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### PROCLAMATION

- George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India:
- To Our Faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Saskatchewan, and to every one of you, Greeting:
- T. A. Colclough,

  Deputy Attorney General. WHEREAS, it is expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Saskatchewan, We Do Will that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested on Tuesday, the Eighteenth day of January next, at Our City of Regina, personally be and appear for the Dispatch of Business. there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of Saskatchewan and thereby to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.
  - IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Saskatchewan to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS HIS HONOUR RICHARD STUART LAKE, Lieutenant Governor of Our said Province of Saskatchewan.
    - At Our Government House, in Our City of Regina, in Our said Province, this Seventh day of December, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen, and in the Sixth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

Edw. J. Wright, Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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#### FIFTH SESSION—THIRD LEGISLATURE

### REGINA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

This being the first day of the Fifth Session of the Third Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Richard Stuart Lake, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the seventh day of December, 1915, and the House having met, His Honour entered the House and having taken his seat upon the Throne was pleased to open the Session with the following speech:

#### Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I am deeply grateful on account of the fact that upon this first occasion when I have the pleasure of bidding you welcome at the opening of a Session, it is at a time in which, more than ever before, the people of our province, in common with our neighbouring provinces to the East and to the West, are enjoying the results of remarkably bountiful returns from the fields. The 1915 yields of all the classes of grains which we cultivate have been unusually generous. Indeed the authenticated reports of yields per acre of wheat and oats perhaps constitute a record not before equalled in the world, and certainly never equalled under similar conditions of cultivation. Our farmers have demonstrated again the marked superiority of Saskatchewan soil and climate for grain production in point of quality and quantity alike. In earlier years we were proud to be a close rival in aggregate wheat production of the renowned wheat states of the American Union,—the Dakotas, Kansas, Minnesota and Iowa. In. 1915, Saskatchewan far outdistanced every rival. We offer fervent thanks to Almighty God for the bounteous way in which the industry of the husbandman has been blessed.

Owing mainly to unprecedentedly exorbitant ocean carriage rates—a corollary of the war—the full advantage has not been enjoyed by the prairie producer of the unusually high grain prices prevailing in the

world's market—another corollary of the war—yet despite this draw-back, the prices to the producer have been unusually remunerative, and a consequence is that all labour, trade, commercial and other conditions exhibit a tone very decidedly improved in comparison with the conditions existing one year ago.

May I be permitted the privilege of making reference to my distinguished predecessor, the Honourable George William Brown, than whom no other Saskatchewan pioneer settler-farmer has had a career more distinctively useful and honourable. Both as an extensive practical agriculturist and as one engaged largely in financial and professional affairs, he has been, and fortunately remains, an exceedingly great asset to the province. That he is also a patron of Art is attested by the excellent and valuable portrait which he procured and presented to the province, and which adorns this Building,—at once a fine example of the work of the artist and an enduring memory of its distinguished donor. I am sure you join with me in the hope that the Honourable Mr. Brown and Mrs. Brown, his amiable wife, may be blessed with long life, abundant happiness, and continued usefulness to Saskatchewan.

The pall of the terrible War, precipitated by our enemies nearly eighteen long months ago, still hangs over the world. No decisive advantages in the land warfare have been even yet obtained by either Great Britain and the Allies or the Central Powers, but on the seas British prowess has proved itself signally dominant and the naval forces of His Majesty and His Majesty's Allies have been unchallenged during many months past. Upon this notable fact and the other equally notable fact that the enemy armies, the parties of aggression, have wholly failed in nearly eighteen months to reach a single one of their objectives, we may found very confident hope of ultimate overwhelming victory for the just cause in which we wage battle. Heavier and heavier sacrifice of men and means is required on our part in common with all the countries with whom we are in alliance.

Responsibility for all outlays by Canada upon purposes of War or Defence rests on the Federal authorities, but our people have readily assumed a share of the task of supporting the Patriotic, Red Cross, Belgian and Polish Relief and other Funds, and shown willingness to co-operate in dealing with the problem of the Returned Invalided Soldier. A proposal has been mooted that at least some part of the moneys voluntarily contributed toward these purposes and also paid from provincial revenues should be replaced by Direct Taxation. You will be invited to give consideration to the question.

You are doubtless happy to know, as all do know, that the operation of The Sales of Liquor Act and The Hotel Act adopted by you at the last Session has proved successful and satisfactory beyond the most sanguine anticipations. The supreme purpose of the changes made by these Acts was to promote economy in time of war by curtailing the use of intoxicating liquors. That the use of drink has been greatly lessened in consequence of the Acts cannot be gainsaid. Bills amending minor features of the Acts will be submitted to you.

In the course of the last session a proposal was made in relation to the Common School System of the province that a popular and comprehensive examination of it should be carried out with the object of bringing especially the Rural School more into harmony with Saskatchewan's own conditions in order that the average child when graduated from the school shall be better fitted for life's work than has been true up to the present time. I am gratified to observe that the proposal is being acted on. The Public Education League was formed in last September, and a general inquiry into the subject is being energetically prosecuted. In due time, it may be expected, the question will have been efficiently ventilated, and I expect at a future Session to have the pleasure of announcing to you a measure to carry into effect in law the result of the inquiry.

Of late, public opinion upon the Woman's Suffrage problem has rapidly advanced. Even now the Legislature of the sister Province of Manitoba is passing a measure granting the full franchise to women, and in Alberta intimation has been given that a similar step is immediately contemplated. In harmony with your expressed sentiment, my First Minister has announced that the Saskatchewan Government and Legislature would favour an Equal Suffrage measure the moment that satisfactory evidence were presented of the women of the Province desiring it. Such evidence from many areas in the Province was brought in June, 1915, by a decidedly memorable deputation, which spoke authoritatively for many important bodies and many people. There is fair expectation that while you are in Session such further proof may be forthcoming as will warrant action here and now, in which event a great reform will have been synchronously inaugurated by the Prairie Provinces which in respect of enterprising democratic laws and systems are taking a place in the very forefront.

Obeying your direction by Resolution at last Session, my Government has constituted a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the marketing conditions affecting Live Stock and Live Stock Products. The Commission has entered upon the work.

Conferences were held during the Recess at Winnipeg and at Victoria, as a result of which an agreement was discussed between the four provinces lying west of the Great Lakes, having in contemplation adequate joint provision for the care of classes of Defectives, some of whom unfortunately have not until now received proper care owing to lack of the requisite public institutions. You will be informed of the details of the Agreement if and when completed, and asked to ratify it. At these Conferences, in addition, progress was made towards procuring the standardisation of Public and High School Text Books in the four Western Provinces, and also harmonising the Courses of Study and the regulations governing the qualifications of teachers.

Bills amongst others will be submitted to provide a system of Town Planning, to amend and consolidate The Town Act and The Village Act, also The Dairymen's Act; to amend The Elections Act, and to better define the respective spheres of the Public Works Department and the Board of Highway Commissioners.

The public accounts for the last financial year will be placed before you. Estimates of expenditures for the next period (1916-17) prepared with necessary and due regard for economy and the welfare of the public service, will be submitted for your consideration.

I commend the duties of the Session to your assiduous care and pray that the blessing and guidance of Divine Providence may attend

the prosecution of your labours. Your sentiments of profound loyalty, stirred as these are by the terrific event which is in progress and which should and must engage our undivided effort, will, I know, stimulate the best that is in each and all of you for the patriotic performance of the Session's tasks.

His Honour was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that in order to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor which was laid on the Table.

Ordered, That Mr. Scott (Swift Current), have leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received

and read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Calder, Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Calder, Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed after having first been perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof and that no person but such as he shall appoint shall presume to print the same.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Calder, Ordered, That the Select Standing Committees of the House for the present Session be appointed for the following purposes: 1. Standing Orders; 2. Privileges and Elections; 3. Private Bills and Railways; 4. Public Accounts and Printing; 5. Agriculture and Municipal Law; 6. Law Amendments; 7. Education; 8. Library; which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them, and shall report from time to time their operations and opinions thereon with power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Calder, Ordered, That a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Stewart, Mitchell, Willoughby, Bradshaw and the Mover and Seconder be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed a list of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House.

And then the House adjourned at 3.25 o'clock p.m.

### REGINA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Scott (Arm River),—Of G. M. Bell and two others, praying for An Act to incorporate The Agricultural Insurance Company.

By Mr. Mitchell,—Of Henry Edward Anderson and three others, praying for An Act to incorporate "The Canadian Underwriters' Hail

Insurance Company."

By Mr. Mitchell,—Of The Rural Municipality of Weyburn No 67, praying for An Act to confirm and make valid an agreement entered into between the Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67, and William Millman.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That this House will on Friday next resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to his Majesty.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That this House will on Friday next resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to his Majesty.

The Order of the Day being read for taking into consideration the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into

consideration.

Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Clinch,

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour Richard Stuart Lake, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan, as follows:

To His Honour Richard Stuart Lake, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan:

May it Please Your Honour,—

We, his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

And the Question being proposed,

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again proposed,

It was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

. On motion of Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Turgeon,

Ordered, That the said address be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the House as are of the Executive Council.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

#### REGINA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Scott (Swift Current), from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House begs to report that they have prepared lists of Members accordingly, and the same were read as follows:

Standing Orders—Messieurs Mitchell, Cunningham, Larson Bradshaw, Magee, Willoughby, Scott (Swift Current), Robinson. Three shall be a Quorum.

Privileges and Elections—Messieurs Moore, Bell, Beaudreau, Calder, Bradshaw, Devline, Finlayson, Forsyth, Garry, Davidson, Johnston (Melfort), Larson, Glenn, Leitch, Latta, Willoughby, Magee, Phin, Tate, Scott (Arm River), Smith, Wylie, Stewart, Sutherland and Turgeon. Eight shall be a Quorum.

Private Bills and Railways—Messieurs Scott (Arm River), Bashford, Beaudreau, Glenn, Devline, Bradshaw, Forsyth, Gardiner, Harris, Johnston (Pelly), Lyle, Tate, Lochead, Latta, Mark, Willoughby, Moore, McNab, Pierce, Wylie, Simpson, Turgeon, Totzke and Robertson. Eight shall be a Quorum.

Public Accounts and Printing—Messieurs Sutherland, Atkinson, Bell, Glenn, Bashford, Willoughby, Calder, Cunningham, Finlayson, Gardiner, Garry, Hall, Harris, Johnston (Melfort), Bradshaw, Leitch, Davidson, Mitchell, Tate, Phin, Scott (Tramping Lake), Smith, Wylie, Stewart, Turgeon, Robinson and Watson. Eight shall be a Quorum.

Agriculture and Municipal Law—Messieurs Magee, Atkinson, Clinch, Beaudreau, Davidson, Cawthorpe, Finlayson, Forsyth, Bradshaw, Garry, Hall, Glenn, Johnston (Pelly), Larson, Langley, Tate, Malcolm, Mark, Motherwell, Willoughby, McNab, Nolin, Paulson, Pierce, Wylie, Scott (Tramping Lake) and Simpson. Eight shall be a Quorum.

Law Amendments—Messieurs Lochead, Cawthorpe, Bradshaw, Johnston (Pelly), Lyle, Davidson, Langley, Tate, Motherwell, Willoughby, Paulson, Wylie, Phin, Turgeon, Totzke and Watson. Five shall be a Quorum.

Education—Messieurs Latta, Atkinson, Bell, Tate, Calder, Clinch, Cunningham, Devline, Davidson, Harris, Johnston (Melfort), Bradshaw, Langley, Lochead, Glenn, Malcolm, Mark, Willoughby, Moore, McNab, Nolin, Paulson, Wylie, Scott (Swift Current), Scott (Tramping Lake), Totzke, Robertson and Watson. Eight shall be a Quorum.

Library—Mr. Speaker and Messieurs Bashford, Calder, Cawthorpe, Gardiner, Tate, Leitch, Willoughby, Mitchell, Motherwell, Sutherland and Robinson. Four shall be a Quorum.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Bradshaw,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to provide for Special Surveys.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce The Town Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Report of the Provincial Secretary including the Report of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies. (Sessional Paper No. 1.)

And then the House adjourned at 3.25 o'clock p.m.

#### REGINA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

The following petition was presented:

By Mr. Finlayson,—Of the City of North Battleford, praying for An Act to authorise the transfer of surplus monies raised under certain money bylaws to pay the deficit under certain other money bylaws.

The following petitions were read and received:

Of G. M. Bell and two others, praying for an Act to incorporate "The Agricultural Insurance Company."

Of Henry Edward Anderson and three others, praying for An Act to incorporate "The Canadian Underwriters" Hail Insurance Company."

Of The Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67, praying for An Act to confirm and make valid an agreement entered into between the Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67, and William Millman.

Mr. Phin asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session to submit Legislation dealing with the problem of live-stock marketing?
- (2) When may the Legislature expect to receive the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into this matter?

Mr. Scott (Swift Current), answered as follows:

The report of the Commission cannot be expected in the immediate future, consequently the Government does not expect to be in a position to present legislation at this Session.

Mr. Mitchell asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Who has been appointed as Director of Prosecutions under "The Sales of Liquor Act?"
- (2) When was he appointed and at what salary?
- (3) What special qualifications, if any, had he for the position?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

- (1) Arthur E. Snyder.
- (2) From and after the twenty-third day of July, 1915, at a salary of \$3,500 per annum.
  - (3) Ex-Superintendent of the Royal North-West Mounted Police.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That Robert Menzies Mitchell, Member for the Electoral District of Weyburn, be Deputy Speaker of this House.

On motion of Mr. Latta, seconded by Mr. Cunningham Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The name and location of all hotels licensed under "The Hotel Act" to date, giving, if possible, date upon which license was taken out and name of manager in each case;
- (2) A statement showing the amount of grant paid or to be paid to each of these hotels for the six months ending December 31, 1915;
- (3) The names of the officials appointed to administer "The Hotel Act," the date of their appointment, salaries and nature of their duties;
- (4) A summary of all expenditures made in connection with the administration of "The Hotel Act" prior to December, 31 1915.

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Leitch, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

The names and addresses of all parties engaged on Relief work during the Fall of 1914, the location of land owned by each, the number of Rural Municipality and to what Electoral District each one worked in, whether married or single, the length of time each party was employed, the amount earned by each and the name of the foreman under whom each man worked.

On motion of Mr. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. Clinch, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The liquor districts in which votes were taken at the last Municipal Elections under the provisions of "The Sales of Liquor Act";
- (2) A summary of the expenditures incurred by the Government in having such votes taken;
- (3) A statement showing a result of the vote in each district;
- (4) Copies of any complaints which reached the Government with respect to the vote taken in any district.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Annual Report of the Board of Highway Commissioners for the fiscal year 1914-15. (Sessional Paper No. 2.)

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 1) to provide for special surveys,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 1) to provide for special surveys, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

#### REGINA, MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

The following petition was read and received:

Of the City of North Battleford, praying for An Act to authorise the transfer of the surplus monies raised under certain Money Bylaws to pay the deficit under certain other Money Bylaws.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders,

presents the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of Henry Edward Anderson, and four others, praying for An Act for the incorporation of the Canadian Underwriters' Hail Insurance Company, and find that the provisions of Rule 51 have been complied with.

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce the

Bill.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Has any of the following parties been in the employ of the Government of Saskatchewan during the past year: E. C. Eyman, E. H. Willms, J. R. Russack, Joseph Oberhoffer, Karl Fluegal?
- (2) If so, give salary of each and character of employment.
- (3) State amount allowed each for expenses.

Mr. Calder answered as follows:

- (1) Yes. Messrs. Eyman and Fluegal—the former for five months, the latter for three months.
- (2) \$75 each per month. Employed for the purpose of explaining to settlers the principles and provisions of our temperance and farm machinery legislation.
- (3) Expenses paid, \$660.25 and \$412.75 respectively.

Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Is one J. Kuehue in the employ of the Government?
- (2) If so, what position does he occupy? What salary does he receive?
- (3) Give statement of his Expense Account for each month during the year 1915.

Mr. Calder answered as follows:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Has been employed by Board of Highway Commissioners since April 1, 1912. Engaged in various departmental duties but gives most of his attention to road drag competitions. Salary paid in 1912, \$960. Increased annually. Now receiving \$1,500 per annum.

(3)	Expense Account, 1915:	
. ,	January	nil
	February	$_{ m nil}$
	March	
	April	62.45
	May	162.55
	June	201.30
	July	153.35
	August	
	September	
	October	125.60
	November	29.10
	December	nil
		\$1,022.95

Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Question: What was the cause of the delay in issue of Public Accounts for 1914-15?

Mr. Bell answered as follows:

The delay in the issue of the Public Accounts for 1914-15 was caused by experienced officials of the Treasury Department being employed in the fall and winter of 1914 as paymasters in connection with the relief work undertaken by the Provincial Government and also by approximately half the staff having been quarantined during the prevalence of diphtheria in the months of February and March, 1915.

- Mr. Harris asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) How many notes in Saskatchewan were licensed under The Hotel Act prior to December 31, 1915?
- (2) Has the Hotel Managers' Association provided for by The Hotel Act been organised? If not, when is it intended to take steps to have the Association formed?
- (3) How many hotels are licensed under The Hotel Act in each of the cities?
- (4) In how many instances have Municipal Authorities assisted hotels by reducing or refunding taxes?
- Mr. Langley answered as follows:
- (1) 194.
- (2) No. This matter was discussed at a meeting of the Provincial Council of Public Accommodation held on the sixth instant and regulations providing for the organisation are at present receiving consideration.
- (3) Twelve in the City of Regina. No Returns made by any other city.
- (4) In one hundred cases municipal authorities have assisted by refunding taxes and in sixteen of these they have, in addition to a refund of taxes, made cash grants as provided in section

33 of The Hotel Act. In fourteen cases where taxes were not refunded municipal authorities have otherwise assisted by making cash grants under section 33. Adjacent rural municipalities have also granted assistance to thirteen places of public accommodation as provided in section 33.

Mr. Leitch asked the Government the following Question:

When does the Commissioner of the Liquor Store System propose to close the stores in the Liquor Districts that voted "dry" at the last Municipal Elections?

Mr. Langley answered as follows:

They were closed on Saturday last, January 22.

