the Woodlands School, New Haven Borstal Home, Essondale Provincial Mental Hospital and other essential institutions.

Provincial Secretary Wesley Black promised a full statement to the Legislature on the staff-and-service situation at Woodlands School for retarded children.

EMPTY BEDS

His promise followed Tuesday's Vancouver Sun story which reported empty beds and curtailed admissions at the school.

The story, by reporter Simma Holt, disclosed there are "rows and rows" of empty beds at the institution, despite denials by Mr. Black.

The minister maintained service at Woodlands has not been curtailed.

"That is what I said originally, although I was quoted as saying there were no empty beds," he replied when asked to comment.

"My responsibility is to the House, and that is the proper place for me to make my statement."

FOOLISH CUTS

"I don't feel I have to answer to a reporter's story here."

CCF member Cox described the Woodlands staff cuts as "foolhardy."

He said: "The foolhardy reduction of staff is jeopardizing the existence of the school."

Mr. Cox continued: "I believe, at Woodlands, in some cases, it takes up to one and one-half hours to feed a child. With close to 300 children in this category, the need is for more, not less, help."

Mrs. Brown told the Legislature:

"I am making a special plea on behalf of many women and women's groups, to please consider carefully before any changes are made at New Haven, Woodlands, Essondale and some of our other essential institutions."

"I refuse to believe that this government, having progressed so far in new institutional care, could possibly now curtail necessary staff and administration."

"It would be a retrograde step."

Gov't Urged to Take Action On Juvenile Delinquency

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—A second look at the B.C. government's approach to juvenile delinquency was urged in the Legislature Tuesday by a Vancouver MLA.

Mrs. Buda Brown (SC-Vancouver-Point Grey) proposed establishment of a standing committee of "lay people as well as government personnel" to keep a close watch on the problem.

"Our program of correction in the institutions we now have needs overhauling," said Mrs. Brown.

The committee would meet yearly or semi-annually to "keep abreast" of what is being done and would be responsible to the attorney-general's department.

She said the words "industrial school" should "mean just that."

"I feel it is time all our correctional institutions were under the attorney-general's department."

"The juvenile who commits a crime against society must be punished as any other individual who commits a crime."

County Courts Get More Wills

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—An amendment to the County Court Act, introduced in the legislature Tuesday permits county courts to probate wills on estates up to \$5,000, instead of the \$3,000 limit now in force.

Anything exceeding \$5,000 will be dealt with by Supreme Court.

"I do not believe that transferring our juvenile offenders to beautiful, new quarters will change their attitude one bit. What will change it is stricter discipline and plenty of work."

Mrs. Brown criticized proba-

tion for "those who have stolen an automobile not once not twice, but a dozen times."

"It is just ridiculous," she said. And it is "useless" to place youthful offenders in detention without a program that maintains strict and severe discipline.

Magistrates In B.C. Must Quit at 75

VICTORIA—A law providing compulsory retirement of magistrates at 75 will be passed by the B.C. Legislature.

Measure was contained in a bill presented to the Legislature Tuesday by Attorney-General Robert Bonner.

It will apply to both stipendiary magistrates and police magistrates.

There is no age limit now, although present government policy endorses the 75-year limit.

All magistrates who are 75 upon passage of the bill will cease to hold office as of June, 1958, the bill declares.

Another section of the bill also allows the cabinet to extend the term of a 75-year-old magistrate by no more than one year.

The bill was one of eight submitted to the House Tuesday. Most of them were "housekeeping" bills, providing technical changes to existing acts.

Park Work Urged

VICTORIA—Immediate hiring of unemployed men for work developing provincial parks was urged in the legislature by Mrs. Buda Brown (SC-Vancouver-Point Grey) and Cedric Cox (CCF-Burnaby).

Job Probe Organized

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—The Legislature probe into seasonal unemployment is being organized today.

The House standing committee on labor meets to elect a chairman and secretary and arrange a schedule for hearings. A study of the coal-mine closure that threatens Fernie will take top priority.

Another important committee, private bills, is holding its organizational session today also.

This committee will hear Vancouver's request for Sunday sports legislation, in the form of an amendment to the city's legislature-granted charter.

No opposition is expected.

University Change

VICTORIA—An amendment to the B.C. University Act has been introduced, placing two members of the faculty of Victoria College, a UBC branch, on the board of governors of the University of B.C.

PRIVATE BILL

Sunday Sport Bylaw Seen Sure to Fail

VICTORIA (CP) — A private bill which would permit municipal councils to pass Sunday sports bylaws will be introduced to the legislature this week by Gordon Dowding (CCF-Burnaby).

It would provide that if 10 per cent of the electorate asks for a plebiscite on the issue of commercial sport on Sundays, electors would vote on:

"Are you in favor of a municipal bylaw authorizing the playing of public athletic games and sports on the Lord's Day (British Columbia) Act?"

If the vote favored Sunday sports council could then pass a bylaw permitting them.

It is doubtful the government will accept the bill.

CAPITAL COLUMN

Mr. Bonner Stirs Up No Fireworks

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—Tuesday was quiet in the legislature. Even the attorney-general, Mr. Bonner, couldn't stir things up very much.

He didn't really try too much, preferring to make a serious speech on jails and European trade.

He tangled a bit with the opposition, said it often feels so hopeless it whistles in the dark, which prompted opposition leader Strachan to snipe: "You live in the dark."

Mr. Bonner said he didn't think much of Mr. Strachan's attack the day before on the government's policy, and Mr. Strachan said, "So what."

The government hasn't any policy, or so it appears to him.

Mr. Strachan had said the government pinches pennies and pares cheese when it comes to spending the people's money on the people who need help.

That's not so, replied Mr. Bonner, who is quite unable to turn himself into a tub-thumping political orator.

Indeed, said the AG, the government is well and adequately looking after essential services for the public.

There was another maiden speech Tuesday, this time from CCFer Mr. Cedric Cox of Burnaby, elected in a by-election last September.

Mr. Cox's wife is a daughter of the late Ernest Winch, for years the CCF member for Burnaby.

Mr. Cox said he hopes to follow in Mr. Winch's footsteps, and so he asked for further assistance for senior citizens and people on social welfare.

"Mr. Premier, I beg you to give more consideration to the human needs in our institutions," said Mr. Cox.

But Mr. Cox was reading his speech, without any flourishes, and Mr. Premier was studying a document.

A minute later Mr. Premier went out of the House, and so he had but the dimmest idea of what Mr. Cox was talking about.

When MLAs read their speeches, they're usually difficult to listen to, and sound too much like a monotonously intoned tale that has been told before.

Mr. Cox is no voice-to-the-raffers like his late father-in-law, Harold Winch, MP, who, between them, for years, often had this legislature in uproar.

Mr. Cox is pleasant, evidently a plodder, but quite unspectacular — he may change. MLAs often do, once they get their bearings.

His wife occupies a unique niche on the distaff side of our political history.

She is daughter, sister and wife of B.C. MLAs.

Not many women in our history have had that claim to fame. A few years ago the late Mrs. Joseph Hunter had a similar niche—daughter of an MLA (Dr. J. D. Hunter of Victoria).

Sacred Mrs. Buda Brown, of Point Grey wound up the afternoon of speech-making.

She was fetchingly conservative, in a plain, but very smartly cut, deep blue dress, a necklace to match her golden hair, and bejewelled eyeglasses.

Mrs. Brown doesn't like the new brilliant red carpet in the legislative chamber. She can find practically no colors to wear that don't clash with it.

She told Mr. Speaker Hugh Shantz she doesn't like the color.

She said, with some annoyance, that never had so much red carpet been rolled out for anybody, anywhere.

However, Mr. Shantz isn't to blame. His predecessor, Mr. Irwin, ordered it a year ago.

However, the carpet is here to stay, so Mrs. Brown will have to govern her wardrobe accordingly even though it'll make her feel fenced in.

Mrs. Brown concentrated to great extent on the need for more recreation for the people, and the development of more parks and beaches so that everyone can spend lots of time in the great-out-of-doors.

Recreation facilities, she said, must be enjoyed by everybody, not only by those who can afford ski lifts and ski jumps.

Attorney-General Bonner and Education Minister Peterson showed they are on their toes by bringing in amendments to a number of bills.

Cabinet ministers can often be slow when it comes to such sessional business.

'Cheese-Paring' Denied by Bonner

Gov't Only Running Services 'With Economy, Efficiency'

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—A defence against opposition accusations of Social Credit "penny-pinching" and "cheese-paring" was offered Tuesday by Attorney-General Robert Bonner.

QUITTING WIFE TO COST MORE

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — A husband could be required to pay \$75 weekly for support of his wife and children under a bill introduced in the legislature Tuesday.

The amendment to the Deserted Wives and Children's Maintenance Act raises the amount from \$40.

He told the legislature of his government's "careful administration" and growing expenditures during its five years in office.

But he didn't refer specifically to charges that children are being kept out of Woodlands School for mentally defective children because of a government economy wave.

Nor did he reply directly to reports of staff-cuts in the last few months in Oakalla, Esson-dale and other provincial operations.

FEWER JAILS

New Haven Home Due To Close

VICTORIA — Details of promised reorganization of B.C.'s jail system were presented to the legislature Tuesday by Attorney-General Robert Bonner.

He announced the Nelson jail and women's jail at Prince George both will be closed in the "near future."

Mr. Bonner also said later the New Haven Borstal home is to close.

Inmates from the interior prisons will be moved to the Lower Mainland and will be lodged in both Oakalla and the new Haney correctional institution.

'FUNCTION' TO CONTINUE

After making his announcement in the House he told The Vancouver Sun in the corridor that New Haven also was slated to close, but added its "function" would be continued.

He had earlier denied reports that New Haven was to be shut down as an economy measure.

The actual New Haven quarters in Burnaby will be abandoned, he told The Sun, but inmates in the honor system institution will be moved to quarters at the Haney institution, a medium security jail.

'ON THEIR HONOR'

They will occupy quarters separate from regular inmates of Haney, he said, and still will be "on their honor" not to leave.

Mr. Bonner described the changes as a "consolidation" of the B.C. jail system.

Guards and personnel from the two interior jails will be moved to the mainland prisons along with inmates.

The attorney-general was unable to state precisely when the moves, including New Haven, would take place.

But changes will be made before the end of the current fiscal year, that is, before March 31, he said.

PRESENTS FIGURES

Answering Opposition Leader Robert Strachan's "cheese-paring" claims of Monday, Mr. Bonner presented these statistics to the House:

Prisons — Additional accommodation provided for 1,112 prisoners since 1952 at cost of \$6,139,000; jail staff up from 324 in 1952 to 824 in 1953.

Mental Health Services — Staffs up from 2,115 at March 31, 1953, to 2,796 at Dec. 31, 1953; accommodation for 1,301 extra patients at cost of \$8,333,000 since 1952.

Hospitals — Beds added since 1952 total 1,357, at cost to B.C. government of \$9,733,440; beds now under construction, 1,380, including 134 chronic patients; ratio of beds to population in 1957, 5.03 per thousand; in 1952, 5.67 per thousand.

"Does that sound like penny pinching or cheese-paring?" demanded Mr. Bonner.

He also denied Mr. Strachan's claim the government is making "second class citizens" out of civil servants.

LIST OF CONCESSIONS

He read a long summary of how the government had granted concessions to civil servants in the past five years, from the five-day week to last summer's 7½ per cent pay boost.

"Does that sound like penny-pinching?" he asked again.

He did admit however that the Social Credit government is always "trying to save money for the treasury."

"We are trying to run services with economy and with efficiency," he said.

As minister of industrial development, Mr. Bonner described the opposition leader's comment that B.C. was always trying to "just get more" from Ottawa.

WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS

"As long as this government is in office, and that should be for another couple of years at least," he said, "it will continue to press for better fiscal arrangements with Ottawa."

He ranged far and wide over world economics. Canada and B.C. should pay sharp attention to the free-trade area created in Europe, he said.

This is a "tremendous" market for Canada he said.

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tion for "those who have stolen an automobile not once not twice, but a dozen times. "It is just ridiculous," she said. And it is "useless" to place youthful offenders in detention without a program that maintains strict and severe discipline.

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Job Probe Organized

By Sun Staff Reporter
VICTORIA — The Legislature probe into seasonal unemployment is being organized today.

The House standing committee on labor meets to elect a chairman and secretary and arrange a schedule for hearings. A study of the coal-mine closure that threatens Fernie will take top priority.

Another important committee, private bills, is holding its organizational session today also.

This committee will hear Vancouver's request for Sunday sports legislation, in the form of an amendment to the city's legislature-granted charter.

No opposition is expected.

University Change

VICTORIA—An amendment to the B.C. University Act has been introduced, placing two members of the faculty of Victoria College, a UBC branch, on the board of governors of the University of B.C.