Mr. Davidson asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Was A. V. Whitehead, Bailiff, of Weyburn Judicial District, dismissed during the past year?
- (2) If so, what was the cause of his dismissal?
- (3) Has A. V. Whitehead been reinstated as Bailiff again?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

- (1) No, he resigned.
- (2) See answer to Question No. 1.
- (3) Yes.

Mr. Davidson asked the Government the following Question: Has the Government any information as to whether the Canadian Northern Railway will be extended west of Bengough during the present year?

Mr. Calder answered as follows:

No. It is as yet too early in the year for any of the railway companies to determine their programme of construction for the season of 1916. Negotiations with this end in view are usually carried on in March and April.

- Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions.
- (1) When did the seat for Regina City in the Legislative Assembly become vacant?
- (2) When does the Government propose to issue the writ for a bye-election?

Mr. Scott answered as follows:

- (1) July 1, 1915—the date upon which Mr. Bole's appointment as Commissioner under The Sales of Liquor Act became effective.
- (2) No decision has as yet been reached.

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce a Bill respecting Vital Statistics.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce a Bill respecting Villages.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities of Companies.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Latta Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The steel bridges on concrete footings erected in the Province during 1915, giving location and cost of each;
- (2) A statement of the cost of the new Saskatoon bridge to date. The estimated expenditures to complete the bridge.

On motion of Mr. Bashford, seconded by Mr. Mark, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The amount expended in each Electoral District from the first of May, 1915, up to the present time on public improvements, including expenditures on the Highways, Bridges (Capital and Revenue), Ferries and Water Supply and aid to Rural Municipalities;
- (2) A statement showing amount expended in each Electoral District on Highways and Bridges (Capital and Revenue) only for the above period of time;
- (3) A statement showing amount expended in each Electoral District on Highways and Bridges (Revenue expenditure only) for the above period of time.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

The total amount authorised for expenditure by Special Warrants between September 1 and December 31, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing: Copy of Petition sent in from Liquor District No. 28, asking for the establishment of a Government Liquor Store.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- Copy of Report of Government Liquor Stores;
- (2) Returns from each Liquor Store to date;
- (3) Number of employees in connection with the system;
- (4) Total amount from sales of Liquor from July 1, 1915, todate.
- (5) Total cost of administration, including salaries, rents and all other expenses.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Total amount expended in connection with commission resale of agricultural implements;
- (2) Names of Commissioners, Secretaries, Counsel and amount paid to each for salary and expenses, stating each separately.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The total issue of Government Bonds and other Securities during 1915 and 1916;
- (2) The amount sold;
- (3) The price realised.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

The total amount of Interest and Sinking Fund Charges on the Provincial Debt for the six months ending June 30, 1915, and the six months ending December 31, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The total amount of the Provincial Debt, as on December 31, 1915;
- (2) What portion of the debt is chargeable to Capital Account.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson. Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) All correspondence relating to the purchase of Lots 19 and 20, Block 66, Swift Current, for telephone purposes;
- (2) The price paid for these lots;

(3) The name and address of the vendor to the Government of these lots.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The names of all tenderers for the Court House and Land Titles Office at Swift Current, giving amount of each tender;
- (2) An itemised statement of all extras paid for under the contract;
- (3) The price paid for the land;
- (4) Amount of Architect's fees;
- (5) The total cost to date of the building;
- (6) Estimated amount (if any) required to complete the building.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Copy of Reports of Inspectors of Highways, J. G. Cameron and J. R. Bird, for inspection of road work inspected by them during the year 1915;
- (2) Itemised expense accounts of Inspectors J. G. Cameron and J. R. Bird for the year 1915.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) How many road gangs were employed by the Highway Commission during the year 1915;
- (2) Give location and duration of work by each gang;
- (3) Give name of inspector who made final report for each piece of work done during the year 1915, and a copy of final report of his inspection on said work;
- (4) Give name of Highway Inspectors suspended during the year 1915 and date when each was suspended.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Is Geo. A. Fraser, of Assiniboia, in the employ of the Government as Bailiff in the Judicial District of Weyburn;
- (2) If not, when was he dismissed, and what was the cause for his dismissal;
- (3) How many Bailiffs were employed in the Weyburn Judicial District during the year 1915, and give dates of service of each.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The amount of the mileage fees collected in the Weyburn Judicial District for each of the years 1913, 1914, 1915;
- (2) The amount of the mileage fees collected in the Estevan Judicial District for each of the years 1913, 1914, 1915.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) When were instructions given the Sheriff of Judicial District of Weyburn to collect mileage fees from his office to the residence of the Judgment Debtor;
- (2) When were these instructions revoked;

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The contract price for the Normal School at Regina;
- (2) What was the amount of architect fees for same;
- (3) Give total cost to date.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The total acreage of the site for the Asylum for Insane at North Battleford;
- (2) The name of the vendor of each parcel purchased for this site;
- (3) The total cost;
  - (a) Of the land;
  - (b) Architect's fees;
  - (c) Water supply;
  - (d) Sewerage disposal;
  - (e) Plumbing and heating;
  - (f) Barn;
  - (g) Laundry;
  - (h) Furnishing and equipment;
  - (i) The six cottages;
  - (i) Warehouse.
- (4) The names of the architects;
- (5) Copies of all tenders received on original buildings and on each addition:
- (6) Copies of the original blue prints used with original tenders for main building;
- (7) Copy of blue prints for every addition or alteration of building;
- (8) Copies of specifications for original building;
- (9) Copy of specifications for any alteration or addition to the original building:
- (10) If any additions or changes to the buildings were made without tender, furnish;

- (a) Name of contractor.
- (b) Work done by contractor;
- (c) Amount paid for the work to each contractor;
- (d) If any work done on Commission; name of party doing work, nature of work and cost;
- (11) Amount authorised for expenditure on the Asylum for fiscal year of 1915-16, on Capital Account;
- (12) Actual amount expended in fiscal year 1915-16, on Capital Account;
- (13) Amount authorised for maintenance of Asylum for fiscal year 1915-16;
- (14) Amount actually expended during such fiscal year for maintenance;
- (15) The actual amount expended on the Asylum to date;
- (16) The amount, if any, owing and not yet paid on Asylum building and equipment;

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Copy of Report of Saskatchewan Water Commission;
- (2) Name of Commissioners, Secretaries and others employed by Commission;
- (3) Salaries paid Commissioners and others, giving expense account of each separately;

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 21, 1916, showing:
The names and addresses of all parties engaged on Relief work
during the Fall of 1914, the location of land owned by each, the
number of Rural Municipality and what Electoral District each
one worked in, whether married or single, the length of time each
party was employed, the amount earned by each and the name of
the foreman under whom each man worked. (Sessional Paper No. 3.)

The House according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

#### REGINA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

- Mr. Wylie asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) Is Albert Stirling, of Humboldt, in the employ of the Government?
- (2) If so, state in what capacity he is employed and amount of salary paid.
- Mr. Motherwell answered as follows:
- (1) Yes.
- (2) Field Information Agent at a salary of \$100 per month.
- Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) What are the present arrangements for the censorship of picture films?
- (2) Who is acting for the Government of Saskatchewan?
- Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:
- (1) By arrangement with the City of Winnipeg, which is vested with the censorship of all moving pictures in Manitoba, a joint board of Manitoba and Saskatchewan censors sits in Winnipeg to examine and censor all films before public exhibition.
- (2) Mr. Samuel Clarke is the Censor for the Province of Saskatchewan.

Moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The total amount of money expended from the first day of July, 1914, to date, by the Highways Commission in aid of settlers who had lost their crops during the said year in Southwestern Saskatchewan where relief was granted by the Government;
- (2) The total cost of administration of the said work;
- (3) The total number of inspectors, assistant inspectors, foremen and assistant foremen, paymasters and assistant paymasters, and any other officials engaged in this work, giving the names, salaries, travelling expenses, and duties of each, and where they were located during the progress of their work;
- (4) A copy of all letters, telegrams or any other documents relative to the conduct of the said officials in the prosecution of the said work;
- (5) The total number of settlers who were paid by cheque for their work, giving the amount in each case. If paid by instalments, give amount and date of each instalment;
- (6) The total number of settlers who were paid by cash for their work, giving name and the amount in each case. If paid by instalments, give amount and date of each instalment;
- (7) The total amount of money lost to the Province by the

system of paying in cash, with particulars in each case, showing the amount of loss in each case;

- (8) The total amount of money earned in each month by the settlers from July 1, 1914, to date;
- (9) The total amount of money paid to settlers for relief work in each month from July 1, 1914, to date;
- (10) The total amount of money standing to the credit of the settlers for relief work done to date.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. Motherwell,

That the motion be amended by striking out paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 and that paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10 be numbered 4, 5, 6 and 7, And a debate arising.

And the Question being put on the amendment,

It passed in the affirmative.

And the main Question as amended being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the Question being again proposed,

The House divided and the names being called for, were taken down as follows:

#### YEAS.

#### Messieurs

Mitchell .	Totzke	Forsyth
McNab	Smith	Larson
Turgeon	Sutherland	$\operatorname{Leitch}$
Calder	Scott (Tramping Lake)	Phin
Motherwell	Scott (Arm River)	Cunningham
Stewart	Robertson	Latta
Garry	Lochead	Devline
Johnston (Pelly)	Beaudreau	$\operatorname{Malcolm}$
Finlayson	Nolin	Bashford
Simpson	Clinch	Watson
Johnston (Melfort)	Gardiner	Magee
Bell	Robinson	Mark
Langley	Paulson	Hall—39

#### NAYS.

#### Messieurs

Willoughby Bradshaw Davidson
Wylie Tate—5

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Latta,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The total cost of the two units built to the Provincial Asylum.
- (2) The amount paid in extras relative to the building of these units;
- (3) The dimensions of each unit;
- (4) The total cost of the warehouse built on the Asylum property.
- (5) The amount paid in extras relative to the building of the said warehouse;
- (6) The size of the warehouse;
- (7) The class of building—whether fireproof or not—of the Asylum warehouse.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The amount of money paid to the Regina Leader Publishing Co., The Saskatoon Phoenix, The Saskatchewan Courier, in each month during the years 1914, 1915, 1916, stating each separately;
- (2) Did any of these publications receive advances on account of work to be done, during the years 1914-15 and 1915-16, for the periods between May 1, 1914, to April 30, 1915, and May 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915;
- (3) Give amount and date of each payment.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Financial Report of the University of Saskatchewan for the year ending June 30, 1915. (Sessional Paper No. 4.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Report of the Director of Public Accommodation for six months ending December 31, 1915. (Sessional Paper No. 5.)

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Record of all trials and convictions under the provisions of The Sales of Liquor Act for the half year ending December 31, 1915.

(Sessional Paper No. 6.)

The House according to Order resolved intself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) Respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

#### REGINA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Bradshaw,—Of the City of Prince Albert, praying that action be taken to enable city and town municipalities to exercise a discretionary power in fixing the amount of license fees for hotels and other places of public accommodation and to receive a portion of the proceeds of penalties imposed.

By Mr. Bradshaw,—Of Sister Mary Martha and three others praying for An Act to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception.

Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Is Peter Durant and R. C. Amsden now in the employ of the Provincial Government?
- (2) If employed, what is the nature of such employment?
- (3) What salaries do they receive and what is the amount of their monthly expense account? Group each separately;
- (4) If not now employed, were either of them ever employed by any Department of the Government of Saskatchewan?
- (5) If either of them have resigned or been dismissed, give reason for such resignation or dismissal.

Mr. Turgeon stated that it was not proper to give this information on the Floor of the House, but that he would give the Leader of the Opposition the information on application.

Mr. Mark asked the Government the following Question:

Has the Government any knowledge when the Luck Lake Branch of the Canadian Northern Railway will be proceeded with?

Mr. Calder answered as follows:

No. The Government recognises the urgent necessity for construction of this line and has been pressing same, but the company holds that owing to the general financial situation it cannot dispose of bonds to provide funds for construction.

Ordered, That Mr. MeNab have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Public Works Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The name of companies who tendered for construction of cement bridge across Weed Lake north, section 12, township 16, range 5, west of the second meridian;
- (2) Amount of each tender;
- (3) What company secured contract;

- (4) Is bridge completed;
- (5) Total cost to date, showing payments to contractors in detail.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) What was the cost to the Province of the Royal Commission to South Carolina re Dispensaries;
- (2) Give account of recompense paid each Commissioner for services and expenses, stating each item separately.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

A detailed statement showing the cost of administration of the Patriotic Fund, month by month, to the thirty-first day of December, 1915, from the inception of the fund.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The daily sale at each liquor store in Saskatchewan during the month of December, 1915;
- (2) What action was taken in setting aside the \$500,000 fund appropriated to administer The Sales of Liquor Act?

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Annual Report showing the monies raised by way of loan under The Agricultural Aids Act and expenditure of the said moneys as at April 30, 1915. (Sessional Paper No. 7.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 21, 1916, showing:

- (1) The name and location of all hotels licensed under The Hotel Act to date, giving, if possible, date upon which license was taken out and name of manager in each case;
- (2) A statement showing the amount of grant paid or to be paid to each of these hotels for the six months ending December 31, 1915;
- (3) The names of the officials appointed to administer The Hotel Act, the date of their appointment, salaries and nature of their duties.
- (4) A summary of all expenditures made in connection with the administration of The Hotel Act prior to December 31, 1915.

  (Sessional Paper No. 8.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) The amount expended in each Electoral District from the first of May, 1915, up to the present time on public improvements, including expenditures on the Highways, Bridges (Capital and Revenue), Ferries and Water Supply and aid to Rural Municipalities;
- (2) A statement showing amount expended in each Electoral District on Highways and Bridges (Capital and Revenue only) for the above period of time;
- (3) A statement showing amount expended in each Electoral District on Highways and Bridges (Revenue expenditure only) for the above period of time.

(Sessional Paper No. 9.)

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 3) respecting Vital Statistics.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be Committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, that the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

#### REGINA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

The following petition was presented:

By Mr. Moore,—Of Anne Marie Quatresous and three others praying for An Act to incorporate Les Soeurs de Notre-Dame D'Auvergne.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of George M. Bell and five others praying for An Act for the incorporation of The Agricultural Insurance Company, Limited, and find that the provisions of Rule 51 have been complied with.

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Mr. Malcolm asked the Government the following Question:

Is the Report in this morning's Leader correct, announcing that the proclamation appearing in The Saskatchewan Gazette of January 15 has been cancelled and all soldiers' property put in the same position as heretofore?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

Yes. And it is probable that legislation on the matter will be introduced during the Session.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw:

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The total estimated cost of traffic bridge at Saskatoon;
- (2) The total amount expended on the Saskatoon bridge to date;
- (3) The estimated amount required to complete the said bridge;
- (4) The proportion of total cost of bridge to be borne by the City of Saskatoon.
- (5) The amount paid by the City of Saskatoon to date.

Ordered, That Mr. Calder have leave to introduce a Bill respecting Public Highways.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. McNab, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) The names of all tenderers for the Court House and Land Titles Office at Swift Current, giving amount of each tender;
- (2) An itemised statement of all extras paid for under the contract:
- (3) The price paid for the land;
- (4) Amount of architect's fees;
- (5) The total cost to date of the building;
- (6) Estimated amount (if any) required to complete the building. (Sessional Paper No. 10.)

Mr. McNab, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 25, 1916, showing:

- (1) The total cost of the two units built to the Provincial Asylum;
- (2) The amount paid in extras relative to the building of these units;
- (3) The dimensions of each unit;
- (4) The total cost of the warehouse built on the Asylum property;
- (5) The amount paid in extras relative to the building of the said warehouse:
- (6) The size of the warehouse:

(7) The class of building—whether fireproof or not—of the Asylum warehouse. (Sessional Paper No. 11.)

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

A detailed statement of all remissions made under an Act respecting the Remission of Certain Penalties, during the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1915, and ending January 17, 1916.

(Sessional Paper No. 12.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Report of the Department of Telephones for the financial year ended April 30, 1915. (Sessional Paper No. 13.

Mr. Langley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the financial year ended April 30, 1915. (Sessional Paper No. 14.)

Ordered, That Mr. Scott (Arm River), have leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate The Agricultural Insurance Company, Limited.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

#### REGINA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Totzke,—Of George Allan Maybee and four others, praying for An Act to incorporate Retailers' Trust Company.

By Mr. Totzke,—Of Percy MacCuaig Anderson and four others, praying for An Act to incorporate Prairie Trust Company.

The following petitions were read and received:

Of the City of Prince Albert, praying that action be taken to enable city and town municipalities to exercise a discretionary power in fixing the amount of license fees for hotels and other places of public accommodation and to receive a portion of the proceeds of penalties imposed.

Of Sister Mary Martha and three others, praying for An Act to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception.

Of Anne Marie Quatresous and three others, praying for An Act to incorporate Les Soeurs de Notre Dame D'Auvergne.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of Sister Mary Martha and three others, praying for An Act for the incorporation of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception, and find that the provisions of Rule 51 have been complied with.

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce

the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Mr. Wylie asked the Government the following Question: What are the duties of Albert Stirling, of Humboldt, Field Information Agent?

Mr. Motherwell answered as follows:

The duties assigned to Field Information Agents appointed by the Government include:

- Investigating and reporting on difficulties and adjustments between debtors and creditors, losses from prairie fires, cases of hardship and destitution and other such matters of immediate public concern;
- (2) Inquiry into any complaints from settlers or others which may reach any department of the public service;
- (3) Keeping in touch with new settlers, or settlements with a view to making them acquainted with our various laws and rendering such other advice and assistance as the circumstances may warrant;
- (4) Generally to carry out such other duties and instructions as are from time to time assigned to them for the purpose of aiding in the administration of the several departments of the public service.

On motion of Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The total quantity of hay purchased by the Government during the relief work in 1914-15;
- (2) The total quantity of oats purchased by the Government during the relief work in 1914-15;
- (3) The total quantity of hay sold to settlers engaged in this work;
- (4) The total quantity of oats sold to settlers engaged in this work.

Moved by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Willoughby: That in the opinion of this House the mode of payment of the Police Magistrates, in the cities of the province, is unsatisfactory and unfair.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

The said Resolution was by leave withdrawn.