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THE CLOCK TURNS BACK

Explanation Demanded for Dismantling Social Services

The onus rests on Premier Bennett to justify "economies" now threatening to destroy social services in which B.C. has led North America.

Finance Minister Bennett is challenged to explain why this prosperous province must strip away full care from thousands of its most pathetic and helpless residents.

Show the public, Mr. Premier, where lies the economy, the efficiency—indeed, the plain Christianity—of staff cuts so highly alarming to the professionally knowing and to interested citizens who realize what work is being jeopardized.

Show the financial necessity, or sense, of diminishing care to thousands of mentally ill people who have been getting treatment which the Canadian Mental Health Association says is "the envy of the rest of Canada—if not the whole continent."

But which the association now declares is becoming so short of staff due to Social Credit penny-pinching that "it could be disastrous to the treatment of mental cases."

Can Mr. Bennett reconcile ordinary humanity, aside from prudent use of public money, with staff shortages that slam the door of Woodlands school against tragically retarded children?

While buildings on which his government spent millions gather dust because there are no government employees to operate them and take in some of 500

children seeking care available only at Woodlands.

Let the premier and finance minister show the social or economic sense of liquidating the Borstal home.

So informed and experienced a magistrate as Gordon Scott says: "No other institution . . . in the whole of Canada . . . can touch it for its rate of recovery."

For saving youngsters otherwise headed for socially wasteful lives of crime that can cost B.C. millions of dollars over the years.

Mr. Bennett must answer the storm now rising despite efforts of his government to cover up the real meaning of relentless government staff cuts.

Key government officials, save a few, have been intimidated by the government into silence.

The provincial secretary, Wesley Black, deliberately tried to mislead the public by denying that there were empty beds at Woodlands. This attempt The Sun has now exposed with pictures taken there last Sunday despite Mr. Black's attempt to black out the facts.

Is this an enlightened, humane government whose members boasted they take over the provincial government "with the Bible in one hand and efficiency in the other?"

At the moment it doesn't show much trace of either.

SOCRED MINISTERS WON'T BE QUESTIONED

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—Opposition leader Robert Strachan Tuesday got a curt rejection of a proposal that MLAs be permitted to ask oral questions of cabinet ministers when the House sits daily.

Attorney-General Robert Bonner said the suggestion was improper. The House had given a decision in 1953 on the matter.

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Welfare Cuts Hit 'Near Criminal'

Magistrate Raps Welfare Cutbacks

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"Warden Hugh Christie is a brilliant penologist, dedicated, courageous, aggressive and highly constructive."

"He has greatly improved the staff and the whole tone of the institution."

"The Young Offenders' Unit has proved a great advance and the Haney Correctional Institute promises well."

POOR PLANT

"But the physical plant of Oakalla itself is an abomination which has largely frustrated every effort to improve it."

"Any cutback at Oakalla is a dangerous attack on all the good work that has been done and will set the province back many years."

"New Haven (institute for the better-type young offenders, to be closed soon) has proven a good and highly successful institution from the start."

"But it has remained only a start towards what should one day become a full-scale Borstal system. Possibly this is a federal responsibility. But any tampering with the present New Haven is a destructive backward step."

"Woodlands School, even with the new wing in full operation, would be inadequate for present provincial needs. I have known of retarded children who, after waiting three years and more for admission to Woodlands, had finally to be sent to corrective institutions."

CUT INHUMANE

"This is waste that reflects upon the humanity of every responsible man and woman in the province—upon all of us collectively as a human society. Any cutback at Woodlands, for whatever cause, is inhumane and irresponsible."

"Essondale is a much improved mental institution, but even at full staff no more than adequate for the needs of the province. Any cutback here can only be at tremendous future cost to the province."

"Brannan Lake is an up-to-

date and valuable institution called upon to perform an impossible task as the only corrective institution in the province for juveniles. For this reason alone it must always be inadequate, even at full staff."

"At least one, preferably more, additional institutions of different types are needed. A further deficiency is the complete lack of detention homes for juveniles awaiting trial or disposition throughout the province, except in the largest cities. All thought here should be towards expanding and varying facilities, not reducing them."

STAFF UNDERPAID

"From its inception, the probation service has been inadequate."

"In the early years this was to be expected, but inadequacy has been continued almost to the point of destroying the usefulness of the service. Some improvement is promised, but so long as the service is so grossly underpaid it can hardly hope to attract a sufficient number of properly qualified men—six years university for a starting salary of about \$3,500 a year and little chance of advancement simply does not make sense."

"A full-scale probation service, with officers carrying case loads of not more than fifty, would represent a tremendous economy for the province as well as much constructive good. In time it would materially reduce pressure on all the penal institutions."

"Health and Welfare is another excellent service, often truly preventive in character, at present understaffed and so underpaid that good people are constantly lost to it. Any cut here can only be a false economy."

"I am fully aware that there are not and cannot be unlimited funds for such services as these. It is vitally important that money should be spent freely on more positive services such as schools and universities."

"But no self-respecting modern society could possibly be satisfied with the penal and rehabilitative services at present existing in B.C. except insofar as they promise hope of continuing improvement."

Magistrate Asks Protest Letters

The provincial government cut in welfare services is "approaching criminal mismanagement," a provincial magistrate charged today.

Roderick Haig-Brown, of Campbell River, has called upon everyone to "write a letter to his or her local member while the legislature is sitting" in protest against the 5 per cent cutback.

Magistrate Haig-Brown, who has been a magistrate for 20 years and author of several books, termed the cutback "destructive" and "showing a cynical disregard for humane considerations in the hope of a temporary political advantage."

Premier Bennett's decision to "cut staff wherever possible" was announced last September following civil service wage concessions.

The resulting "economy staff cuts" has affected every penal and rehabilitative institution in B.C.

In a biting survey of the entire welfare structure Magistrate Haig-Brown wrote to The Vancouver Sun:

"Anyone who feels the slightest concern for the welfare of the province must have been deeply shocked by the recent newspaper accounts of impending reductions in penal and welfare services."

"They have always been inadequate, but until now there has always been growth and development, with promise of still future improvement."

"A cutback at this stage is not merely discouraging; it is highly destructive and will prove so at a high cost to future governments and in tragic loss to the health and humanity of the province as a whole."

"I feel that the public has had little opportunity to observe and understand the workings of the various services involved, so I would like to discuss, very briefly, their present state."

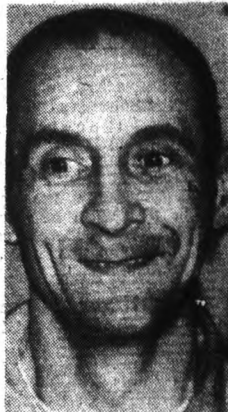
"Oakalla Prison has long been a disgrace to this province."

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'SHEER INCOMPETENCE'

"Talk of cutbacks and economies at the present stage is sheer governmental incompetence. After the long succession of prosperous years the province has enjoyed it argues something approaching criminal mismanagement of public affairs—or a cynical disregard for humane considerations in the hope of a temporary political advantage. These matters are the concern of everyone, not merely of those of us who administer the law. And everyone can help now, by writing to his or her local member while the legislature is sitting."



RODERICK HAIG-BROWN
... blasts economy cuts

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Socreds to Decide Fate of Rebel MLA

Mel Bryan to Learn if He Will Be Ousted for Attack on Bonner

By ALEX YOUNG
Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—Rebel Social Credit MLA Mel Bryan will learn today whether he is to be ousted from Socred party ranks in the legislature.

The North Vancouver member faces an afternoon caucus of government party members who will let him know if he is still wanted as a government supporter.

Mr. Bryan became the central figure in the legislature Wednesday when he blasted Attorney-General Robert Bonner for his handling of the Sommers case, and demanded his resignation.

Immediate reaction from Socred MLAs who would discuss his outspoken attack was one of qualified disapproval.

Although Mr. Bryan claimed to have no official pledges of support for his stand, some Socred members appeared to find more fault with the "timing" than with the attack itself.

INOPPORTUNE TIME

They felt he shouldn't have criticized Mr. Bonner while the charges of conspiring to accept bribes are pending against former lands and forests minister Robert E. Sommers.

But Mr. Bryan said after his statement he still considers himself a Socred MLA, will attend the caucus today and is prepared to defend his actions before his constituents.

"I said it because I felt it," was the simple explanation by Mr. Bryan for his broadside attack on the attorney-general.

TO UPHOLD PRINCIPLE

He said he had acted to uphold a "basic principle" of right—Mr. Bonner had failed to deal properly with accusations against former lands and forest minister, R. E. Sommers. So he must resign.

"I just felt I had to take a stand. I simply had to place principles ahead of an appearance of party unity," Mr. Bryan said.

All Mr. Bonner had to say about the backbencher's claim Mr. Bonner had "failed to do his duty" by allowing a two-year delay in the case, was this:

"I've never walked away from a tough job in my life and I don't intend to start now."

UP TO BONNER

What happens at the caucus today will depend largely on whether Mr. Bonner forces the membership to make a decision on Mr. Bryan's demand.

This is not expected.
(More details of Bryan speech on page 10).

Socred Rebel Raps Inlet Span Policy

Bryan Demands Immediate Start On New First Narrows Bridge

By HAL DORNAN
Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — The government's Burrard Inlet bridge policies came under fire Wednesday from Socred back-bencher Mel Bryan.

He demanded immediate planning for a second bridge at First Narrows.

And he demanded legislation — not just the premier's word — guaranteeing that profits from the Burrard Inlet bridge system won't be used to meet other toll-bridge deficits.

HITS THREE MINISTERS

In the first eight minutes of his dramatic 15-minute appearance in the throne speech debate, he had demanded that Attorney-General Bonner resign.

In the remaining seven minutes he took on both Premier Bennett and Highways Minister Gagliardi.

"Failure by the people charged with looking after our highways and bridges to advance plans for a second crossing at First Narrows has wasted another year," he said.

"A year ago I pleaded for the quickest possible start on the planning, knowing that it takes years to bring into use a project of this magnitude."

He said he found it "embarrassing" to inform the House that, despite the urgency of the Lions Gate traffic problem, nothing had been done in the past year.

'TIME EGGS HATCHED'

"The new Second Narrows bridge will make no appreciable difference in the frustrating bumper-to-bumper traffic jams faced by Lions Gate motorists."

"These motorists are not sight-seeing tourists but the daily commuters whose tolls have paid for the bridge long before now," he said.

"It is time one of the golden eggs laid by the old bridge hatched into a companion bridge."

Word of Mr. Bryan's impending blast at Mr. Bonner had reached government ears before the North Vancouver MLA took his place in the House Wednesday.

PLEAS RESISTED

He resisted pleadings from three government members to postpone the criticism.

Highways Minister Gagliardi intercepted him in a corridor, took him aside to a vacant committee room, and spent half an hour trying to persuade him against the move.

Two other Socred MLAs, Irvine Corbett (Yale) and Bert Price (Vancouver Burrard), also cornered him in the hall with pleas.

Rebel Raps n Policy s Immediate Start Narrows Bridge

L. DORNAN
m Staff Reporter
government's Burrard Inlet

Borstal End Seen

Moving the New Haven Borstal into a corner of Haney Prison means the end of the borstal system in British Columbia, a prominent Vancouver lawyer said today.

T. G. Norris, QC, president of the B.C. Borstal Association, said it would be the end of the North American record for rehabilitation of young offenders that has been established in that home-like building at 4250 S.E. Marine Drive in Burnaby.

He said that while prisons throughout the continent boast if they rehabilitate 50 per cent of their inmates, British Columbia's Borstal has successfully rehabilitated more than 80 per cent of the boys cared for.

Mr. Norris has detailed the facts in a five-page letter to Attorney-General Robert Bonner, appealing for a "review" of the decision.

His letter was received in Victoria at the same time as New Haven graduates—boys with long records who are now established in business or studying at university—began circulating a petition pleading with the government that "New Haven Borstal home be allowed to continue in its present program and location."

At the same time the John Howard Society was also preparing to launch an appeal against the government decision.

Mr. Norris' letter predicted that the 17 well-trained staff, "devoted to the Borstal method of training," and the



T. G. NORRIS
... save Borstal

Borstal Association with its 200 members and 120 sponsors or lay parole officers would fall part if the move to Haney was carried out.

"During the past 10 years (since Borstal was founded here) over 500 youthful offenders have enjoyed the benefits of what a 1950 commission appointed by the provincial government referred to as 'the only major improvement in B.C. gaol system in the past 38 years,'" the letter states.

Ex-Inmates Protest

By IAN MACDONALD
Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

A group of former inmates is battling to keep New Haven Borstal Institution open.

They say the "no-bars" institution gave them the chance to return to a normal life after a youthful first fling at crime.

Their concern is sparked by the government decision to relocate New Haven at the new Haney jail as an economy move.

The former inmates say relocation will end an experiment that has saved the taxpayers more than \$6,000,000 and successfully rehabilitated 80 per cent of its inmates.