Mr. McNab, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) The contract price for the Normal School at Regina;
- (2) What was the amount of architect fees for the same:
- (3) Give total cost to date. (Sessional Paper No. 15.)

Mr. McNab, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the financial year 1913-14. (Sessional Paper No. 16.)

Ordered, That Mr. Bradshaw have leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing:

- (1) What was the cost to the province of the Royal Commission to South Carolina *re* Dispensaries;
- (2) Give account of recompense paid each Commissioner for services and expenses, stating each item separately.

(Sessional Paper No. 17.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing: The total amount authorised for expenditure by Special Warrants between September 1 and December 31, 1915.

(Sessional Paper No. 18.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Annual Report of the Commissioner of the Liquor Store System. (Sessional Paper No. 19.)

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing: Copy of Petition sent in from Liquor District No. 28, asking for the establishment of a Government Liquor Store.

(Sessional Paper No. 20.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) Total amount expended in connection with commission resale of agricultural implements;
- (2) Names of Commissioners, Secretaries, Counsel and amount paid to each for salary and expenses, stating each separately.

  (Sessional Paper No. 21.)

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 4.45 o'clock p.m.

#### REGINA, MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

The following petitions were read and received:

Of George Allan Maybee and four others, praying for An Act to incorporate Retailers' Trust Company.

Of Percy MacCuaig Anderson and four others, praying for An Act to incorporate Prairie Trust Company.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following Report:

Your Committee recommends that the date for the reception of petitions for Private Bills as defined in Rule No. 49, be extended until and including Friday, February 4, 1916.

And that the date for the presentation of Private Bills to the House as defined in Rule No. 49, be similarly extended until and including Friday, February 11, 1916.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders,

presented the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of the City of North Battleford, praying for An Act to be passed authorising the said City to transfer the surplus monies raised under certain Money Bylaws to pay the deficit under certain other Money Bylaws, and find that the provisions of Rule 51 have been complied with, excepting as to advertising, there having been only two advertisements in local paper and one in the *Gazette* 

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders,

presented the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of Anne Marie Quatresous and three others, praying for An Act for the incorporation of Les Soeurs de Notre-Dame D'Auvergne, and find that the provisions of Rule 51 have been complied with.

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce

the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Mr. Magee asked the Government the following Question:

Is it the intention of the Government at the present Session to give the municipal authorities in towns and villages full power to regulate or license pool rooms, billiard rooms and bowling alleys?

Mr. Turgeon answered:

Yes.

- Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) Has one John Schumacher been in the employ of the Government during the year 1915?
- (2) If so, in what capacity and at what salary?

Mr. Calder answered as follows:

- (1) Yes;
- (2) Explaining to settlers the principles and provisions of the Temperance and Farm Machinery legislation at a salary of \$50 per month.

Mr. Davidson asked the Government the following Question:

Has the Department of the Attorney General any information concerning the reason for the resignation of Bailiff A. V. Whitehead?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

The reason assigned to the Department for the resignation of Bailiff A. V. Whitehead is on account of differences he had with the sheriff as to his conduct.

Ordered, That Mr. Calder have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Hotel Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Motherwell have leave to introduce a Bill respecting Game.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Willoughby: Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) A statement of convictions under chapter 130 Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan for the period from July 1 to December 31, 1914;
- (2) Give the number of convictions in each of the months for above period;
- (3) Give the amount of fines collected in each case, together with a statement of other penalties imposed.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Willoughby, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

The total amount of money paid to the Government Printer by the municipalities of the Province under chapter 21, subsection (2) of section 6, Statutes of 1915. Give the amount paid by each of the cities of the province separately.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Willoughby, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of reports made to the Government by E. C. Eyman and Karl Fluegal in connection with their employment, explaining to settlers the principles and provisions of the Temperance and Farm Machinery legislation.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Willoughby, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Give location of where road and bridge work was done in Willow Bunch constituency for years 1914-15, each year separately;
- (2) Give names of men employed and nature of employment of each on road work in said constituency for years 1914-15;
- (3) Give total amount paid to each man for services rendered on road work done in years 1914-15, in said constituency;
- (4) Give inspectors' report on each piece of work done for years 1914-15 in said constituency.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Scott (Arm River), That this House do now adjourn, And a debate arising thereupon, And the debate continuing, The said motion was by leave withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. Moore have leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate Le Soeurs de Notre-Dame D'Auvergne.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 9) to incorporate The Agricultural Insurance Company, Limited,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

#### REGINA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1916.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petition was presented:

By Mr. Nolin,—Of Patrick Mulhall and two others, praying that the Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan be vested with corporate powers.

Moved by Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That there be referred to the Public Accounts Committee for inquiry and report:

- (1) All correspondence relating to the purchase of Lots 19 and 20. Block 66, Swift Current, for telephone purposes;
- (2) The price paid for these lots;
- (3) The names and addresses of the vendor to the Government of these lots;
- (4) All other matters pertaining to or in any way relating to the sale of said lots to the Government and their value.

Mr. Moore asked the Government the following Question:

Did the Government institute an inquiry into the prairie fire losses in the south-western portion of the Province during the Fall of 1915; and if so, is the Government in possession of a census of the prairie fire losses? Also, has the Government taken any steps to assist such fire sufferers, directly or indirectly?

Mr. Motherwell answered as follows:

The Government did institute an inquiry into the prairie fire losses and while a full census was not taken, a number of farmers were visited personally and in the other cases, the information was secured from the councillors of the municipalities concerned.

In several extreme cases where actual destitution was facing the people relief was given directly in the shape of orders on local stores and in other less extreme cases in connection with settlers who had pressing obligations to meet, the Government intervened with the creditors of such parties with a view to having payments deferred and more leniency given.

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Larson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The quantities of hay, oats, chop or other fodder, purchased in connection with relief work in 1914, indicating:
  - (a) The quantities of each purchased;
  - (b) The amount paid for each class of fodder;
- (2) The price at which each such class of fodder was supplied to settlers;
- (3) The quantities of each class of fodder disposed of in connection with relief work, and the total amount of refunds received from same;
- (4) A statement explaining any loss which may have been incurred in connection with the handling or distributing of such fodder.

Moved by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Beaudreau:

Whereas the growth and prosperity of the Dominion of Canada are dependent upon the development of our agricultural resources;

And whereas such development is unduly hampered and restricted unless those engaged in agricultural pursuits are enabled to readily obtain the credit and capital necessarily required for their operations upon reasonably satisfactory terms both as to interest and as to the time in which principal monies are to be repaid;

And whereas there is a widespread sentiment throughout the prairie provinces that the banking and other financial institutions of Canada as at present constituted and administered do not serve the requirements of our agricultural interests but are intended mainly to meet the financial needs of our various commercial and industrial concerns:

Therefore, be it Resolved that in the opinion of the House it is desirable:

- (1) That the Government of Saskatchewan, as soon as the necessary financial and other arrangements can be made, should bring into effect and operation the legislation passed by this Assembly providing a means whereby monies may be loaned to farmers on the securities of land mortgages;
- (2) That the Parliament of Canada should, with as little delay as possible, undertake the establishment of a system of Federal rural banks that will adequately meet the necessary current financial requirements of all classes of agriculturalists on reasonably satisfactory terms.

And the Question being proposed, And a debate arising thereupon, On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Paulson, Ordered, That the debate be adjourned. Mr. McNab, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) The total acreage of the site for the Asylum for Insane at North Battleford;
- (2) The name of the vendor of each parcel purchased for this site;
- (3) The total cost;
  - (a) Of the land;
  - (b) Architect's fees;
  - (c) Water supply;
  - (d) Sewerage disposal;
  - (e) Plumbing and heating;
  - (f) Barn;
  - (g) Laundry;
  - (h) Furnishing and equipment;
  - (i) The six cottages;
  - (j) Warehouse;
- (4) The name of the architects;
- (5) Copies of all tenders received on original buildings and on each addition;
- (6) Copies of the original blue prints used with original tenders for main building;
- (7) Copy of blue prints for every addition or alteration of building;
- (8) Copies of specifications for original building;
- (9) Copy of specifications for any alteration or addition to the original building;
- (10) If any additions or changes to the buildings were made without tender, furnish;
  - (a) Name of contractor;
  - (b) Work done by contractor;
  - (c) Amount paid for the work to each contractor;
  - (d) If any work done on commission; name of party doing work, nature of work and cost;
- (11) Amount authorised for expenditure on the Asylum for fiscal year of 1915-16, on Capital Account;
- (12) Actual amount expended in fiscal year 1915-16, on Capital Account;
- (13) Amount authorised for maintenance of Asylum for fiscal year 1915-16;
- (14) Amount actually expended during such fiscal year for maintenance;
- (15) The actual amount expended on the Asylum to date;
- (16) The amount, if any, owing and not yet paid on Asylum building and equipment. (Sessional Paper No. 22.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) All correspondence relating to the purchase of Lots 19 and 20, Block 66, Swift Current, for telephone purposes;
- (2) The price paid for these lots;
- (3) The name and address of the vendor to the Government of these lots. (Sessional Paper No. 23.)

Ordered, That Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Canadian Underwriters' Hail Insurance Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Thursday next.

Moved by Mr. Johnston (Melfort), seconded by Mr. Robertson, That this House do now adjourn,

And a debate arising thereupon,

And the debate continuing,

The said motion was by leave withdrawn.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 10) to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways.

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) The amount of the mileage fees collected in the Weyburn Judicial District for each of the years 1913, 1914, 1915;
- (2) The amount of the mileage fees collected in the Estevan Judicial District for each of the years 1913, 1914, 1915.

  (Sessional Paper No. 24.)

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 21, 1916, showing:

- (1) The liquor districts in which votes were taken at the last Municipal Elections under the provisions of The Sales of Liquor Act;
- (2) A summary of the expenditures incurred by the Government in having such votes taken;
- (3) A statement showing a result of the vote in each district;
- (4) Copies of any complaints which reached the Government with respect to the vote taken in any district.

(Sessional Paper No. 25.)

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916, showing:

- (1) A statement of convictions under chapter 130 Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan for the period from July 1 to December 31, 1914;
- (2) Give the number of convictions in each of the months for above period;
- (3) Give the amount of fines collected in each case, together with a statement of other penalties imposed.

(Sessional Paper No. 26.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 1, 1916, showing:

- (1) The quantities of hay, oats, chop or other fodder, purchased in connection with relief work in 1914, indicating:
  - (a) The quantities of each purchased;
  - (b) The amount paid for each class of fodder;
- (2) The price at which each such class of fodder was supplied to settlers:
- (3) The quantities of each class of fodder disposed of in connection with relief work, and the total amount of refunds received from same;
- (4) A statement explaining any loss which may have been incurred in connection with the handling or distributing of such fodder.

  (Sessional Paper No. 27.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 28, 1916, showing:

- (1) The total quantity of hay purchased by the Government during the relief work in 1914-15;
- (2) The total quantity of oats purchased by the Government during the relief work in 1914-15;
- (3) The total quantity of hay sold to settlers engaged in this work;
- (4) The total quantity of oats sold to settlers engaged in this work. (Sessional Paper No. 28.)

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.30 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of Percy MacCuaig Anderson and four others, praying for An Act for the incorporation of a company to be known as Prairie Trust Company and find that the provisions of Rule 51 have been complied with.

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce

the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of George Allan Maybee and four others, praying for An Act for the incorporation of a company to be known as Retailers' Trust Company and find that the provisions of Rule 51 have been complied with.

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce the Bill

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bashford.

That whereas, on the third day in February, 1911, the following Resolution was unanimously passed by the House, namely:

Resolved, That this House is of the opinion that the time has arrived when the land set apart by the Parliament of Canada as an endowment for school purposes, together with all monies which have accrued from the sale of such lands, should be under the control and administration of the provincial authorities, and that the Government of Saskatchewan should continue its negotiations with the Government of Canada for the purpose of having the said endowment transferred to the province;

And whereas a similar Resolution was agreed to by this House on the twenty-second day of February, 1912;

And whereas again a similar Resolution was agreed to by this House on the fifth day of December, 1913;

And whereas the attention of the Government of Canada has been directed to the said Resolution;

And whereas no action has been taken by the Government of Canada to transfer the control and administration of the said school endowment to the provincial authorities;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Government of Saskatchewan should continue to urge upon the federal authorities the desirability of having transferred to the province at an early date the control and administration of the said endowment.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing, And the Question being again proposed, It passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Lochead, seconded by Mr. Beaudreau: Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The number of patients transferred from Manitoba to the Hospital for the Insane at Battleford and date of transfer;
- (2) The number of patients taken care of at Battleford during each month since the institution was established;
- (3) The total accommodation for patients and staff provided in the main building first erected and completed;
- (4) The date of completion of the warehouse and the total accommodation temporarily provided therein for patients and staff.
- (5) The date of completion of any new wing or unit and the total accommodation provided therein for patients and staff;
- (6) The total accommodation now provided at the institution for patients and staff;
- (7) The number of patients taken care of at the institution in December, 1915, and the number of officers and employees on the staff during the same month;
- (8) The total capital cost of the whole institution under the following heads:
  - (1) Construction of buildings—main building, power house, warehouse, addition to main building, barns, cottages, other buildings;
  - (2) Water supply, plumbing and heating, electrical power, electrical lighting and fixtures and sewerage plant for all buildings, giving separate details of these expenditures as far as is practicable according to contracts let and nature of work done;
  - (3) Furnishings and equipment provided for all buildings including laundry but not including any expenditures under (1) and (2);
  - (4) Grounds, fencing and other improvements;
  - (5) Farm plant, including machinery, stock and other expenditures;
  - (6) Architect's fees;
  - (7) Any other capital expenditures;
- (9) The length of the main building and its additions as well as the ground space occupied as compared with the Legislative Buildings at Regina;
- (10) A description of the class of construction of the main building and its additions;

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Leitch,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause subpoenas to issue to the following witnesses to attend before the Public Accounts Committee at 11 a.m. on Monday next, February 7, to give evidence concerning

all matters pertaining to or in any way relating to the sale of Lots 19 and 20 in Block 66, Swift Current, to the Government for telephone purposes, such witnesses to produce with them all documents in their possession in anywise relating to the subject in question:

Dr. W. A. Thomson, Regina; Geo. Webster, Swift Current;

Adam Geo. Turnbull, Swift Current;

J. T. Haight, Swift Current;

Arthur Webber, Swift Current;

W. W. Marlow, Swift Current;

W. E. Mountain, Swift Current.

The Order of the day being read for the adjourned debate on the Resolution moved by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Beaudreau:

That whereas the growth and prosperity of the Dominion of Canada are dependent upon the development of our agricultural resources;

And whereas such development is unduly hampered and restricted unless those engaged in agricultural pursuits are enabled to readily obtain the credit and capital necessarily required for their operations upon reasonably satisfactory terms both as to interest and as to the time in which principal monies are to be repaid;

And whereas there is a widespread sentiment throughout the prairie provinces that the banking and other financial institutions of Canada as at present constituted and administered do not serve the requirements of our agricultural interests but are intended mainly to meet the financial needs of our various commercial and industrial concerns:

Therefore, be it Resolved that in the opinion of this House it is desirable:

- (1) That the Government of Saskatchewan, as soon as the necessary financial and other arrangements can be made, should bring into effect and operation the legislation passed by this Assembly providing a means whereby monies may be loaned to farmers on the securities of land mortgages;
- (2) That the Parliament of Canada should, with as little delay as possible, undertake the establishment of a system of Federal rural banks that will adequately meet the necessary current financial requirements of all classes of agriculturists on reasonably satisfactory terms.

And the debate continuing,

On motion of Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. Stewart, Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.

Mr. Speaker laid on the Table of the House the Report of the Librarian. (Sessional Paper No. 29.)

Ordered, That Mr. Totzke have leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate Retailers' Trust Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Totzke have leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate Prairie Trust Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received

and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) The total amount of the Provincial Debt, as on December 31, 1915;
- (2) What portion of the debt is chargeable to Capital Account. (Sessional Paper No. 30.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing:

- (1) The daily sale at each liquor store in Saskatchewan during the month of December, 1915;
- (2) What action was taken in setting aside the \$500,000 fund appropriated to administer The Sales of Liquor Act.

(Sessional Paper No. 31.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916, showing:
Copies of reports made to the Government by E. C. Eyman and
Karl Fluegal in connection with their employment, explaining to
settlers the principles and provisions of the Temperance and Farm
Machinery Legislation. (Sessional Paper No. 32.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) The total issue of Government Bonds and other Securities during 1915 and 1916;
- (2) The amount sold;
- (3) The price realised.

(Sessional Paper No. 33.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing: The total amount of Interest and Sinking Fund Charges on the Provincial Debt from May 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915.

(Sessional Paper No. 34.)

Ordered, That Mr. Finlayson have leave to introduce a Bill authorising the city of North Battleford to transfer the surplus monies raised under certain Money Bylaws to pay the deficit under certain other Money Bylaws, of the city of North Battleford.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 4) respecting Villages.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 5) to regulate the Sales of Shares, Bonds and other Securities, The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 13) to incorporate Les Soeurs de Notre Dame D'Auvergne, The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 6) the Prevention and Suppression of Fires,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 6) the Prevention and Suppression of Fires, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 10 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

The following petition was read and received:

Of Patrick Mulhall and two others, praying that the Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan be vested with corporate powers.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg to report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bills and have agreed to report the same with amendments.

Bill (No. 9) to incorporate the Agricultural Insurance Company Limited.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

- Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) How many dynamos were purchased for the Asylum for the Insane at North Battleford?
- (2) From whom were these purchased?
- (3) Give the name and cost of each.
- Mr. McNab answered as follows:
- (1) Two supplied under original contract and one purchased since:
- (2) The Regina Plumbing & Heating Co., contractors for the plumbing, heating and electrical work on the main building and power house, supplied and installed as required by their contract two steam sets consisting of two Belliss & Morcom engines of 150 horse power each and direct connected to two 220-110 volt Witton (Birmingham, Eng.) generators;

One Belliss & Morcom Compound Engine of 150 Horse power direct connected to one Siemens Standard 100 k.w. generator, purchased from McCallum, Hill & Co., at a cost of \$4,786;

- (3) Answered under Question 2.
- Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) Has A. Wienmeister been employed by the Government during the year 1915?
- (2) If so, in what capacity?
- (3) At what salary?
- Mr. Calder answered as follows:
- (1) Yes, for a period of about seven weeks;
- (2) Explaining to settlers the principles and provisions of the Temperance and Farm Machinery legislation.
- (3) \$100 per month.

- Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) What arrangement exists for conveying patients from the railway station at North Battleford to the Asylum for the Insane?
- (2) If a contract has been entered into, give name of contractor and the consideration paid for his services?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

- (1) Conveyed by automobile in charge of Mounted Police;
- (2) No contract entered into.

Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Give the total amount of the Provincial Overdraft at any of the banks or other financial institutions, as on December 31, 1915?
- (2) Are any of the funds, such as the Supplementary Revenue Fund, charged with an item for the services of the Provincial Auditor?
- (3) If so, how much was charged to the above fund for such services during the year 1915?

Mr. Bell answered as follows:

- (1) At all banks and for all purposes \$1,722,170.29;
- (2 Yes;
- (3) \$250.00.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie: Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The amount expended on the work at Estevan under charge of S. R. Darling, re briquetting coal;
- (2) The amount paid S. R. Darling;
- (3) The practical result, if any, attained by the work, and how it could be commercially utilised:
- (4) What, if any, control was attained by the Government over the patents used in the work of briquetting by the said S. R. Darling and on what terms others than said S. R. Darling might use the said patents;
- (5) Whether commissions were charged by and paid A. E. Mc-Kenzie, the contractor of the building, on wages of labourers and others after building was completed and amount of same.

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) Is Geo. A. Fraser, of Assiniboia, in the employ of the Government as Bailiff in the Judicial District of Weyburn;
- (2) If not, when was he dismissed, and what was the cause for his dismissal;

(3) How many bailiffs were employed in the Weyburn Judicial District during the year 1915 and give dates of service of each. (Sessional Paper No. 35.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) Copy of reports of Inspectors of Highways, J. G. Cameron and J. R. Bird, for inspection of road work inspected by them during the year 1915;
- (2) Itemised expense accounts of Inspectors J. G. Cameron and J. R. Bird for the year 1915.

(Sessional Paper No. 36.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

The Saskatchewan Liquor Store System Financial Statements for six months ending December 31, 1915.

(Sessional Paper No. 37.)

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 8) respecting Public Highways,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Moved by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Tate,

That in the opinion of this House the system of Government Dispensaries created under The Sales of Liquor Act is detrimental to the best interests of the people of the Province and a blight on the reputation of Saskatchewan, and should be forthwith abolished.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. Clinch,

Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.

Moved by Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. Willoughby,

Resolved, That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan having just learned of the frightful calamity that has occurred this evening at Ottawa in the destruction of the Parliament Buildings, desire to convey to Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, on behalf of our people the very deep regret and concern that all feel respecting the disaster that has occurred.

And then the House adjourned at 11.40 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg to

report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bill and have agreed to report the same with amendments:

The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The number of cars of lumber purchased by the Government during year 1915;
- (2) Give numbers on each car and place of destination;
- (3) Give information as where each car was used and what for.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

(1) The total amount of monies expended as shown on the pay roll for roadwork and bridgework done by the Government for relief of settlers during the year 1914.

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) When were instructions given the Sheriff of Judicial District of Weyburn to collect mileage fees from his office to the residence of the Judgment Debtor;
- (2) When were these instructions revoked.

(Sessional Paper No. 38.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing:

- (1) The name of companies who tendered for construction of cement bridge across Weed Lake north, section 12, township 16, range 5, west of the second meridian;
- (2) Amount of each tender;
- (3) What company secured contract;
- (4) Is bridge completed;
- (5) Total cost to date, showing payments to contractors in detail. (Sessional Paper No. 39.)

Mr. Calder read to the House a telegram received from Sir Robert Borden, as follows:

To S. Spencer Page, Clerk Legislative Assembly, Regina:

"On behalf of Government and Parliament of Canada I send our deep appreciation of the resolution which was passed last evening by the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. Pray convey to Acting Premier and the Members of the Legislative Assembly our sincere thanks."

(Signed) R. L. BORDEN.

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916, showing. The total amount of money paid to the Government Printer by the municipalities of the province under chapter 21, subsection (2) of section 6, Statutes of 1915. Give the amount paid by each of the cities of the province separately. (Sessional Paper No. 40.)

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 7) respecting Public Works,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 14) to incorporate The Canadian Underwriters' Hail Insurance Company,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered to be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways.

The order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 16) to incorporate Prairie Trust Company,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the resolution moved by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Tate,

That in the opinion of this House the system of Government Dispensaries created under The Sales of Liquor Act is detrimental to the best interests of the people of the province and a blight on the reputation of Saskatchewan, and should be forthwith abolished.

And the debate continuing,

On motion of Mr. Leitch, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.

And then the House adjourned at 10.10 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders,

presented the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of Patrick Mulhall and two others, praying for An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan and find that the provisions of Rule 51 have been complied with.

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce the

Bill.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders,

presented the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of the Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67, praying for An Act to confirm and make valid an agreement entered into between the Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67 and William Millman, and find the provisions of Rule 51 have been complied with.

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce

the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw,

Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Moved by Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Resolution respecting the creation of a fund for the purpose of maintaining the office of the fire commissioner under The Fire Protection Act.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, then acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a first time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a first time.

Ordered, That the Resolution be read a second time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a second time and concurred in.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to establish a special fund for the purpose of maintaining the office of the Fire Commissioner to be appointed under The Fire Protection Act, and paying the expenses incidental thereto;

That for such purpose every company, whether upon the stock or mutual plan, transacting the business of fire insurance within the meaning of The Saskatchewan Insurance Act, shall pay to the Fire Commissioner in the month of March in each year, in addition to taxes and fees now required by law to be paid by such company, such sum, not exceeding one-third of one per cent. of its premium receipts and assessments, less return premiums and cancellations, reckoned on the business as reported to the Superintendent of Insurance during the preceding calendar year, including premiums covering fire risks only on automobiles, as may be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

That the money so received shall be deposited with the Provincial Treasurer as a special fund for the maintenance of said office and the expenses incidental thereto;

That any portion of such fund remaining unexpended at the end of any fiscal year and not required for such maintenance shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year and the next assessment may be correspondingly reduced;

That the Lieutenant Governor in Council may from time to time upon the recommendation of the Treasury board prescribe the manner in which the accounts of the said fund shall be kept by the Provincial Treasurer, which said accounts shall be audited by the Provincial Auditor;

That from persons insuring with unlicensed companies there shall be collected the same tax as is imposed on licensed companies, which amount shall also be added to such special fund;

That in the year 1916 the payment required by this section may be made on or before the thirtieth day of June;

That the Fire Commissioner shall keep on file in his office an itemised statement of all monies received and expended under the said "The Fire Protection Act," and shall approve all vouchers therefor before the same are submitted to the Provincial Treasurer for payment, which vouchers shall be allowed and paid in the same manner as any claim against the province, provided there are sufficent monies at the credit of the special fund for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the Bill (No. 6) respecting the Prevention and Suppression of Fires, with instructions that they have power to make provision therein pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce a Bill respecting Town Planning.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause a subpoena or subpoenas to issue to Thomas Lenaghan to attend before The Public Accounts Committee on Tuesday, February 8, at 10 a.m., or at such other hour and date as may appear convenient, to give evidence concerning all matters pertaining to or in any way relating to the sale of lots 19 and 20, in block 66, Swift Current, to the Government for telephone

purposes and to bring with him all documents in his possession in anywise relating to the subject in question.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 4, 1916, showing:

- (1) The number of cars of lumber purchased by the Government during the year 1915;
- (2) Give numbers on each car and place of destination;
- (3) Give information as where each car was used and what for.

  (Sessional Paper No. 41.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 4, 1916, showing: The total amount of monies expended as shown on the pay roll for roadwork done by the Government for relief of settlers during the year 1914 from July 1 to end of year.

(Sessional Paper No. 42.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) The steel bridges on concrete footings erected in the Province during 1915, giving location and cost of each;
- (2) A statement of the cost of the new Saskatoon bridge to date.

  The estimated expenditures to complete the bridge.

(Sessional Paper No. 43.)

Mr. Calder, a member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 27, 1916, showing:

- (1) The total estimated cost of traffic bridge at Saskatoon;
- (2) The total amount expended on the Saskatoon bridge to date;
- (3) The estimated amount required to complete the said bridge:
- (4) The proportion of total cost of bridge to be borne by the City of Saskatoon;
- (5) The amount paid by City of Saskatoon to date.

(Sessional Paper No. 44.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 25, 1916, showing:

- (1) The total amount of money expended from the first day of July, 1914, to date, by the Highways Commission in aid of settlers who had lost their crops during the said year in Southwestern Saskatchewan where relief was granted by the Government;
- (2) The total cost of administration of the said work;

- (3) The total number of inspectors, assistant inspectors, foremen and assistant foremen, paymasters and assistant paymasters, and any other officials engaged in this work, giving the names, salaries, travelling expenses, and duties of each, and where they were located during the progress of their work;
- (4) The total amount of money lost to the province by the system of paying in cash, with particulars in each case, showing the amount of loss in each case;
- (5) The total amount of money earned in each month by the settlers from July 1, 1914, to date;
- (6) The total amount of money paid to settlers for relief work in each month from July 1, 1914, to date;
- (7) The total amount of money standing to the credit of the settlers for relief work done to date.

(Sessional Paper No. 45.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing: A detailed statement showing the cost of administration of the Patriotic Fund, month by month, to the thirty-first day of December, 1915, from the inception of the fund. (Sessional Paper No. 46.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 25, 1916, showing:

- (1) The amount of money paid to *The Regina Leader Publishing Company*, *The Saskatoon Phoenix*, *The Saskatchewan Courier*, in each month during the years 1914, 1915, 1916, stating each separately;
- (2) Did any of these publications receive advances on account of work to be done, during the years 1914-15 and 1915-16, for the periods between May 1, 1914, to April 30, 1915, and May 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915;
- (3) Give amount and date of each payment.

(Sessional Paper No. 47.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

The Annual Report in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of chapter 4 of the Statutes of 1914. (Hypothecation of Securities.)
(Sessional Paper No. 48.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Public Accounts for the fiscal period ended April 30, 1915.
(Sessional Paper No. 49.)

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan for the financial year ending April 30, 1915, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing.

Moved by Mr. Leitch, seconded by Mr. Cunningham,

That in the opinion of this House some means should be provided during the present Session to enable the Members to thoroughly inquire into and investigate the existing Statutes pertaining to the Election of Representatives to the Saskatchewan Legislature with a view to the possible improvement of such Statutes.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the Question being again proposed,

It was carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That a Select Committee composed of Messrs. Larson, Latta, Willoughby, Wylie and the mover, be appointed to inquire into the operation of the Act relating to the election of Members of the Assembly and into the practice and procedure respecting controverted elections, and to consider what changes are desirable therein; with power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses under oath, and to report from time to time.

witnesses under oath, and to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Mr. Mitchell have leave to introduce a Bill to confirm and make valid an agreement entered into between the Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67, and William Millman.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 15) to incorporate Retailers' Trust Company,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Standing Committee on Private-Bills and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 17) to authorise the transfer of the surplus monies raised under certain Money Bylaws to pay the deficit under certain other Money Bylaws of the City of North Battleford.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Standing Committee on Private-Bills and Railways

The House according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 3) respecting Vital Statistics, and aftersome time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Resolution moved by Mr. Bradhsaw, seconded by Mr. Tate.

That in the opinion of this House the system of Government Dispensaries created under The Sales of Liquor Act is detrimental

to the best interests of the people of the province and a blight on the reputation of Saskatchewan and should be forthwith abolished.

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again proposed,

The House divided and the names being called for, were taken down as follows:

#### NAYS.

### Messieurs.

${f Mitchell}$	Langley	Pierce ·
MeNab	Totzke	Forsyth
Turgeon	$\operatorname{Smith}$	Larson
Calder	Scott (Arm River)	Leitch
${f Motherwell}$	Moore	Phin
Stewart	Scott	Cunningham
Garry	(Tramping Lake)	Latta
Johnston (Pelly)	Paulson	Harris
Finlayson	Robertson	Bashford
Simpson	Beaudreau	Watson
Atkinson	Clinch	$_{ m Magee}$
Bell	Gardiner	Hall—35

#### YEAS.

#### Messieurs.

Willoughby

Wylie

Bradshaw-3

So it passed in the negative.

And then the House adjourned at 12 o'clock midnight.

### REGINA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. McNab, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 2, 1916, showing:

- (1) The number of patients transferred from Manitoba to the Hospital for the Insane at Battleford and date of transfer;
- (2) The number of patients taken care of at Battleford during each month since the institution was established;
- (3) The total accommodation for patients and staff provided in the main building first erected and completed;
- (4) The date of completion of the warehouse and the total accommodation temporarily provided therein for patients and staff;

- (5) The date of completion of any new wing or unit and the total accommodation provided therein for patients and staff:
- (6) The total accommodation now provided at the institution for patients and staff;
- (7) The number of patients taken care of at the institution in December, 1915, and the number of officers and employees on the staff during the same month;
- (8) The total capital cost of the whole institution under the following heads;
  - (1) Construction of buildings—main building, power house, warehouse, addition to main building, barns, cottages, other buildings;
  - (2) Water supply, plumbing and heating, electrical power, electrical lighting and fixtures and sewerage plant for all buildings, giving separate details of these expenditures as far as is practicable according to contracts let and nature of work done.
  - (3) Furnishings and equipment provided for all buildings including laundry but not including any expenditures under (1) and (2);
  - (4) Grounds, fencing and other improvements;
  - (5) Farm plant, including machinery, stock and other expenditures;
  - (6) Architect's fees;
  - (7) Any other capital expenditures;
- (9) The length of the main building and its additions as well as the ground space occupied as compared with the Legislative Buildings at Regina;
- (10) A description of the class of construction of the main building and its additions. (Sessional Paper No. 50.)

Ordered, That Mr. Nolin have leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 4) respecting Villages, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 4) respecting Villages, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again. Ordered, that the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 10.45 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1916

3 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg to report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bill and have agreed to report the same, with amendments:

No. 13, Les Soeurs de Notre Dame D'Auvergne.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

- Mr. Wylie asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) Is A. Stewart, of Gull Lake, in the employ of the Government?
- (2) If so, what is the nature of his duties and salary paid?
- Mr. Calder answered as follows:
- (1) No.
- (2) See No. 1.
- Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) Has the time for completion of any branch railway of which the bonds are guaranteed by the Government been extended beyond the thirty-first of December, 1915? If so, when, with details as to each branch so extended?
- (2) Has time for completion of any railway terminals of which the bonds are guaranteed by the Province been extended from December 31, 1915? If so, details of same.

Mr. Calder answered as follows:

See Chapters 7 and 8 of Statutes for 1915.

- Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) Did the Government or anyone in behalf of the Government

employ a detective agency during the By-Election in Shellbrook?

- (2) If so, give name of the agency?
- (3) Give total payment for this service?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

- (1) Yes;
- (2) The Thiel Detective Service Company of Canada, Limited;
- (3) \$1,035.33.

Ordered, That Mr. Motherwell have leave to introduce a Bill to amend "An Act to Protect Horse Breeders."

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Motherwell have leave to introduce a Bill respecting the Manufacture of Butter and Cheese.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Resolution moved by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Beaudreau:

Whereas the growth and prosperity of the Dominion of Canada are dependent upon the development of our agricultural resources;

And whereas such development is unduly hampered and restricted unless those engaged in agricultural pursuits are enabled to readily obtain the credit and capital necessary required for their operations upon reasonably satisfactory terms both as to interest and as to the time in which principal monies are to be repaid;

And whereas there is a widespread sentiment throughout the prairie provinces that the banking and other financial institutions of Canada as at present constituted and administered do not serve the requirements of our agricultural interests but are intended mainly to meet the financial needs of our various commercial and industrial concerns:

Therefore be it Resolved that in the opinion of this House it is desirable:

- (1) That the Government of Saskatchewan, as soon as the necessary financial and other arrangements can be made, should bring into effect and operation the legislation passed by this Assembly providing a means whereby monies may be loaned to farmers on the securities of land mortgages;
- (2) That the Parliament of Canada should, with as little delay as possible, undertake the establishment of a system of Federal rural banks that will adequately meet the necessary current financial requirements of all classes of agriculturalists on reasonably satisfactory terms.

And the debate continuing,

The said Resolution was by leave withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause a subpoena or subpoenas to issue to P. C. Hessel and T. R. O'Brien to attend before the Public Accounts Committee on Friday, February 11 at 11 a.m., or at such other hour and date as may appear convenient, to give evidence concerning all matters pertaining to or in any way relating to the sale of Lots 19 and 20 in Block 66, Swift Current, to the Government for telephone purposes and to bring with them all documents in their possession in anywise relating to the subject in question.

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) Copy of Report of Saskatchewan Water Commission;
- (2) Names of Commissioners, Secretaries and others employed by Commission;
- (3) Salaries paid Commissioners and others, giving expense account of each separately. (Sessional Paper No. 51.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Annual Report in accordance with the provisions of section 44 of The Treasury Department Act, enclosing copies of correspondence and legal opinion of the Deputy Attorney General on the subject of licenses for motor ambulances. (Sessional Paper No. 52.)

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 11) to amend The Hotel Act.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor signed by His Honour.

And the message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered and is as followeth:

#### R. S. Lake,

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 53.)

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the message of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, together with the estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House according to order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 7) respecting Public Works, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 4) respecting Villages, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 10.30 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg to

report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bills and have agreed to report the same with amendments:

No. 20, Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr Moore, Ordered, That the report be now received.