The group is preparing an argument backed by facts and figures they hope will be heard on the legislature floor.

Rather than carefully tucking that part of their past away and forgetting they were ever "inside," they are devoting time and energy to New Haven.

"We would hate to see it close," five spokesmen told The Vancouver Sun.

Four hold good steady jobs in Vancouver. The other is a student at University of B.C.

Mental Hospital Staff Cuts Rapped

Health Association Protests to
Gov't on Situation Exposed by Sun

British Columbia mental health experts protested Wednesday against recent staff cuts in provincial mental institutions.

The criticism came from the B.C. division of the Canadian Mental Health Association and an authority on psychiatry.

In a letter to the government the association protested "in the strongest possible terms" staff cuts that left mental hospitals with unused facilities in the face of long waiting lists.

The letter was supported by the dean of the University of B.C. psychiatry department, Dr. J. S. Tyhurst, guest speaker at a meeting of the association.

The protests follow a Vancouver Sun story that exposed vacant wards in the new Woodlands Home for Retarded Children, a situation denied by provincial secretary Dr. Wesley D. Black.

"If the reports of vacancies are true, it is a shocking situation," said Dr. Tyhurst, in an interview following the meeting.

"If economy is necessary, mental health services should be the last to be affected."

CAPITAL COLUMN

Bryan's Revolt Very Mysterious

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—Mel Bryan, a quiet Socred backbencher, created a first-class political crisis in the legislature Wednesday when he calmly stood in his place and asked Attorney-General Bonner to resign over the Sommers case.

Everyone thought Mr. Bryan would then walk across the floor and sit in opposition to the government as Premier Bennett did in 1951 when he quit Coalition, thereby starting his rapid climb to the top. But he didn't.

It was all very mysterious and no one could quite understand it.

Mr. Bryan didn't follow up his words with action, and so questions are flying around.

If Mr. Bonner doesn't resign forthwith, is Mr. Bryan going to sit on the other side of the House?

Will he join the Liberals or CCFers?

The premier wasn't in the House Wednesday, being at a tea for the Queen Mother at the Vancouver home of Lieut. Governor Frank Ross.

It would have been interesting to watch Mr. Bennett's face during Mr. Bryan's declarations.

Did the premier know what Mr. Bryan was going to say?

Was Mr. Bryan pulling the premier's chestnuts out of the fire?

No one could tell what was going on.

legislature since he first took office in 1952?

The premier's political enemies hope it is.

At the day's end the Socreds were gloomy, and Liberals and CCFers were filled with political joy, but bewildered too.

No one could quite figure out the exact ending of Mr. Bryan's one-man revolt, unspectacularly delivered, but a bombshell which will keep the legislature shaking for days—indeed for the rest of the session — and perhaps hurtle us into a general election before we expect it.

Everybody seemed to know hours in advance what Mr. Bryan was going to say.

It was one of the poorest-kept legislative secrets in years.

Even the attorney-general seemed to know.

While Mr. Bryan spoke, he doodled on a pad, occasionally passed an aside to his neighbor, Municipal Affairs Minister Black, and at the end of Mr. Bryan's speech he automatically applauded with the other MLAs.

It was all most peculiar, and certainly needs clarification.

Now what?

Nobody knows.

If Mr. Bryan wasn't pulling the premier's chestnuts out of the fire, will the premier fire Mr. Bryan out of the Socred side of the House?

He should if Mr. Bryan doesn't leave of his own free will and go sit in the Opposition.

What Mr. Bryan was saying was really that he has lost faith in the government which he purports to support.

Yes, it was all very strange, and will keep everyone on tip-toes for days, wondering what's going to happen.

Mr. Bryan, whose late father (also "Mel" Bryan) was once a Liberal MLA for North Vancouver, stole the Wednesday show and so the speeches of Tom Uphill, CCFer Leo Nimsick of Cranbrook and Socred Stanley Carnell of South Peace River were soon forgotten.

Mr. Nimsick, it is true, also demanded that Mr. Bonner resign, but oppositionists are always demanding that cabinet ministers resign, and so it is more or less routine.

But Mr. Bryan's demand was entirely different.

It was a revolt in backbench Socred ranks.

There's no other way of looking at it.

Something will have to be done about it, by either Mr. Bryan, the premier or the government, or the legislature will exist in hopeless confusion.

Is this the first crack in the hefty, heretofore almost impregnable Social Credit wall that Mr. Bennett, with the public's support, has been building around our

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Socreds Will Try to Ignore Bryan's Attack on Bonner

By Sun Staff Reporter
VICTORIA — The government will try to ignore the party revolt over Attorney-General Robert Bonner's handling of the Sommers case.

By doing so it hopes to prevent a showdown in the legislature over North Vancouver Socred MLA Mel Bryan's demand for Mr. Bonner's resignation.

Premier Bennett's strategy became apparent Thursday. Here is what happened:

1—Both he and the attorney-general stayed away from the regular caucus of all government MLAs.

2—The caucus didn't even mention, much less discuss, Mr. Bryan's rebellious attack of Wednesday. Mr. Bryan was there ready to face possible expulsion.

3—Cabinet members displayed studied indifference during opposition reference in the House to Mr. Bryan's stand.

He said Wednesday Mr. Bonner should quit because he had unnecessarily delayed for two years taking action on allegations against former lands and forests minister Robert E. Sommers.

The premier explained his absence from caucus was due to "the rush of business."

Mr. Bonner said he also was kept away by departmental business.

Their strategy appears to be this:

They are not going to rise to the issue in hopes that if they maintain lack of concern, feelings will simmer down and a crisis will be averted.

Twice Thursday opposition MLAs referred to the Bryan-Bonner battle.

ADMIRATION FOR BRYAN

At the afternoon sitting of the legislature, Rae Eddie (CCF—New Westminster) said:

"I can't express in adequate terms the admiration I feel for the member from North Vancouver. On behalf of the Opposition I say we concur completely in his expression and

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CAPITAL COLUMN

Bryan Follows Bennett Pattern

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—Premier Bennett says he can find no similarity between his words against the coalition government, which he once supported, and the words of Mel Bryan, MLA for North Vancouver, against the government which he supports—Mr. Bennett's Social Credit government.

"It's quite true, Mr. Bennett's words against the coalition were in due course supported by bold action — his walk across the floor of the House to sit, for one full session, in his own one-man opposition, and then his clutching of Social Credit to his political bosom.

So far, Mr. Bryan has only uttered words of condemnation against the government to which he pledged his allegiance.

But give him time. He may follow the words by action, like Mr. Bennett did.

In attacking the attorney-general, of course, Mr. Bryan was attacking the entire government, for one cabinet minister cannot be singled out as apart from a government. Everything the attorney-general — or any other minister does — is endorsed by the entire cabinet. Or should be.

It's natural enough the premier hopes one of his own will not turn fully against him and his government as he first turned against his premier (Byron Johnson) and his finance minister — Conservative chieftain Herbert Anscomb, nearly a decade ago.

Mr. Bennett was in no hurry.

Perhaps Mr. Bryan isn't either.

It took Mr. Bennett a long time to reach the ultimate break. It could take Mr. Bryan a long time. The premier no doubt will keep his eye on him, he'll not let on — but there's little doubt the premier won't place much trust in Mr. Bryan any more. He will look upon him as a discordant note in the SC symphony.

The premier, when he was plain W. A. C. Bennett MLA for South Okanagan, tried several times to defeat the government he was elected to uphold on the sales tax, to support increases in hospital insurance premiums. On both these issues,

if he had had his way, Mr. Bennett would have defeated his own government right on the floor of the House.

In 1951, unable to defeat the government to which he had pledged his support, he bolted, walked across the floor, determined he'd beat the government at the polls, if he couldn't do it on the floor of the House.

This, he managed in 1952, with the support of the late Mrs. Tilly Rolston, and the name of Social Credit — but mostly, let everyone face it — because of his own tremendous fight and personality — and a lot of political gambling, too — gambling that paid him well.

The premier, now facing what is perhaps the first real crisis within his SC ranks, must think of these facts of the past, and marvel at the fate that forces him to deal with an unpleasant situation that he once created for others.

The premier may have gained by experience — and know how to handle Mr. Bryan.

There's one thing sure — the premier will ignore Mr. Bryan as long as he can.

But the odd case of Mr. Bryan is worrying the premier. Will Mr. Bryan gain a following from among SC backbenchers?

Several of them privately, have let it be known they agree with Mr. Bryan. But so far they won't agree in public with him.

That's human nature — people telling you they agree with you, as long as you're both in the secrecy of a closed room — and then letting you sink in public.

Well, it's all interesting speculation — and anything may happen in the wake of the now-famous Bryan incident.

On the other hand, nothing may happen — it may remain but an incident of the 1958 session.

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thank him for saying what he did."

And at night, Arthur Turner (CCF-Vancouver East) said:

"What he said is exactly what thousands of people are thinking, no matter where you go in the province the feeling is almost unanimous.

CROWDS ON STREET

"Certainly no one could accuse him of being a wild agitator. He seems to me to be a very calm and serious and grave person. What he is saying publicly many are thinking privately. Maybe the government will take heed of his remarks."

There wasn't a word from government benches, neither in heckling nor reply. Cabinet ministers leaped through correspondence, or leaned back with bored expressions.

Premier Bennett couldn't avoid reporters on his way to the Thursday afternoon sitting of the legislature.

GENIAL STYLE

In his genial style, he answered a few questions with a show of confidence.

He was asked: "Do you believe a government MLA who attacks a cabinet minister should be permitted to remain in party ranks?"

"I never ask people to leave, I only ask them to join," he said. "Members are free to say what they like. It shows the Social Credit movement is more democratic than any other party in Canada; why, our party is growing and growing and growing."

Did the premier see any parallel between Mr. Bryan's act in defying the government and the premier's crossing the floor of the legislature in 1951 when he quit the coalition to become an independent?

'LOOK, WE'RE HAPPY'

"No, the answer is none." The hour-long caucus immediately preceding the opening of Thursday's sitting ended in a picture of apparent cheer.

Mrs. Buda Brown (SC-Vancouver Point Grey) clutched Mr. Bryan's arm as MLAs filed out of the caucus room.

"Look, we're happy and unanimous," she said to reporters. "Are you surprised?"

She did not say what they were unanimous about.

U.S. Tariff on Lead, Zinc Under Fire

VICTORIA—The B.C. Legislature Thursday unanimously agreed to protest an impending U.S. tariff on imports of lead and zinc from Canada.

In approving a resolution introduced by Leo Nimsick (CCF—Cranbrook), the House asked the B.C. government to lodge the protest through the federal government at Ottawa.

The federal government, the resolution stated, should "do everything possible to prevent this happening."

Mines Minister Kenneth Kiernan commented the American move is to force up the price of lead and zinc in the U.S. by creating a scarcity through barring of Canadian lead and zinc.

Black Claims Civil Service Increased

'Half-Truths,' Cries Strachan;
Cut in Temporary Staff Ignored

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — Provincial Secretary W. D. Black Thursday ran into a jolting opposition tackle when he presented the legislature with figures purporting to refute reports of civil service staff cuts.

He filed a table of civil service records showing a total of 9,621 government employees as of December, 1957, an increase of 351 over the previous December.

The Opposition hit the roof. CCF leader Robert Strachan said outside the House that Mr. Black was trying to "mislead" the legislature with "half truths."

This was because the figures, although Mr. Black didn't say so, referred only to permanent government employees and didn't include the usual 5,000-odd temporary staffs.

'FILE WHOLE THING'

In the House, Mr. Strachan said the provincial secretary "should file the whole thing because he is only telling half the story."

"Last year the minister said there were 5,745 temporary employees in government service," said Mr. Strachan, "and about 9,000 permanent employees."

"What about the temporary employees this year? That's what we want to know. That's where the lay-offs are coming."

CCF whip Arthur Turner (Vancouver East) said he was going to voice criticism of staff cuts because Mr. Black "certainly hasn't denied it or proved it hasn't happened."

'STUPID OR BLIND'

"This government is just stupid or blind or both if you think this is a good policy or efficient," he declared.

Cuts of staffs in places like Oakalla are just "false economy," he said, because the immediate saving is reflected in the "increased costs in picking up the casualties."

Largest increase reported by Mr. Black was in the provincial secretary's department, which administers institutions like Essondale and Woodlands School for retarded children, on which reports of cutbacks have centred.

The department, according to the report, had total staff of 2,763, up 334 persons from the total in December, 1956.

Mr. Black tabled the report as the afternoon sitting of the House adjourned. The Opposition blast came at the start of the evening sitting, first night sitting of the 1958 session.

Mr. Turner told of one ward in Woodlands School that con-

tains 14 babies. They are, all retarded and have to be fed by only one nurse. She also has to clean the ward.

'YOU DEFEND IT'

"If you think that's a good policy, then you defend it," he challenged Mr. Black. The provincial secretary replied, "I will."