Mr. Simpson asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Why was an electrical dynamo purchased from McCallum, Hill & Co., of Regina, for use at the Hospital for the Insane at Battleford, instead of from the manufacturers?
- (2) Was the dynamo required? If so, for what purpose?
- (3) Was the dynamo purchased in good condition and repair?
- Mr. McNab answered as follows:
- (1) Owing to war conditions it was not possible to get delivery of a Siemen's or Whitton Generator from England in time to permit of installation before the new wing would require light and power;

- (2) Yes. To take care of the overload on the present plant caused by the addition of the warehouse, cottages and new units:
- (3) Yes. This machine was used for five or six hours a day in the McCallum-Hill building for six months. They found they had too large an equipment. It is in first-class condition, being of the very highest type of machinery manufactured, and is guaranteed by both the Canadian agents and McCallum, Hill & Co.
- Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) In view of section 6 of chapter 6 of the Statutes of 1913, being The Civil Service Act, what control is exercised by the Civil Service Commissioner over the Provincial Auditor?
- (2) Is the Provincial Auditor permitted to discharge or promote his office helpers of his own motion?
- Mr. Calder answered as follows:
- (1) Only such control as is prescribed by the provisions of The Treasury Department Act and The Civil Service Act;
- (2) The Provincial Auditor as in the case of all deputy heads of departments has power to suspend for cause any person employed in his office. He has no authority to appoint, promote or discharge members of his staff.
- Mr. Finlayson asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) Is the Government aware of the fact that a rumor has been freely circulated in the northern part of the province to the effect that the power house chimney at the Hospital for the Insane at Battleford cost to construct about five times its actual value?
- (2) What is the height and what was the cost of such chimney?
- (3) Who were the contractors?
- (4) What is the height and what was the cost of the chimney erected in connection with the power house attached to the Legislative Building at Regina?
- (5) Who were the contractors?
- Mr. McNab answered as follows:
- (1) Yes.
- (2) Height over all, 175 feet. \$12,840.00.
- (3) Alphons Custodis Chimney Construction Co., New York City.
- (4) Height over all, 145 feet. Cost was included in Lyall & Sons' general contract.
- (5) Alphons Custodis Chimney Construction Co., sub-contract under Lyall & Sons.
- Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) From whom did the Government purchase site for telephone exchange in Saskatoon?

- (2) Price paid?
- (3) Name and amount of tender for building exchange?
- (4) Name of company that secured contract?
- (5) Cost of building when accepted by the Government?
- (6) Cost of repairs since building taken over by Government?
- Mr. Bell answered as follows:
- (1) Angus McMillan, Saskatoon;
- (2) \$21,850.00.
- (3) Parsons Building Company, Regina, \$35,900.00; for face brick, \$1,500.00; total \$37,400.00.
- (4) Parsons Building Company, Limited, \$37,400.00.
- (5) \$46,405.51.
- (6) \$2,939.39.

Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) What is the "Commission of Conservation" in the Province of Saskatchewan?
- (2) Names of members of Commission?
- (3) Are there any salaries or expenses?
- (4) The Saskatchewan Gazette of January 31 has an item to the effect that the Hon. George William Brown has been appointed a member of the Commission of Conservation. Is this the Federal or Provincial Commission?
- Mr. Calder answered as follows:
- (1) No such Commission exists.
- (2) Answered by reply to No. 1.
- (3) Answered by reply to No. 1.
- (4) The notice referred to has reference to the appointment of Hon. George William Brown as a member of the Federal Commission of Conservation. The appointment is honorary. No salary or remuneration is paid for services rendered.
- Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Question:
- (1) What was the cost to the province of the Commission on Education?
- Mr. Bell answered as follows:

The cost to the province of the Commission on Education was \$6,357.46.

On motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mark, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The number of rural telephone companies organised during the year ending December 31, 1915;
- (2) The number of rural telephone companies whose bonds were issued, approved and sold during the same year, indicating the total face value of such bonds;

- (3) The number of miles of rural telephone lines built by rural telephone companies in the province during 1915;
- (4) The number of new rural subscribers added to the system in the year 1915.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Tramping Lake), seconded by Mr. Totzke,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

The quantities of poultry and wool, respectively, handled and sold for farmers by the Department of Agriculture during the past season, indicating prices realised.

On motion of Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Finlayson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

How many prisoners were confined in all jails of the province on the following dates: January 1, 1913, 1914, 1915; July 1, 1913, 1914, 1915; September 1, 1913, 1914, 1915; November 1, 1913, 1914, 1915?

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return

- showing:

  (1) The names of all railroads and subsidiary companies, the bonds of which have been guaranteed by the Government, giving in each case:
  - (a) The amount of guarantee;
  - (b) The rate of interest guaranteed;
  - (c) The mileage completed and what it is made up of;
  - (d) The mileage not finished and the date of default of the company in completing.

On motion of Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Paulson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The total expenditures to date on account of drainage works under The Drainage Act;
- (2) The sources from which monies were derived for carrying on such works;
- (3) A list of drainage debentures sold and the proceeds of such debentures.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copy of Progressive Estimates under which advance payments were made to certain publications: 1914-15, May 19 and 29, June 5, 16 and 19; 1915-16, October 16 and 22.

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor of the books, accounts and vouchers of the Administrator of Lunatics' Estates, as provided for under section 10 of chapter 10 of the Statutes of 1914.

(Sessional Paper No. 54.)

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg to report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bills and have agreed to report the same, with amendments:

No. 14, Canadian Underwriters' Hail Insurance Company.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 20) to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 19) to confirm and make valid an agreement entered into between the Rural Municipality of Weyburn No 67 and William Millman.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the Report from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways concerning Bill (No. 20) to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan received today, be withdrawn.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 5) to regulate the Sales of Shares, Bonds and other Securities, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 8) respecting Public Highways and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again. Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The Order of the Day being read for the House in Committee of Supply,

Moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Turgeon,

That the Speaker do now leave the Chair,

And the Question being proposed,

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

That all the words after "that" to the end of the question be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Legislative Assembly, has been credibly informed and verily believes:

- (1) That a number of the Liberal Members of this Assembly were bribed in December, 1913, to oppose a Government Bill to Abolish the Bar, introduced to the Assembly in December, 1913.
- (2) That large sums of money were paid to Liberal Members of the said Assembly:
  - (a) By applicants for liquor licenses in order to secure same;
  - (b) By liquor licensees for campaign funds.
- (3) That at the direct instigation of Liberal Members of the said Assembly or their party friends, prosecutions against liquor licensees were stifled in consideration of political support and such licensees were intimidated by threats to give political support to the Government.
- (4) That friends of the Government obtained in advance information of the nature of the Government's liquor policy as announced by the Premier at Oxbow on March 18, 1915, and by reason of such information were enabled to dispose of hotel property to their advantage.
- (5) That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000.00 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, and for which no road work was done.

To the end of adequately and impartially investigating the said charges:

Be it Resolved, That this House, acting through the First Minister or Acting First Minister, do humbly petition His Honour R. S. Lake, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, to appoint a Royal Commission composed of Judges of this province to thoroughly investigate the said charges and all matters relating to the same and to report the evidence to this House, from time to time.

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And a debate arising.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Motherwell, Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.00 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Question: Is it the intention of the Government to make provision at this Session for the taking of the votes of the Saskatchewan Members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces at the next Provincial Election? Mr. Calder answered as follows:

The matter is under consideration. It is suggested that the Select Committee of the House on Election Law should deal with the question and report its conclusions to the House.

- Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:
  - (1) What, if any, relation is Stewart Young, employed as assistant paymaster in Relief Work, 1914, to the Prime Minister?
  - (2) In view of all assistant paymasters in such relief work receiving only \$3.00 per day save one who received \$4.00 per day, what special qualifications did the said Stewart Young possess to entitle him to \$175.00 per month?
  - Mr. Calder answered as follows:
  - (1) No relation.
  - (2) Stewart Young has been employed as District Surveyor and Engineer with this Department since July, 1913. His salary since May 1, 1914, has been at the rate of \$175.00 per month. In the fall of 1914, when war was declared, a considerable amount of survey work was discontinued for the year and Mr. Young was employed temporarily, both as assistant paymaster and paymaster in connection with relief work carried on by the Board in the south-west part of the province in the fall of 1914. No change was made in Mr. Young's salary for the time he was thus employed.

Moved by Mr. McNab, seconded by Mr. Motherwell, That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Resolution respecting Advances to be made by the Provincial Treasurer to the Minister of Public Works for the purchase of supplies necessary for the management and superintendence of public institutions.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, then acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That Mr Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a first time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a first time.

Ordered, That the Resolution be read a second time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a second time and concurred in.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the Provincial Treasurer may advance to the Minister such sums of money required for the purchase of supplies necessary to the management and superintendence of public institutions as may be authorised by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and the minister shall account for the purchases in such manner as may be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

On motion of Mr. McNab, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the Bill (No. 7) respecting Public Works, with instructions that they have power to make provision therein pursuant thereto.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 22) respecting the Manufacture of Butter and Cheese,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the amendment moved by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie, to the motion moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Turgeon.

That Mr Speaker do now leave the Chair.

That all the words after "that" to the end of the question be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Legislative Assembly, has been credibly informed and verily believes:

- (1) That a number of the Liberal Members of this Assembly were bribed in December, 1913, to oppose a Government Bill to Abolish the Bar, introduced to the Assembly in December, 1913.
- (2) That large sums of money were paid to Liberal Members of the said Assembly:
  - (a) By applicants for liquor licenses in order to secure same;

- (b) By liquor licensees for campaign funds.
- (3) That at the direct instigation of Liberal Members of the said Assembly or their party friends, prosecution against liquor licensees were stifled in consideration of political support and such licensees were intimidated by threats to give political support to the Government.
- (4) That friends of the Government obtained in advance information of the nature of the Government's liquor policy as announced by the Premier at Oxbow on March 18, 1915, and by reason of such information were enabled to dispose of hotel property to their advantage.
- (5) That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000.00 were paid out by the Government on varoius pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, and for which no road work was done.

To the end of adequately and impartially investigating the said charges:

Be it Resolved, That this House, acting through the First Minister or Acting First Minister, do humbly petition His Honour R. S. Lake, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, to appoint a Royal Commission composed of Judges of this province to thoroughly investigate the said charges and all matters relating to the same and to report the evidence to this House, from time to time.

And the debate continuing,

A point of order being raised that the member for Prince Albert should answer the questions asked by the members for Pinto Creek, Last Mountain, Milestone and Morse in the course of the debate as to whether they are included amongst those charged by him in the amendment moved by him to the motion moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Turgeon,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,

Mr. Speaker ruled that the member for Prince Albert must answer the questions asked by the members for Pinto Creek, Last Mountain, Milestone and Morse.

An appeal was taken by the member for Moose Jaw City against the decision of Mr. Speaker.

The decision of Mr. Speaker was supported on division.

The further point of Order was raised that as the member for Prince Albert refused to give the names as ordered by Mr. Speaker, his statement being that he was unable to state definitely which members were believed by him to be guilty, that his amendment to the motion moved by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Turgeon was out of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled that as the member for Prince Albert had no members definitely before his mind when moving his amendment, he ordered him to withdraw his amendment.

An appeal was taken by the member for Moose Jaw from the decision of the Speaker.

The decision of Mr. Speaker was supported on division.

Moved by Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. Motherwell,

That this House do now adjourn,

And a debate arising thereupon,

And the debate continuing,

The said motion was by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker again stated his ruling that the amendment of the member for Prince Albert must be withdrawn.

And the Question being again proposed,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

#### In the Committee.

- No. 1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Civil Government (Lieutenant Governor's Office).
- No. 2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Civil Government (Municipal Department).
- No. 3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and two thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Legislation.
- No. 4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Administration of Services (Provincial Secretary's Department).
- No. 5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding twenty-four thousand six hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Public Works Chargeable to Income (Public Buildings, Salaries and Maintenance and Institutional Expenses.
- No. 6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding twelve thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Agriculture (Assistance to Live Stock Industry).
- No. 7. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three thousand four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Agriculture (Assistance to Dairy and Poultry Industries).
- No. 8. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding six thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Agriculture (Publicity and Statistical Work).
- No. 9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Agriculture (Miscellaneous Services).
- No. 10. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Miscellaneous (Chargeable to Income).

### Resolutions to be Reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply for the fiscal year ending April, 30, 1916, be now read a first time.

The said Resolutions were accordingly read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

The said Resolutions were accordingly read a second time and agreed to, as follows:

- No. 1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Civil Government (Lieutenant Governor's Office).
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- No. 10. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Miscellaneous (Chargeable to Income).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 7) Respecting Public Works, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 7) be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 10.50 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

Moved by Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

That the following words used by Mr. Bradshaw in a Resolution moved by him in this House on Thursday, the tenth day of February, 1916, by way of amendment to a motion, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair:

"John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Legislative Assembly,

has been credibly informed and verily believes:

"(1) That a number of the Liberal Members of this Assembly were bribed in December, 1913, to oppose the Government Bill to Abolish the Bar, introduced to the Assembly in December, 1913,"

constitute a grave breach of the privileges of this House.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the Question being again proposed,

It was Resolved on division in the affirmative.

Moved by Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

That Mr. John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Assembly, be ordered to attend at his place in this House at eight o'clock in the afternoon today.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

It was Resolved on division in the affirmative.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:

(1) Is the report true that Mr. Romaniuk, lecturer in the Normal School, Regina, has been interned?

- (2) What credentials did he present to the Department of Education before his engagement?
- (3) Has the said Mr. Romaniuk been discharged from Government employ or not? If so, when?

Mr. Scott answered as follows:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Matriculation, University of Lemberg; three years' training for professional teachers at Lemberg Training College.
- (3) Yes; December 10.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) When did the Provincial Commission on Technical Education send in its report?
- (2) Is it the intention of the Government to publish the report? If so, when?

Mr. Scott answered as follows:

- (1) Education Commission report was submitted to the Lieutenant Governor in Council November 19, 1913.
- (2) Report was published Apri', 1915.

Moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Latta,

That whereas the present terminal elevator facilities at the lake front have proved insufficient to handle the Saskatchewan grain crop of 1915, thus producing blockade conditions throughout the whole province and rendering it impossible for many farmers to market their grain; and

Whereas the Saskatchewan farmers with the co-operation of the Government of this province have established a system of country elevators which is entirely dependent upon the present terminal facilities for an outlet at the lake ports; and

Whereas the farmers of Saskatchewan have demonstrated their ability to handle successfully through their system of co-operation the grain business within the province, and the disposal of their products at Winnipeg, even while dependent upon terminal facilities at the head of the lakes owned by other interests;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived now for the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator system to be extended to include the ownership and operation of terminal elevator facilities at the head of the lakes, and that if necessary the financial co-operation of the province be provided for this extension of the company's system.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And a debate continuing,

And at eight o'clock in the afternoon

Mr. Speaker informed the House that Mr. Bradshaw was in his place.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder, Ordered, That Messrs, Ireland and Demaray be authorised to come inside the Bar of this House to take down by means of stenography the Questions that will be put to Mr. Bradshaw, together with all he may say touching the matter now before this House.

Messrs. Ireland and Demaray were duly sworn by the Clerk of

the House.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the following Question be put to Mr. Bradshaw:

Are you Mr. John Ernest Bradshaw, whose name appears as the mover of the Resolution received on Thursday, the tenth day of February last, respecting, among other things, the alleged bribing of a number of the Liberal Members of this Assembly in connection with a Bill to Abolish the Bar introduced into this Assembly in December, 1913?

Mr. Speaker asked Mr. Bradshaw the Question as ordered by the House.

Mr. Bradshaw answered:

I am, Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the following Question be put to Mr. Bradshaw: Do you believe that you can establish by satisfactory evidence

the guilt of the Members referred to in your Resolution?

Mr. Speaker asked Mr. Bradshaw the Question as ordered by the House.

Mr. Bradshaw answered:

I do.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the following Question be put to Mr. Bradshaw: How many Members of this Assembly are included in this allegation of bribery?

Mr. Speaker asked Mr. Bradshaw the Question as stated.

Mr. Bradshaw answered:

I will give the information before the proper Tribunal.

Mr. Speaker ordered Mr. Bradshaw to answer the Question.

Mr. Bradshaw answered:

I regret, Mr. Speaker, to disobey your orders. I can only repeat what I have already said, that given the proper Tribunal the evidence will be submitted.

Mr. Speaker said:

I have followed the instructions and ordered him to answer, but the Hon. Member's reply was as in the first instance and the matter is now one for the House.

The general debate on the Question of Privilege continued.

It was moved by Mr. Leitch, seconded by Mr. Phin,

That Mr. Speaker ask Mr. Bradshaw the following Question:

Am I, M. L. Leitch, the member for Morse, among the number of the Liberal Members of this Assembly who were bribed in December 1913, to oppose a Government Bill to Abolish the Bar introduced to this Assembly in December, 1913?

It was passed on division.

Mr. Speaker asked Mr. Bradshaw the Question asked by Mr. Leitch.

Mr. Bradshaw refused to answer.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the following Question be put to Mr. Bradshaw: Who are the Members of this Assembly to whom you intended to refer in this allegation?

Mr. Speaker asked the Question as above stated.

Mr. Bradshaw answered as follows:

My former reply will answer that question.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the following Question be put to Mr. Bradshaw: Who gave you the information upon which you based your allegation of bribery against certain Members of this House?

Mr. Speaker asked the Question as above stated.

Mr. Bradshaw answered:

The documents that will be produced in support of the charge will give the names of these men.

Mr. Speaker put the Question a second time.

Mr. Bradshaw answered:

He is not entitled to that information or to receive a reply at this time and I am not going to give it.

Mr. Speaker stated:

I have put the Question twice and his last answer is, as I understand it, that he absolutely refuses to answer the Question.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the following Question be put to Mr. Bradshaw.

Has any Member of this House admitted to you that he had received a bribe in connection with the said Bill? If so, please give the name of such Member.

Mr. Speaker asked the Question as above stated.

Mr. Bradshaw answered as follows:

My answer to that is No!

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the following Question be put to Mr. Bradshaw: Please give the names, addresses and occupations of the persons

Please give the names, addresses and occupations of the persons who bribed the Member or any of the Members of this House upon the occasion in question, or who were in any manner involved in a scheme to bribe any Member or Members?

Mr. Speaker asked the Question as above stated.

Mr. Bradshaw answered as follows:

I have no answer to make to that Question.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the following Question be put to Mr. Bradshaw: Has any person, whether a Member of this House or not, admitted to you that he bribed, or assisted in bribing, or was a party to a scheme to bribe, any Member or Members of this House in connection with the said Bill?

Mr. Speaker asked the Question as above stated.

Mr. Bradshaw answered as follows:

I have no answer to make to that Question.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,.

Ordered, That Mr. Bradshaw, the Member for Prince Albert City, has rendered himself guilty of a contempt of this House and of a breach of its privileges by his refusal to answer the Questions put to him by Order of this House and that he be reprimanded in his place by Mr. Speaker, and that further action by this Assembly for the said contempt be deferred for future consideration.

Mr. Speaker addressed Mr. Bradshaw as follows:

I regret exceedingly that an unpleasant duty falls on me by reason of the motion just passed by the House. Your conduct has been such that this House has passed a motion that you be reprimanded for a serious breach of the privileges of the House and it seems to me that the conduct deserves the action which has been taken. I might point out that it is within the power of the House to inflict a much more severe penalty on you and I hope that you appreciate the leniency which the House has shown in dealing with you. This is the first time your conduct has been called in question and I trust that you will see to it that it will be the last time.

Moved by Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Motherwell,

That the Question of Privilege raised by Mr. Turgeon in this House today, together with that portion of a Resolution moved by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie on Thursday, the tenth day of February, 1916, and referred to in the said Question of Privilege, namely:

"John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Legislative Assembly,

has been credibly informed and verily believes:

"(1) That a number of the Liberal Members of this Assembly were bribed in December, 1913, to oppose a Government Bill to Abolish the Bar, introduced to the Assembly in December, 1913,"

as well as all proceedings connected with the said Question of Privilege, and all that portion of today's Votes and Proceedings relating to the appearance of Mr. Bradshaw, at his place in this House and his examination be referred to a Select Committee of this House, to be composed of Messrs. Sutherland, Wylie, Latta, Davidson and Larson, which Committee shall have power to take evidence under oath, to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, and that Mr. Bradshaw be ordered to appear before the said Committee on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of February, at 11 o'clock a.m.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the Question being again proposed,

It was Resolved on division in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause a subpoena or subpoenas to issue to R. H. Hill and Geo. Munshaw, to attend before the Public Accounts Committee on Wednesday, February 16, at 11 a.m., or at such other hour and date as may appear convenient, to give evidence concerning all matters pertaining to or in any way relating to the

sale of Lots 19 and 20, in Block 66, Swift Current, to the Government for telephone purposes and to bring with them all documents in their possession in anywise relating to the subject in question.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

# REGINA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

On motion of Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all letters, telegrams, reports or other documents relative to the investigation held into the conduct of Jas. E. Davis, accused of irregularities in connection with the Departmental examinations whilst acting as Principal of Govan School.

The Order of the Day being read for the postponed debate on the Resolution moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Latta,

That whereas the present terminal elevator facilities at the lake front have proved insufficient to handle the Saskatchewan grain crop of 1915, thus producing blockade conditions throughout the whole province, and rendering it impossible for many farmers to market their grain; and

Whereas the Saskatchewan farmers with the co-operation of the Government of this province have established a system of country elevators which is entirely dependent upon the present terminal facilities for an outlet at the lake ports; and

Whereas the farmers of Saskatchewan have demonstrated their ability to handle successfully through their system of co-operation the grain business within the province, and the disposal of their products at Winnipeg, even while dependent upon terminal facilities at the head of the lakes owned by other interests;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived now for the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator system to be extended to include the ownership and operation of terminal elevator facilities at the head of the lakes.

And the debate continuing, And the Question being again proposed, It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Moved by Mr Garry, seconded by Mr. Watson, That in the opinion of this House in order to secure to the farmers and people of Canada the advantages of the American market for wheat and wheat products, steps should be taken by the Federal Government to put these articles on the free list in the Canadian tariff and that pending such action preference should be given to the movement of wheat or other grain in Saskatchewan that is in floorless open bins or on the ground, of which there is over 6,000,000 bushels at this date, if with the advent of spring serious loss is to be averted.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

That all the words after "that" be struck out and the following inserted:

"Inasmuch as the Government of the Dominion of Canada possesses sole powers of legislation in all matters relating to the tariff, and The Manitoba Grain Act regulates the distribution of cars for shipment of grain and it is not within the competence of this House to regulate the same, it is inexpedient for this House to attempt to interefere therewith."

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being put on the amendment,

The House divided and the names being called for were taken down as follows:

#### NAYS.

## Messieurs.

Scott (Swift Current)	Mitchell	McNab
Stewart	Calder	Motherwell
Finlayson	Garry .	Johnston (Pelly)
Bell	Atkinson	Johnston (Melfort)
Moore	Smith	Scott (Arm River)
Robertson	Scott (Tramping Lake)	Paulson
Gardiner	Beaudreau	Clinch
Phin	Forsyth	Larson
Harris	Cunningham	${ m Malcolm}$
Mark	Watson	Magee
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Davidson—4

So it passed in the negative.

And the main Question being again proposed,

The House divided and the names being called for were taken down as follows:

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#### NAYS.

## Messieurs.

Willoughby Wylie

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Davidson-4

And so it was Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Garry, seconded by Mr. Watson, Ordered, That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that a copy of the Resolution relating to free wheat be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Canada for transmission to His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Names of all employees in connection with the North Battleford Asylum and nature of employment;

The post office address of each employee at the time of engagement by Asylum authorities.

Ordered, That Mr. Scott (Swift Current), have leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Legislative Assembly Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 23) to amend The Legislative Assembly Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 23) to amend The Legislative Assembly Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments. Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 23) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 7) respecting Public Works,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 7) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Public Works."

The Order of the Day being read for the House in Committee of Ways and Means,

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

## In the Committee.

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the Public Service for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1916, the sum of one hundred and seventy-two thousand one hundred and seventy dollars be granted out of the General Revenue of the province.

# Resolutions to be Reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

On motion, of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means be now read a first time.

The said Resolutions were accordingly read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

The said Resolutions were accordingly read a second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell have leave to introduce a Bill for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth day of April, 1916.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received

and read the first time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and Ordered, To be read a third time today.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth day of April, 1916."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 11) to amend The Hotel Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 10.45 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions: Was a party by the name of Isinghardt in the employ of the Government as Registrar or Clerk of Court at Weyburn during the past year?

Has he been dismissed?

If so, for what cause?

Was he short in his accounts?

If so, what steps have been taken to collect shortage and has any action been taken against the said Isinghardt?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

- (1) No, but there was a Paul Eisenhardt employed by the Provincial Government in the capacity of Local Registrar of the Supreme Court for the Judicial District of Weyburn and also Clerk of the Surrogate Court for the said Judicial District.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Defalcations.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) A considerable portion of the shortage has already been collected and further action is under consideration.

Mr. Robinson asked the Government the following Question: What steps is the Department of Education taking to extend the teaching of Household Science and Elementary Agriculture?

Mr. Scott (Swift Current), answered as follows:

In January, 1915, Miss F. A. Twiss was appointed Director of Household Science.

She has organised the various phases of Household Science in the normal schools, certain of the high schools and a considerable number of rural schools. She gave lectures at the Summer Course in Household Science held at the Provincial Normal School, Regina, in July, besides at normal school sessions for all classes of teachers, at various institutes, conventions and other gatherings of teachers, homemakers' clubs and trustees' conventions. She has given attention to cookery

and food values, sewing, household sanitation and hygiene, personal hygiene and the noon lunch in rural schools.

In May, 1915, two Directors of School Agriculture were appointed, A. W. Cocks, B.Sc., and F. W. Bates, M.Sc., the former to organise work in nature study and school agriculture and horticulture in the southern part of the province, the latter in the northern part, with headquarters at Regina and Saskatoon respectively.

Lectures have been given in elementary science and school agriculture at all sessions of the Normal School and before conventions of trustees and teachers. School fairs have been organised and a policy and programme outlined for the current year in all the practicable phases of school garden work. Arrangements have been made to distribute reliable seeds for school garden work at a minimum price to every school in the province undertaking such work. Pamphlets have been issued on School Gardens (with a seed catalogue), Tree Planting and Rural Education Associations.

The policy of the department and the general direction of the work is in the hands of the Agricultural Instruction Committee, consisting of officials of the department of Education, the Department of Agriculture and the College of Agriculture.

Moved by Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Mother-well

That whereas John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, did from his place in this House on Thursday, the tenth day of February, 1916, state he had been credibly informed and did verily believe "That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, and for which no road work was done;"

And whereas the said John Ernest Bradshaw on Friday, the eleventh day of February, speaking from his place in this House did state that he clearly understood his responsibility as a Member in making the said allegation and the possible consequences thereof if he failed to prove the same and did further state that he was prepared to adduce evidence to substantiate the aforesaid allegations;

And whereas the widespread publication of the said allegation in the press of the province has been the means of arousing the gravest suspicion against the Government of Saskatchewan, the members of the Board of Highway Commissioners, all contractors who undertook or were paid for any of the said contracts, as well as the numerous officials of the said board, who were in any way responsible for any of the said contracts and all payments made thereon;

And whereas it is the bounden duty and privilege as well as the constitutional right of the Members of this Assembly as representatives of the electors of Saskatchewan to inquire into all matters and things pertaining to the expenditures of public funds by any and every branch and department of the public service;

And whereas it is desirable in the general public interest that the said John Ernest Bradshaw should be afforded the fullest opportunity at the earliest possible date to substantiate the allegation he has made: Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the said allegation made by the said John Ernest Bradshaw, namely, "That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, and for which no road work was done," be referred to the Select Standing Committee of this House on Public Accounts and Printing, with instructions that they fully inquire into the same, with power to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation; and that the Committee do report in full to this House the evidence taken before them and all their proceedings on the reference and the result of their inquiries.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the Speaker having announced that as it was thirty minutes after five o'clock p.m. that he would leave the Chair.

Mr. Sutherland asked for leave to revert to the Order of Business Presenting Reports of Standing and Select Committees.

And leave being granted, he presented the following Report:

Mr. Sutherland, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the allegations of bribery in connection with the Banish the Bar Bill of 1913, begs to report as follows:

- (1) That Mr. John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Assembly for Prince Albert City, refused to be sworn and give evidence before the said Committee this morning;
- (2) That Mr. Speaker be requested to cause his subpoena to issue to such parties as may be required by the said Committee at the demand of the Chairman thereof, or of any Member of the Assembly, made through said Chairman,

On motion of Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Latta, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

8 o'clock P.M.

The House then resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Motherwell:

That whereas John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, did from his place in this House on Thursday, the tenth day of February, 1916, state he had been credibly informed and did verily believe "That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, and for which no road work was done;"

And whereas the said John Ernest Bradshaw, on Friday, the eleventh day of February, speaking from his place in this House did state that he clearly understood his responsibility as a Member in making the said allegation and the possible consequences thereof if he failed to prove the same and did further state that he was prepared to adduce evidence to substantiate the aforesaid allegations:

And whereas the widespread publication of the said allegation in the press of the province has been the means of arousing the gravest suspicion against the Government of Saskatchewan, the members of the Board of Highways Commissioners, all contractors who undertook or were paid for any of the said contracts, as well as the numerous officials of the said board, who were in any way responsible for any of the said contracts and all payments made thereon;

And whereas it is the bounden duty and privilege as well as the constitutional right of the Members of this Assembly as representatives of the electors of Saskatchewan to inquire into all matters and things pertaining to the expenditures of public funds by any and every branch and department of the public service;

And whereas it is desirable in the general public interest that the said John Ernest Bradshaw should be afforded the fullest opportunity at the earliest possible date to substantiate the allegation he has made;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the said allegation made by the said John Ernest Bradshaw, namely, "That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, and for which no road work was done," be referred to the Select Standing Committee of this House on Public Accounts and Printing, with instructions that they fully inquire into the same, with power to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation; and that the Committee do report in full to this House the evidence taken before them and all their proceedings on the reference and the result of their inquiries.

And the debate continuing,

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

That all the words after "that" be struck out and the following substituted:

Whereas it is desirable in the general public interest that John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this House, be afforded the fullest possible opportunity at the earliest possible moment to substantiate the charges by him made in this House on the tenth day of February, 1916;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That all the said charges be referred to a Royal Commission composed of judges of this province to promptly investigate the same and all matters relating thereto and report the evidence from time to time to this House.

And the Question being put on the amendment,

And a debate arising.

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again put on the amendment,

The House divided and the names being called for were taken down as follows:

YEAS.

Messieurs.

Willoughby

Wylie Davidson—4 Bradshaw

# NAYS. Messieurs.

Scott (Swift Current)	${f Malcolm}$	Harris
Turgeon	$\operatorname{Calder}$	McNab
Stewart	Simpson	Motherwell
Finlayson	$\operatorname{Bell}$	Johnston (Pelly)
Johnston (Melfort)	$\operatorname{Smith}$	Scott (Tramping Lake)
Totzke	Moorė	Nolin
Scott (Arın River)	Robertson	Robinson

Paulson Beaudreau Forsyth
Clinch Gardiner Phin
Pierce Leitch Bashford
Larson Latta Mark
Cunningham Hall—35

So it passed in the negative. And the main Question being again proposed, It was Resolved on division in the affirmative.

Mr. Motherwell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House Dated February 10, 1916,

showing:

The quantities of poultry and wool, respectively, handled and sold for farmers by the Department of Agriculture during the past season, indicating prices realised. (Sessional Paper No. 55.)

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 23) to amend The Legislative Assembly Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 23) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act."

And then the House adjourned at 11.00 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) A statement of the number of motor cars supplied by the Government or any Department of the Government to employees of the Highway Commission;
- (2) The names and addresses of the persons so supplied;
- (3) The annual amount paid for upkeep, stating each separately;
- (4) The make and name, license number, and cost of each car, and the person or firm from whom same were purchased;

(5) A statement of the number of cars sold or otherwise disposed of, giving the name and address of the recipient in each case, together with the sale price and terms.

Moved by Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Calder, That the House do now adjourn.

And a debate arising,

3.30 о'сьоск р.м.

His Honour Richard Stuart Lake, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan, being seated on the Throne,

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Titles of the Bills to be assented to as follows:

An Act respecting Public Works.

An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act.

The assent to these Bills was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

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

Mr. Speaker then said:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan in session assembled approach Your Honour with sentiments of unfeigned loyalty and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of Money for the Public Service of the Fiscal Year ending the thirtieth day of April, 1916," thus placing at the disposal of His Majesty the means by which the Government can be made efficient for the service and welfare of the province.

The assent of this Bill was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

"In His Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank the Legislative Assembly, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill."

And the debate continuing on the motion moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Calder,

That the House do now adjourn,

The said Resolution was by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Scott, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 15, 1916, showing:

Copies of all letters, telegrams, reports or other documents relative to the investigation held into the conduct of Jas. E. Davis, accused of irregularities in connection with the Departmental examinations whilst acting as Principal of Govan School.

(Sessional Paper No. 56.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing:

- (1) The number of rural telephone companies organised during the year ending December 31, 1915;
- (2) The number of rural telephone companies whose bonds were issued, approved and sold during the same year, indicating the total face value of such bonds;
- (3) The number of miles of rural telephone lines built by rural telephone companies in the province during 1915;
- (4) The number of new rural subscribers added to the system in the year 1915. (Sessional Paper No. 57.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing:

- (1) The total expenditures to date on account of drainage works under The Drainage Act;
- (2) The sources from which monies were derived for carrying on such works;
- (3) A list of drainage debentures sold and the proceeds of such debentures. (Sessional Paper No. 58.)

Mr. McNab, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 15, 1916, showing:

- (1) Names of all employees in connection with the North Battleford Asylum and nature of employment;
- (2) The post office address of each employee at the time of engagement by Asylum authorities.

(Sessional Paper No. 59.)

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 18) respecting Town Planning,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Municipal Law.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 21) to amend The Horse Breeders' Act.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Scott (Swift Current).

Ordered, That the report from the sworn stenographers of the questions submitted to Mr. Bradshaw and his answers thereto and the words used by Mr. Bradshaw and by Mr. Speaker in addressing him in the course of the proceedings on the evening of Monday,

February 14, 1916, be substituted in the Votes and Proceedings of that Day, for those now printed therein.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 9) to incorporate The Agricultural Insurance Company, Limited, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 9) be read a third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 14) to incorporate The Canadian Underwriters' Hail Insurance Company, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 14) be read a third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 10) to incorporate The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 10) be read a third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 13) to incorporate Les Soeurs de Notre Dame D'Auvergne, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 13) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 22) respecting the Manufacture of Butter and Cheese, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 8) respecting Public Highways, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 11) to amend The Hotel Act and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 21) to amend The Horse Breeders' Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 9.45 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg to report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bills and have agreed to report the same:

No. 19. The Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67 and William Millman.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Sutherland from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the allegations of bribery in connection with the Banish the Bar Bill of 1913, presented the following Report:

The Select Committee appointed to inquire into the allegations of bribery in connection with the Banish the Bar Bill of 1913, beg to report that Mr. Frank Brunner appeared before the Committee this morning and after being sworn refused to answer questions put to him touching the matter in question before the Committee for investigation. The Committee recommends that proper and necessary steps be taken by this House to deal with the question of Mr. Brunner's refusal to testify, and that leave be given to the Committee to continue its sittings and to report from time to time to the House.

On motion of Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Latta, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Latta, seconded by Mr. Larson,

Ordered, That Frank Brunner, named in the Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into certain allegations of bribery in connection with the Banish the Bar Bill in December, 1913, be ordered to attend at the Bar of this House at eight o'clock of the afternoon today to be examined as to his conduct in refusing to answer the questions put to him by the said Committee, and to answer the said questions put to him in the said Committee, and any other questions that may be put to him and to be further dealt with as this House may order.

Moved by Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Motherwell.