After the night sitting, Premier Bennett was asked if the figures included temporary staffs.

"It is the official report of the Civil Service Commission," he said. Did they include temporary staff?

"It is the official report of the Civil Service Commission," he repeated.

Earlier in the day, Rae Ed- die (CCF—New Westminster) blasted the government's "austerity" and said private business would not refuse to replace retiring and resigning staff members in the interest of efficiency.

Threatened closure of New Haven Borstal Home, he said, and transfer of its inmates to the new Haney jail was poor policy from both a "financial and moral" point of view.

The Borstal home has the highest percentage of rehabilitation of inmates of any institution in Canada, he said. It eliminates the "danger of having young offenders thrown in with hardened criminals."

Government economy moves result in a turnover of 30 to 35 per cent of employees at Woodlands, he said.

This is because the government is using temporary help as a "stop-gap" instead of paying wages that will attract the "well qualified."

Bennett Denies 'Bossing'

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — A Vancouver Social Credit MLA's protestations to the Legislature that he takes no orders from Premier Bennett drew a rise from the premier Thursday.

Alex Matthew (SC-Vancouver Centre) said he has "only two bosses when it comes to advocating things for the benefit of my constituents, of Vancouver, and for the benefit of the province."

These are "my conscience and my wrist watch," said Mr. Matthew. "I am sure the premier would not interfere with anything I wanted to say..." he said.

ORDER DENIED

As he said it, the premier leaped to his feet.

"Will the member make it perfectly clear the premier never made any such statement?" he demanded.

"That's what I am trying to make clear," said Mr. Matthew.

The statement Mr. Bennett referred to was a suggestion in The Vancouver Sun's "Capital Column" by James K. Nesbitt that Mr. Matthew had stopped criticizing B.C. Telephone Co. service because the premier told him to.

BURNABY LAKE

The Vancouver Centre member had an earlier brush with the premier during the speech. He had read a newspaper report quoting the premier as promising to help develop Burnaby Lake as a recreational centre.

Jumping up again, the premier said he had never made such a statement. Mr. Matthew said, "Well, I wish you had."

SC Ministers Won't Reply

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — An attempt by CCF leader Robert Strachan to test the House rule against verbal questions to cabinet ministers failed Thursday.

Health Minister Eric Martin, with prompting from Premier Bennett, demanded that he put in writing a snap question asked just after the House opened.

The question concerned resignation of a public health nurse in Chemainus "because of the effect government economy measures are having on her work."

The CCF leader said her resignation would leave 160 children in the district without anyone to give them their final polio immunization shots.

Vodka Sales 1,640 Cases

Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA — Close to 20,000 bottles of vodka have been purchased through the liquor control board in the past 10 months.

The liquor has been purchased by special orders for 1,640 cases containing 12 bottles each.

This is the only way British Columbians can obtain the liquor. Attorney-General Robert Bonner has prevented sales of vodka in liquor stores because, he said, of lack of demand.

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Reform Society Pleads for Borstal

John Howard Group Hits Gov't
Decision as 'Without Logic'

John Howard Society today added its voice to the growing storm against the Socred government for its plan to move the New Haven Borstal to Haney Prison and thus destroy the Borstal system.

Lawyer Frank G. P. Lewis, society president, appealed to the government to "take another look" before they "weaken an institutional program which has been astoundingly successful."

He charged the government argument for moving the Borstal, unique for its success in rehabilitating young criminals, is "without logic."

He also protested the plan to close the small, personalized Nelson and Prince George jails, an action contrary to the advice of top Canadian penal experts.

Mrs. Theresa Galloway, speaking for 40,000 women as president of Vancouver Council of Women, scored the government's welfare cutbacks. She claimed closure of New Haven would "shatter" the whole Borstal system which has restored 400 boys to decent, honest citizens. (See story Women's Section, Page 31)

A committee of Borstal "graduates" worked till 4 a.m. today sending hundreds of petitions to trade unions, Parent-Teacher groups, service clubs, women's groups, individuals including former Borstal inmates now at university, in business or in trades.

Board Lacks Sympathy, Says CCFer

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—"Too-rigid legal interpretation" of the Workmen's Compensation Act was criticized in the legislature Thursday by Rae Eddie (CCF-New Westminster).

"We would be better off to have a bad act and sympathetic consideration for the worker than a good act and bad administration," he said.

"Consideration of the injured worker should transcend any other consideration. If the people who administer the act can't do it sympathetically they should go."

Mr. Eddie said the board should consider the intent, not just the words, in the section designed to prevent illegal claims.

He said legitimate claims often are rejected on the grounds the injury didn't occur on the job, when in fact it did.

"As far as the workman is concerned, he was hurt on the job and is suffering and all he knows is that the WCB are a bunch of crooks and out to get him."

PRINCIPLE ABANDONED

Shift to Haney Means Slow Death for Borstal in B.C.

Modern prison systems strive to reform every type of offender by developing more and more specialized institutions.

Yet B.C.'s Attorney-General Bonner has suddenly decided to turn back the clock. He proposes a tragic plan—to shut down New Haven and move its 16-to-23-year-old inmates to the vicinity of Haney Correctional Institute.

Operating on the British Borstal system, New Haven has shown Canada's greatest success at saving young offenders from criminal lives. It has reformed 80 per cent of those it handled, against 30 to 35 per cent reformed in Canadian jails and penitentiaries.

Moving New Haven youngsters from South Burnaby's friendly old home without fences, bars or guards to isolated forestry hutments near Haney will gravely imperil the Borstal system here. And probably soon destroy it altogether.

Borstal's basic operating principle for 50 years in Britain and for half that period here has been its complete physical, mental and emotional isolation from any suggestion of jail.

New Haven operates like a good private school. The 50 youngsters who go through it in the average year gain seniority, privileges and prestige as they respond to its program.

The object is to help them straighten out their thinking and emotional troubles. To teach them how to become good citizens and the advantages of straight lives. To build character and a strong foundation for useful, happy lives. Vocational training is only secondary.

By the time a New Haven inmate is ready for parole, the second great principle is operating. He has an individual sponsor—a well-established citizen who has visited New Haven and come to know the lad on close, friendly terms.

When the boy leaves, the sponsor provides full support and guidance. Helps him get a job, gives him advice and all the physical and moral support he needs. Usually sponsor and New Haven graduate become close lifelong friends out of this

first relationship built upon well-developed mutual trust.

In most cases, the lack of friends which helped to get the young offender in trouble is permanently overcome by the warm aid of his sponsor.