That whereas John Ernest Bradshaw a Member of the Legislative, Assembly of Saskatchewan, did from his place in this House on Thursday, the tenth day of February, 1916, state he had been credibly informed and did verily believe:

- (1) That large sums of money were paid to Liberal Members of the said Assembly:
  - (a) By applicants for liquor licenses in order to secure same;
  - (b) By liquor licensees for campaign funds;
- (2) That at the direct instigation of Liberal Members of the said Assembly or their party friends prosecutions against liquor licensees were stifled in consideration of political support and such licensees were intimidated by threats to give political support to the Government;
- (3) That friends of the Government obtained advance information of the nature of the Government's liquor policy as announced by the Premier at Oxbow on March 18, 1915, and by reason of such information were enabled to dispose of hotel properties to their advantage;

And whereas the said John Ernest Bradshaw on Friday, the eleventh day of February, speaking from his place in this House, did state that he clearly understood his responsibility as a Member in making the said allegations and the possible consequences thereof if he failed to prove the same and did further state that he was prepared to adduce evidence to substantiate each and every one of the aforesaid allegations;

And whereas it is desirable in the general public interest that the said John Ernest Bradshaw should be afforded the fullest opportunity at the earliest possible date to prove all such portions of the said allegations as concern this Legislative Assembly, the conduct of its Members and the administration of justice in this province;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House composed of Messrs. Magee, Gardiner, Robinson, Davidson, and Wylie do inquire into and report to this House upon the several matters referred to in the following questions, which are based on the aforesaid allegations of the said John Ernest Bradshaw, namely:

- (1) Has any Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan received any sum of money from any applicant for a liquor license for the purpose of securing such license? If so, what Member or Members and what sum or sums of money were so paid and by whom?
- (2) Was any prosecution against a liquor licensee in this province stifled at the direct instigation of any Member of this Assembly? If so, what prosecution or prosecutions and what Member or Members are responsible for stifling the same?
- (3) Was any liquor licensee in this province intimidated by the threats of any Member of the Government of Saskatchewan, by any Member of the Board of License Commissioners or by any Member of this Assembly to give political support to the present Government of Saskatchewan? If so, what licensee or licensees, by whom and under what circumstances?
- (4) Did any Member of the Government of Saskatchewan give advance information of the nature of the Government liquor policy as announced by the Premier at Oxbow on March 18, 1915? If so, what Member of the Government and to whom was such information given?

Which Committee shall have power to take evidence under oath and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the Speaker announced that as it was thirty minutes after five o'clock p.m. he would leave the Chair.

8 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that it was eight o'clock in the afternoon, the time appointed for Mr. Frank Brunner to appear at the Bar of the House.

The Sergeant-at-Arms appeared at the Table and announced that Mr. Frank Brunner was ready.

Mr. Speaker then said, "Bring the witness in."

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That Messrs. Ireland and Demaray be authorised to come inside the Bar of this House to take down by means of stenography the questions that will be put to Mr. Brunner, together with all he may say touching the matter now before this House.

Messrs. Ireland and Demaray were duly sworn by the Clerk of

the House.

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the following question be put to Mr. Brunner:

Are you Mr. Frank Brunner, of Regina?

Mr. Speaker then asked the question.

Mr. Brunner answered:

I am.

On motion of Mr. Latta, seconded by Mr. Larson,

Ordered, That the following Question be put to Mr. Brunner:

Are you aware that this House is inquiring through a Committee into the truth of an allegation that a number of Members of this House were bribed to vote against "A Bill to Abolish the Bar" introduced into this House in December, 1913?

Mr. Speaker then asked the question.

Mr. Brunner answered:

I refuse to answer any questions that might incriminate myself.

On motion of Mr. Latta, seconded by Mr. Larson,

Ordered, That the following question be put to Mr. Brunner:

Did you bribe any Member or assist in bribing any Member upon the occasion in question?

Mr. Speaker then asked the question.

Mr. Brunner answered:

I refuse to answer that question.

On motion of Mr. Latta, seconded by Mr. Larson,

Ordered, That the following question be put to Mr. Brunner:

Were you a party to any scheme or conspiracy to bribe any Member or Members of this Assembly upon the occasion in question?

Mr. Speaker then asked the question.

Mr. Brunner answered:

I shall not answer, Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Latta, seconded by Mr. Larson,

Ordered, That the following question be put to Mr. Brunner:

Name the Member or Members whom you bribed or who to your knowledge were bribed on the occasion in question.

Mr. Speaker then asked the question.

Mr. Brunner answered:

I refuse to answer.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Scott (Arm River), Ordered, That Frank Brunner, now at the Bar of the House, be committed for his contempt of this House in refusing to answer the questions put to him to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms during the pleasure of this House.

Mr. Speaker addressed Mr. Brunner as follows:

Mr. Brunner, you are committed to the charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms during the pleasure of this House.

The House then resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Motherwell,

That whereas John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, did from his place in this House on Thursday, the tenth day of February, 1916, state he had been credibly informed and did verily believe:

- (1) That large sums of money were paid to Liberal Members of the said Assembly:
  - (a) By applicants for liquor licenses in order to secure same;
  - (b) By liquor licensees for campaign funds;

- (2) That at the direct instigation of Liberal Members of the said Assembly or their party friends prosecutions against liquor licensees were stifled in consideration of political support and such licensees were intimidated by threats to give political support to the Government;
- (3) That friends of the Government obtained advance information of the nature of the Government's liquor policy as announced by the Premier at Oxbow on March 18, 1915, and by reason of such information were enabled to dispose of hotel properties to their advantage;

And whereas the said John Ernest Bradshaw on Friday, the eleventh day of February, speaking from his place in this House, did state that he clearly understood his responsibility as a Member in making the said allegations and the possible consequences thereof if he failed to prove the same and did further state that he was prepared to adduce evidence to substantiate each and every one of the aforesaid allegations;

And whereas it is desirable in the general public interest that the said John Ernest Bradshaw should be afforded the fullest opportunity at the earliest possible date to prove all such portions of the said allegations as concern this Legislative Assembly, the conduct of its Members and the administration of justice in this province;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That a Select Committee of this House composed of Messrs. Magee, Gardiner, Robinson, Davidson and Wylie do inquire into and report to this House upon the several matters referred to in the following questions, which are based on the aforesaid allegations of the said John Ernest Bradshaw, namely:

- (1) Has any Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan received any sum of money from any applicant for a liquor license for the purpose of securing such license? If so, what Member or Members and what sum or sums of money were so paid and by whom?
- (2) Was any prosecution against a liquor licensee in this province stifled at the direct instigation of any Member of this Assembly? If so, what prosecution or prosecutions and what Member or Members are responsible for stifling the same?
- (3) Was any liquor licensee in this province intimidated by the threats of any Member of the Government of Saskatchewan, by any Member of the Board of License Commissioners or by any Member of this Assembly to give political support to the present Government of Saskatchewan? If so, what licensee or licensees, by whom and under what circumstances?
- (4) Did any Member of the Government of Saskatchewan give advance information of the nature of the Government liquor policy as announced by the Premier at Oxbow on March 18, 1915? If so, what Member of the Government and to whom was such information given?

Which Committee shall have power to take evidence under oath and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

And the debate continuing,

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

That all the words after "that" be struck out and the following substituted:

Whereas it is desirable in the general public interest that John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this House, be afforded the fullest possible opportunity at the earliest possible moment to substantiate the charges made by him in this House on the tenth day of February, 1916;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That all the said charges be referred to a Royal Commission composed of judges of this province to promptly investigate the same and all matters relating thereto and report the evidence from time to time to this House.

And the Question being put on the amendment,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again put on the amendment,

The House divided and the names being called for were taken down as follows:

#### YEAS.

M	essieurs.

Willoughby Davidson Wylie Tate—5 Bradshaw

Magee

McNab

Motherwell

#### NAYS.

## Messieurs.

Scott (Swift Current) Calder Turgeon Garry Stewart Simpson Finlayson Bell Johnston (Melfort) Moore Totzke Robertson Scott (Arm River) Beaudreau Clinch Gardiner Pierce Leitch Larson Latta Mitchell Harris Hall--34

Johnston (Pelly) Atkinson Scott (Tramping Lake)

Nolin Robinson Phin Bashford Mark

So it passed in the negative.

And the main question being again proposed,

The House divided and the names being called for were taken down as follows:

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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Willoughby, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) A statement of the number of provincial employees who have enlisted for overseas service;
- (2) The names of employees so enlisting;
- (3) A copy of the regulation made for the payment to the said employees, or their families, of the salaries which they were in receipt of at the time of enlistment;
- (4) Date when such arrangement expires;
- (5) List of persons entitled to receive these salaries, to whom the same has not as yet been paid over.

On motion of Mr. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. Clinch, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all information in possession of the Government, or any Member thereof, or any Department of the Government relating to any judgment or judgments rendered by the Honourable Mr. Justice Farrell of the Saskatchewan District Court sitting as a Court of Assessment Appeals upon cases of a school district, ratepayer, or ratepayers, in the matter of his or their support of a public school district or a separate school district respectively.

Mr. Scott, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 18, 1916, showing:

- (1) A statement of the number of provincial employees who have enlisted for overseas service;
- (2) The names of employees so enlisting;
- (3) A copy of the regulations made for the payment of the said employees, or their families, of the salaries which they were in receipt of at the time of enlistment;

- (4) Date when such arrangement expires;
- (5) List of persons entitled to receive these salaries, to whom the same has not as yet been paid over.

(Sessional Paper No. 60.)

The following statement was made by Mr. Calder:

Before the House adjourns tonight I have a statement to make of very grave importance in reference to the road charges preferred by the Member for Prince Albert City.

Very shortly after I had finished addressing the House on Wednesday night last on the same charges I was called from the Chamber and was told that one of the officials of the Highways Department had left the City. Upon making inquiries, I learned in due course that the circumstances surrounding his departure were such as to lead to a suspicion that he was directly connected with the allegation made that sums of money had been fraudulently taken from the Public Treasury.

Since that time every effort has been made to find or locate the official in question and, in addition, inquiries have been conducted departmentally and otherwise to ascertain just as quickly as possible all the facts relating to any defalcation that may have taken place. As a result of these inquiries, it is my duty to advise the House that material evidence is now in possession of the Government which goes to prove beyond any doubt that one of the officials of the Highways Department has committed a crime in wrongfully taking from the Public Treasury considerable sums of money to which he was in no way entitled. This has been accomplished without the knowledge of any Minister of the Crown, and, in so far as we know, without the knowledge of any of the responsible deputy heads or chief officers of any of the Departments concerned.

The particular charge made in reference to road work by the Member for Prince Albert City has been referred to the Public Accounts Committee. A meeting of the Committee is called for Monday next at 2 p.m. to take evidence, and I trust that every Member of the Committee, including Members of the Opposition, will be present.

It is to be regretted that the Member for Prince Albert City did not adopt an entirely different course in dealing with this important matter. Having knowledge, as he purports to have, that a crime had been committed against the Crown, he should not have assumed that either the Government or the majority of this Assembly would have attempted to shield the culprit or culprits. It was his duty to advise the Attorney General or myself of the facts, in order that immediate steps might have been taken to apprehend the guilty. Instead, he has adopted a method of bringing the matter to the attention of the Government in the only way that has given those who may be guilty an opportunity to escape. Even at this late date I trust he will without any further delay place us in possession of the material evidence which he has in order that full justice may be speedily done.

I need only add that what has been discovered has come as a complete surprise to every Member of the Government and to the deputy heads of all the Departments concerned. Since we have

learned of it we are more determined than ever to get to the very bottom of the situation, and I ask in all sincerity that the Leader of the Opposition and his followers will reconsider their attitude and join with the Government and the Liberal Members of this House in an earnest effort to get at all the facts relating in any way to these road charges.

In view of the circumstances mentioned, it seems to me that the attitude of the Opposition in insisting upon a reference of this particular charge to a Commission of Judges is most unfortunate. Any such action upon the part of the Assembly could result only in some considerable delay that would undoubtedly tend to defeat the ends of justice. What is required immediately is a speedy knowledge of the material facts in order that the guilty parties, whoever they are, may be apprehended at once with a view to bringing the whole matter to the Courts of the province.

And then the House adjourned at 10.45 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

Before the commencement of the business of the House Mr. Scott (Swift Current) rose to a Question of Privilege, in the course of which he again asked Mr. Bradshaw if he was prepared to formulate any definite charges against any member of the Government.

Mr. Bradshaw then read the following statement:

I, John Ernest Bradshaw, Member for Prince Albert, state that notwithstanding my statement made prior thereto in the House and reiterated at the evening Session of the House on Friday, the eighteenth instant that the evidence submitted to me implicated Members of the Government, the Government did vote down the amendment of the Opposition moved at said Session to refer all charges 2, 3 and 4 contained in the original resolution by me made on the floor of the Assembly on the tenth instant to a Royal Commission and referred said charges 2, 3 and 4 (except that portion of charge 2 which asserts that large sums were paid by liquor licensees for campaign funds) to a special committee. The charge that liquor licensees paid large sums to Liberal Members of the House for campaign funds has not been referred to any committee.

I charge that in March, 1912, Honourable J. A. Calder did promise to make certain amendments to The Liquor Act requested by the Licensed Victuallers' Association in consideration of the promise of political support of the Licensed Victuallers' Association and hotel-keepers at the then next Provincial Election, which was later held in July, 1912, and that the Attorney General confirmed the arrangement to give said concessions.

That the Attorney General borrowed from the Metropole Hotel' Company, Limited, of Regina, a liquor licensee, on or about June 29, 1914, the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars as a personal accommodation for which cheque No. 3310A was issued and that said money was not repaid until over a year later.

That hotel-keepers at Swift Current contributed some \$1,500,00 to the campaign funds to aid in the election of the Honourable Walter Scott for the electoral district of Swift Current in 1912, and that certain of them took a most active part and incurred much additional expenses to that end.

That the Honourable A. P. McNab was a party to having charges against licensees for infractions of The Liquor License Act withdrawn

in consideration of promised political support.

Messrs. Scott, Calder, Turgeon and McNab successively made statements concerning the said charges.

Moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the names of Messieurs Wylie and Davidson be struck off the Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into the statement made by Mr. John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Assembly:

"(1) That a number of the Liberal Members of this Assembly were bribed in December, 1913, to oppose the Government Bill to Abolish the Bar, introduced to the Assembly in December, 1913,"

and that the names of Messieurs Garry and Finlayson be added to the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bashford,

Ordered, That an Humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor praying that a copy of the Resolution relating to "School Lands" be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Canada for transmission to His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council.

Ordered, That Mr. Scott (Swift Current), have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The School Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered. To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Scott have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The School Assessment Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Homestead Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Farm Implement Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The City Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Arrears of Taxes Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Rural Municipality Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Motherwell have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Stray Animals Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Johnston (Melfort), seconded by Mr. Atkinson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all information in possession of the Government, or any Member thereof, or any Department of the Government, relating to any judgment or judgments given by the Honourable T. H. McGuire, when a Judge of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories or Chief Justice thereof, or by the Honourable H. W. Newlands, a Judge of the Saskatchewan Supreme Court, or when a Judge of the North-West Territories Supreme Court, sitting respectively as a Court of Assessment Revision upon cases of an appeal or appeals of a school district ratepayer or ratepayers, in the matter of his or their support of a public school district or a separate school district respectively.

On motion of Mr. Totzke, seconded by Mr. Smith, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of any request or requests made to the Government or any Member thereof, or to any department of the Government, and of any other correspondence leading to the introduction into this Assembly of the amendment to The School Act contained in section 3 of chapter 35 of the Statutes of 1912-13.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Scott (Arm River), Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Copy or copies of any judgment or judgments in possession of the Government given by Honourable Mr. Justice McLorg of the District Court of Saskatoon upon appeals carried by school ratepayers in the Vonda School Districts, public and separate, against their assessment as public school supporters or as separate school supporters, as the case might be.
- (2) Copies of any correspondence between the Government or any member thereof and the Honourable Mr. Justice McLorg in relation to said judgment or judgments or to the appeal cases affected by the same.

Mr. Scott, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Annual Report of the Department of Education.

(Sessional Paper No. 61.)

Mr. Scott, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 18, 1916, showing:

Copies of all information in possession of the Government, or any Member thereof, or any department of the Government relating to any judgment or judgments rendered by His Honour Justice Farrell of the Moosomin District Court sitting as a Court of Assessment Appeals upon cases of a school district, ratepayer, or ratepayers, in the matter of his or their support of a public school district or a separate school district respectively. (Sessional Paper No. 62.)

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 4) respecting Villages, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 3) respecting Vital Statistics, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 3) be read a third time on Friday next.

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor signed by His Honour.

And the message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered) and is as followeth:

R. S. LAKE,

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending April 30 1917, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly (Sessional Paper No. 63.)

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the message of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, together with the estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The House according to Order, resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 19) to confirm and make valid an agreement entered into between The Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67 and William Millman, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill.

Ordered That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 19) be read a third time on Wednesday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 4) respecting Villages, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 4) be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Scott (Swift Current), made the following statement:

With reference to the statement made to the House this afternoon by the Member for Prince Albert City, in which he made certain alleged charges against four of the Members of the Government, I desire to intimate to the House the decision which the Government has reached as to what should be done in the case of each of the alleged charges and the reasons therefor.

The first of these alleged charges is as follows: "That in March, 1912, the Hon. J. A. Calder did promise to make certain amendments to The Liquor Act requested by the Licensed Victuallers' Association in consideration of the promise of political support of the Licensed Victuallers' Association and hotel-keepers at the next provincial election, which was later held in July, 1912, and that the Attorney General confirmed this arrangement to give said concessions."

As regards the alleged charge, it would seem that before this House is called upon to decide whether or not it should be inquired into by a Commission or otherwise, the Member for Prince Albert City should indicate clearly to the House the nature of the crime or wrong committed. To merely suggest, as does the member for Prince Albert City, that the promise to pass certain amendments or the actual passing of such amendments, even if such a promise were given for the consideration of the support of a large body of electors, does not in the opinion of the Government constitute any crime or wrong worthy of the further consideration of the House. As an illustration of what I mean, take the following example. The temperance forces of Saskatchewan repeatedly approached the Government for amendments to the Liquor License Law. Assuming that upon one occasion their proposed amendments were considered and agreed upon what crime or wrong would be committed in asking them for their support if the amendments were passed?

The Grain Growers of Saskatchewan are continuously demanding Free Wheat. They recently interviewed the Hon. Robert Rogers with regard thereto. Assuming that the Federal Government was prepared to grant the request of our organised farmers' associations what crime or wrong would be committed if the Hon. Robert Rogers had promised the amendment in consideration of the support of these associations? Would such action on his part be a proper subject for an inquiry by a Royal Commission? In addition it should be remembered that the Ministers in question have from their places here denied the truth of this allegation.