What will happen to New Haven inmates who are moved to forestry huts outside Haney Correctional Institute?

Mr. Bonner says they'll have the advantage of training at the institute's fine new vocational plant. Perfectly true.

But to get the training, they'll go to jail every day. They'll march into a medium security jail with high fences manned by armed guards. For all its fine bright color and disguised window bars, it is still a jail.

Instead of being in a private school atmosphere, they'll spend their main busy hours among older, tougher jail inmates who weren't judged to be good enough reform prospects to go to New Haven.

Mr. Bonner's claim that New Haven boys will still be housed on the honor system at night is mere lip service to the Borstal system.

These huts in the bush will tend to build up exactly the isolation from society which Borstal, by keeping close to a large community, strives to overcome. It wants to teach trainees that society is interested in welcoming them back.

And Haney also puts considerable handicap on those interested citizens willing to become sponsors. Not much of an evening will remain when a would-be sponsor has to spend three hours driving to Haney and back. Weekend traffic congestion will make the trip even more time-consuming.

Mr. Bonner's Haney plan would soon spell the death of Borstal treatment in B.C. Even the theoretical night-time isolation from the jail inmates probably wouldn't last.

Having blasted away Borstal's foundations, Mr. Bonner might not feel too much compunction a few months later about kicking over the whole edifice by shifting those in the initial fake New Haven at Haney right into the Haney jail itself.

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Second Socred Pleads for Bridge

'No Time' for Plea in House, But Narrows Span Supported

A second Social Credit MLA has asked the legislature for another bridge across First Narrows.

Vancouver-East member Fred Sharp Thursday joined North Vancouver Socred MLA Mel Bryan, who Wednesday asked for a second bridge.

Still another Socred member, Alex Matthew of Vancouver Centre, said he also had intended to back the span proposal but ran out of time in his Thursday speech.

SPAN INADEQUATE

"Traffic is tied up every morning and evening because the present (Lions Gate) bridge is entirely inadequate to carry the load," said Mr. Sharp.

"Early consideration of another bridge at First Narrows is imperatively called for," added Mr. Matthews in a statement outside the Legislature.

RIVER CROSSING

Some relief will be provided when the new Second Narrows span opens, he said, but West Vancouver and environs are growing "so rapidly" that

another bridge is "an imperative necessity."

Mr. Matthews said: "On most mornings, the cars just crawl along bumper to bumper during rush hours."

Mr. Sharp said plans should also be made for another Fraser River crossing near the present Fraser Avenue Bridge, "which is fast becoming obsolete."

Socred MLA Hits Gov't Aid to Cities

'Peanuts,' Says Second Rebel; Representation Also Seen Unfair

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—A Vancouver Social Credit MLA Thursday described the government's financial assistance to City of Vancouver as "peanuts."

Fred M. Sharp (SC, Vancouver East) charged the government gets away with short-changing Vancouver because of disproportionate representation in the legislature.

He was the second Socred backbencher to turn on the government since the week-old session started.

FOUR DEMANDS

His attack came on the heels of North Vancouver MLA Mel Bryan's revolt over government handling of the Sommers case.

Mr. Bryan demanded the resignation of Attorney-general Robert Bonner.

Mr. Sharp's demands were less dramatic but just as critical of government policy. He asked for:

- Immediate study of redistribution;
- Higher per capita municipal grants;
- Special highway assistance for Vancouver;
- "Realistic" teachers' salary grants.

PROBE URGED

On redistribution, Mr. Sharp said it was "inequitable" that Vancouver, with 33 per cent of the registered voters in the province, should have only 17 per cent of the representation in the legislature.

He called on the government to set up a "private, impartial committee, at the earliest possible moment, to study redistribution."

He explained later that he meant a non-legislative, non-royal commission study by an independent committee.

CAN'T GROW

He said it was because of Vancouver's under-representation in the legislature that the city "is not getting its fair share of the tax revenue."

"In your family of cities and municipalities," he told the government, "Vancouver is your largest child."

"If you continue to feed him peanuts he can never properly develop."

GRANTS-IN-AID

At present, payments are \$6.50 per capita for populations above 50,000. They should be raised to \$8, he said.

In the case of Vancouver, that would amount to about \$5,000,000.

Mr. Sharp used his own riding to illustrate the "inequality" of distribution.

There are two members for 74,000 registered voters in Vancouver East, or one MLA per 37,000 voters, he said.

By contrast, six of the province's constituencies have a total of only 18,408 voters among them. They have less than 4,000 voters each.

CCF Whip Hits Gov't On Sloan, Power Issue

By Vancouver Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA—CCF Whip Arthur Turner Thursday attacked the Social Credit government over Columbia River power and appointment of government forestry adviser Gordon Sloan.

The Vancouver East MLA said the Socreds still plan to permit private instead of public interests to develop the Columbia and, without using the actual word, called Mr. Sloan a dictator.

B.C. hasn't yet requested federal government aid for Columbia development Mr. Turner claimed. This was significant, he said, because it means the government has decided to "go ahead with private capital and private power development of the Columbia."

"It doesn't mean anything of the kind," government benches chorused. Mr. Turner called on the government to take a "reasonable stand" on Columbia development before the session ends. Mr. Sloan's appointment at \$50,000 a year for 10 years was committing the legislature without asking its opinion, he said.

"He will determine the legislation," Mr. Turner said, "he will be top man, he will tell the minister and the government what to do. The appointment may be legal but it is not moral."

Gaglardi 'May Have Helped' Run Up \$50,000 Travel Bill

VICTORIA—Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi said Thursday he may have incurred some of the \$50,000 worth of partially-explained highways department travelling expenses questioned by CCFers.

The expenses were listed in 1956-57 public accounts as payments for travelling expenses to several firms, but did not specify what individuals incurred the expenses.

CCFers have asked the private bills committee for vouchers so they can find out who spent the money.

Mr. Gaglardi said he can't be sure just what part of the \$50,000 is chargeable to him. This is because in the highways department credit cards are used for many expenses.

The highways minister said about \$2,500 of the total could have been incurred by him.

He pointed to listings in public accounts that credit two different travelling expense sums to him.

One is for \$7,683.45 and is labelled travelling expense for the highways minister's office.

The other is for \$5,043 to reimburse him for sums he had to pay out of his own pocket.

The \$7,500 listed under "minister's office" includes both the \$5,043 and the nearly \$2,500 difference between \$5,043 and \$7,500.

The extra \$2,500 would be for services he charged to the department and didn't have to pay himself.