In the opinion of the Government before the alleged charge should be further proceeded with, the Member for Prince Albert City should clearly indicate:

- (a) The nature of the crime, wrong or impropriety involved in this alleged charge;
- (b) The year or years in which the said promised amendments were made and the reason why each of such amendments was improper or undesirable.

The second of these alleged charges is as follows, namely: "That the Attorney General borrowed from the Metropole Hotel Company, Limited, of Regina, a liquor licensee, on or about June 29, 1914, the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) as a personal accommodation, for which cheque No. 3310A was issued and that said money was not repaid until over a year later."

This charge on the face of it alleges nothing inproper.

In view of the statement submitted to the House this afternoon by the Attorney General in explanation of all the circumstances relating to the issue of the cheque in question the Government is of the opinion that no Member of the House (including Members of the Opposition) has any desire that the matter should be further inquired into. If, however, the Member for Prince Albert City still has any doubt regarding any of the details of the circumstances related by the Attorney General, it is his duty to make the same known to the House in order that the necessity for any inquiry may be decided upon.

The third of these alleged charges is as follows namely: "That hotel-keepers at Swift Current contributed some \$1,500 to the cam-

paign funds to aid in the election of the Hon. Walter Scott for the electoral division of Swift Current in 1912 and that certain of them took a more active part and incurred much additional expenses to that end."

Here again the allegation charges nothing necessarily improper. It is not alleged that the campaign funds in question were contributed with my personal knowledge. Moreover, I have denied and do again deny any knowledge of such contribution. It appears to the Government that in order to constitute a charge of wrong-doing it would first have to be alleged that I knew of these contributions and consented to them and also that the said contributions were made on account of some wrongful consideration.

Further, it is an accepted fact that the mere contribution of campaign funds from any quarter does not in the absence of any improper motive or consideration constitute in itself a crime or a wrong.

The fourth charge is as follows, namely: "That the Hon. A. P McNab was a party to having charges against licensees for infractions of The Liquor License Act withdrawn in consideration of promised political support."

In the opinion of the Government this allegation implies on the face of it a wrongful act by a Minister of the Crown. However, no particulars are given as to names, dates and other attendant circumstances. On the ground of the lack of specific detail, the Government would probably be justified in refusing to give the matter further consideration. Mr. McNab, the Minister in question, who has denied the allegation, prefers, however, to have it investigated and for that reason it has been decided to refer it to the Select Committee now inquiring into the matters arising out of paragraphs (2) and (3) of the Resolution originally moved by Mr. Bradshaw.

Moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Calder,

That the names of Messieurs Wylie and Davidson be struck off the Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into the following questions:

- (1) Has any member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan received any sum of money from any applicant for a liquor license for the purpose of securing such license? If so, what Member or Members and what sum or sums of money were so paid and by whom??
- (2) Was any prosecution against a liquor licensee in this province stifled at the direct instigation of any Member of this Assembly? If so, what prosecution or prosecutions and what Member or Members are responsible for stifling the same?
- (3) Was any liquor licensee in this province intimidated by the threats of any Member of the Government of Saskatchewan, by any Member of the Board of License Commissioners or by any Member of this Assembly to give political support to the present Government of Saskatchewan? If so, what licensee or licensees, by whom and under what circumstances?
- (4) Did any Member of the Government of Saskatchewan give advance information of the nature of the Government liquor

policy as announced by the Premier at Oxbow on March 18, 1915? If so, what Member of the Government and to whom was such information given?

and that the names of Messieurs Johnston (Melfort) and Stewart be added to the said Committee,

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1916.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning,

And the Question being again proposed,

It was carried unanimously.

And then the House adjourned at 12.20 o'clock a.m.

# REGINA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Mitchell from the Select Standing Committee of the House on Public Accounts and Printing, presented the following Report:

The Select Standing Committee of the House on Public Accounts and Printing, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly adopted on the sixteenth day of February instant, has made an inquiry into the road contract allegations referred to in the said Order by the Report as follows:

(1) The Committee sat and took evidence on the following days:
Saturday, February 19, at 11 a.m., and sat until 12.45 p.m., and then adjourned until 3 p.m.

Met at 3 p.m. and sat until 4.15 p.m.

Met again on Monday, February 21, at 10.30 a.m. Sat until 12.40 p.m. Adjourned until 2 p.m.

Again met and sat until 2.50 p.m.

(2) During the course of the inquiry the following witnesses were examined, namely:

Henry Stanley Carpenter, Archibald John McPherson, George Lionel Hopkins, Alfred Perring Taylor, Arthur Simpson, George Lee, Harry Walker Hettle.

- (3) Attached to this report will be found a copy of the minutes of the Committee's proceedings and transcript of all evidence taken by the Committee.
- (4) From the evidence already submitted, the Committee has arrived at the conclusion that there is the gravest suspicion that the treasury of the province has been defrauded of a

- considerable sum of money in connection with the pretended contracts referred to.
- (5) Owing to the apparent character of the frauds, the manner in which they were committed and the fact that two, if not three, departments of the Public Service failed until recently to discover the fraud, the Committee does not deem it advisable to attempt to fix any responsibility for the frauds apparently committed.
- (6) The Committee is of the opinion that it is desirable in the general public interest, as well as in the interest of good government, that a thorough investigation should be held into all road contracts or pretended contracts upon which payments were made by the Government during the years 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, with a view to ascertaining whether or not any monies have been fraudulently or irregularly diverted from the Public Treasury, and, if so who was responsible therefor.
- (7) On account of the nature and scope of the inquiry to be held, the length of time it will take, and the necessity that the inquiry should continue after prorogation of the House, as well as the fact that it may be necessary to conduct the inquiry at various points of the province, the Committee recommends that the inquiry should be held by a Royal Commission.
- (8) The Committee regrets that on conducting its inquiry into the matter referred to it, it had not the assistance of the Member for Prince Albert City or any Member of the Opposition.
- (9) The Committee desire to express its appreciation of the assistance rendered it during the inquiry by the Members of the Government and all the responsible officials of the several Departments concerned.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Moved by Mr. Motherwell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Resolution respecting fees to be paid in connection with applications of enrolment of stallions, examination licenses and their transfer in lieu of said fees repealed.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, then acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a first time.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a first time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a first time.

Ordered, That the Resolution be read a second time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a second time and concurred in.

That it is expedient that the Tariff of Fees in Form A in the schedule to The Horse Breeders' Act, being chapter 35 of the Statutes of 1912 as amended by section 35 of chapter 43 of the Statutes of 1915, be repealed, and the following Tariff of Fees in lieu shall be payable for enrolment and examination for license of stallions and transfer of license:

On application for enrolment of a pure bred stallion\$2.00
On application for enrolment of a grade, a cross-bred or
a scrub stallion
On every entry of transfer of ownership of an enrolled
stallion 1.00
On every duplicate certificate issued of an enrolled
stallion 1.00
For every certified abstract from the enrolment registers .50
For annual re-enrolment of a stallion previously enrolled 1.00
For examination for license 5.00
For transfer of a license

On motion of Mr. Motherwell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the Bill (No. 21) to amend The Horse Breeders' Act, with instructions that they have power to make provision therein pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Calder have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Sales of Liquor Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 9) to incorporate The Agricultural Insurance Company, Limited,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 9) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate The Agricultural Insurance Company, Limited."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 10) to incorporate The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 10) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 13) to incorporate Les Soeurs de Notre Dame D'Auvergne, Ordered, That the Bill (No. 13) be now read a third time,

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate Les Soeurs de Notre Dame D'Auvergne."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 14) to incorporate The Middle West Insurance Company, Limited,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 14) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate The Middle West Insurance Company, Limited."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 1) to provide for Special Surveys, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 1) be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 5) to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 5) be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 6) respecting the Prevention and Suppression of Fires, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 6) be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 21) to amend The Horse Breeders' Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again. Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Whereas on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of February instant, the following Resolution was approved by this House, namely:

That whereas John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, did from his place in this House on Thursday, the tenth day of February, 1916, state he had been credibly informed and did verily believe: "That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, and for which no road work was done;"

And whereas the said John Ernest Bradshaw on Friday, the eleventh day of February, speaking from his place in this House, did state that he clearly understood his responsibility as a Member in making the said allegation and the possible consequences thereof if he failed to prove the same, and did further state that he was prepared to adduce evidence to substantiate the aforesaid allegations;

And whereas the widespread publication of the said allegation in the press of the province has been the means of arousing the gravest suspicion against the Government of Saskatchewan, the members of the Board of Highways Commissioners, all contractors who undertook or were paid for any of the said contracts, as well as the numerous officials of the said board, who were in any way responsible for any of the said contracts and all payments made thereon;

And whereas it is the bounden duty and privilege as well as the constitutional right of the Members of this Assembly as representatives of the electors of Saskatchewan to inquire into all matters and things pertaining to the expenditures of public funds by any and every branch and department of the public service;

And whereas it is desirable in the general public interest that the said John Ernest Bradshaw should be afforded the fullest opportunity at the earliest possible date to substantiate the allegation he has made:

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the said allegation made by the said John Ernest Bradshaw, namely, "That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, and for which no road work was done," be referred to the Select Standing Committee of this House on Public Accounts and Printing, with instructions that they fully inquire into the same, with power to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation; and that the Committee do report in full to this House the evidence taken before them and all their proceedings on the reference and the result of their inquiries;

And whereas the Select Standing Committee of this House on Public Accounts and Printing did, on the nineteenth and twenty-first days of February instant, sit and inquire into the matter referred to it by the said Resolution;

And whereas the said Committee has reported to the House its

proceedings and findings with regard to the said inquiry;

And whereas it is desirable in the general public interest, as well as in the interest of good government that a further thorough investigation should be held into all road contracts or pretended road contracts upon which payments were made by the Government during the years 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, with a view to ascertaining whether or not any monies have been fraudulently or irregularly diverted or taken from the public treasury, and, if so, who was responsible therefor;

And whereas the said Select Standing Committee has recommended that in its opinion it is desirable for the purpose that the inquiry necessary to be held should be conducted by a Royal Com-

mission;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That this House do humbly petition His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to appoint a Commission of three persons, one of whom shall be a Judge of Saskatchewan, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting to this House upon all contracts or pretended contracts for roads on which payments were made from the public treasury during the years 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, and without in any way restricting the nature or scope of such inquiry the said Commission be requested in its findings to answer the following questions:

(1) Which, if any, of the said contracts or pretended contracts were fraudulent? In what respect were they fraudulent?

(2) By whom were the frauds committed?

(3) To what extent was the public treasury defrauded by reason of such fraudulent contracts?

(4) Who were the persons who received the proceeds of such fraudulent contracts and what disposition was made of such proceeds?

- (5) Had any Member of the Saskatchewan Government any knowledge of such frauds or was any such Member directly or indirectly connected therewith? If so, what Member or Members, and how?
- (6) Had any Member of the Assembly any knowledge of such frauds or was any such Member directly or indirectly connected therewith? If so, what Member or Members, and how?
- (7) When and how were the frauds first discovered?
- (8) Did the responsible officials of the departments of Government concerned take the necessary reasonable precautions to prevent the occurrence of such frauds? If not, what further steps might have been taken?

The said Commission to be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses on oath or affirmation.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

On motion of Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Bell. Ordered, That the debate do now adjourn.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 8) respecting Public Highways, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 8) be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 11) to amend The Hotel Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 11) be read a third time on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the House in Committee of Supply,

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

#### In the Committee.

- No. 1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one million two hundred and thirty-four thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Debt.
- No. 2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one thousand seven hundred and three dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Lieutenant Governor's Office.)
- No. 3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fifty-four thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Executive Council).
- No. 4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Attorney General's Department).

- No. 5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Provincial Secretary's Department).
- No. 6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand two hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Treasury Department).
- No. 7. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Public Works Department).
- No. 8. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding forty thousand seven hundred and ninety-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Agriculture Department).
- No. 9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fifty-eight thousand seven hundred and five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Education Department).
- No. 10. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding four thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Railway Department).

### Resolutions to be Reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received at the next sitting of the House and the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into said Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 11.35 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Scott informed the House that he had sent a copy of the following telegram to Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa:

"Hon. J. A. Calder in Provincial House last night charged that Hon. Robert Rogers had on two occasions recently approached him to use his influence with the present Manitoba Government to stop further investigations into the Manitoba political scandals and to have stifled criminal proceedings against guilty parties already discovered. Calder further charged that Rogers threatened if these things were not done the Scott Government would be constitutionally embarrassed and strongly hinted that he had or would have the means at his disposal for this purpose. These matters should be brought to the attention of Parliament immediately and if necessary an investigation demanded."

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg to

report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bills and have agreed to report the same with amendments:

No. 20, Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer. On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Tate, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Select Standing Committee of the House on Public Accounts and Printing, presented the following Report:

Whereas the Public Accounts Committee of this Assembly is engaged upon an inquiry into the matter of a sale to the province by Franklin Joseph Robinson and Sidney Proctor Porter of Lots 19 and 20, Block 66, in an addition to the townsite of Swift Current in this province, according to a plan of record in the Land Titles Office for the Swift Current land registration district as plan Number K. 5486, for the purpose of a telephone site;

And whereas the evidence of the said Franklin Joseph Robinson and Sidney Proctor Porter is required in connection with the said matter, and it is necessary to take their evidence outside the Committee, that is to say, at Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia;

Be it Therefore Resolved that the Speaker of this Assembly be authorised to make an Order for the examination upon oath before the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore, formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Saskatchewan, at Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, of the said Franklin Joseph Robinson and Sidney Proctor Porter, in order that their evidence may be used by the Committee in such inquiry.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Select Standing Committee of the House on Public Accounts and Printing, laid on the Table copy of the transcript of all evidence taken by the Committee as referred to in his Report presented to the House yesterday.

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Resolution moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Calder,

That whereas on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of February instant, the following Resolution was approved by this House, namely:

That whereas John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, did from his place in this House on Thursday, the tenth day of February, 1916, state he had been credibly informed and did verily believe: "That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, and for which no road work was done:"

And whereas the said John Ernest Bradshaw on Friday, the eleventh day of February, speaking from his place in this House,

did state that he clearly understood his responsibility as a Member in making the said allegation and the possible consequences thereof if he failed to prove the same, and did further state that he was prepared to adduce evidence to substantiate the aforesaid allegations;

And whereas the widespread publication of the said allegation in the press of the province has been the means of arousing the gravest suspicion against the Government of Saskatchewan, the members of the Board of Highways Commissioners, all contractors who undertook or were paid for any of the said contracts, as well as the numerous officials of the said board, who were in any way responsible for any of the said contracts and all payments made thereon;

And whereas it is the bounden duty and privilege as well as the constitutional right of the Members of this Assembly as representatives of the electors of Saskatchewan to inquire into all matters and things pertaining to the expenditures of public funds by any and every branch and department of the public service;

And whereas it is desirable in the general public interest that the said John Ernest Bradshaw should be afforded the fullest opportunity at the earliest possible date to susbstantiate the allegation he has made;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the said allegation made by the said John Ernest Bradshaw, namely, "That sums of money aggregating over \$50,000 were paid out by the Government on various pretended contracts for road work during the years 1913, 1914 and 1915; and for which no road work was done," be referred to the Select Standing Committee of this House on Public Accounts and Printing, with instructions that they fully inquire into the same, with power to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation; and that the Committee do report in full to this House the evidence taken before them and all their proceedings on the reference and the result of their inquiries;

And whereas the Select Standing Committee of this House on Public Accounts and Printing did, on the nineteenth and twenty-first days of February instant, sit and inquire into the matter referred to it by the said Resolution;

And whereas the said Committee has reported to the House its proceedings and findings with regard to the said inquiry;

And whereas it is desirable in the general public interest, as well as in the interest of good government that a further thorough investigation should be held into all road contracts or pretended road contracts upon which payments were made by the Government during the years 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, with a view to ascertaining whether or not any monies have been fraudulently or irregularly diverted or taken from the public treasury, and, if so, who was responsible therefor;

And whereas the said Select Standing Committee has recommended that in its opinion it is desirable for the purpose that the inquiry necessary to be held should be conducted by a Royal Commission;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That this House do humbly petition His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to appoint a Commission of three persons, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting to this House upon all contracts or pretended contracts for roads on which payments were made from the public treasury during the years 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, as well as any other works or pretended works of a fraudulent character during the same period in connection with roads or bridges and without in any way restricting the nature or scope of such inquiry the said Commission be requested in its findings to answer the following questions:

- (1) Which, if any, of the said contracts or pretended contracts or works were fraudulent? In what respect were they fraudulent?
- (2) By whom were the frauds committed?
- (3) To what extent was the public treasury defrauded by reason of such fraudulent contracts or works?
- (4) Who were the persons who received the proceeds of such fraudulent contracts or works and what disposition was made of such proceeds?
- (5) Had any Member of the Saskatchewan Government any knowledge of such frauds or was any such Member directly or indirectly connected therewith? If so, what Member or Members, and how?
- (6) Had any Member of the Assembly any knowledge of such frauds or was any such Member directly or indirectly connected therewith? If so, what Member or Members, and how?
- (7) When and how were the frauds first discovered?
- (8) Did the responsible officials of the departments of Government concerned take the necessary reasonable precautions to prevent the occurrence of such frauds? If not, what further steps might have been taken?

The said Commission to be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses on oath or affirmation.

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again proposed,

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 26) to amend The School Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 27) to amend The School Assessment Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 24) to amend An Act respecting Homesteads,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 25) to amend The Farm Implement Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 24) to amend An Act respecting Homesteads, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That the purchase of the Regina Telephone site bereferred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 25) to amend The Farm Implement Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the House in Committee of Supply,

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder, Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

#### In the Committee.

- No. 11. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Telephone Department).
- No. 12. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-six thousand six hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Municipal Department).
- No. 13. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Government Printer's Office).
- No. 14. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding four thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months. ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Civil Service Commissioner's Office).

- No. 15. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and eleven thousand five hundred and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Legislation.
- No. 16. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and ninety-one thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Supreme, District and Surrogate Courts).
- No 17. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Criminal Investigations).
- No. 18. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eighty-three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Police, Prisoners and Insane).
- No. 19 Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two hundred and twenty-nine thousand and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Registration of Land Titles).
- No. 20. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Justice).
- No. 21. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding twenty-two thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Services (Provincial Secretary's Department).
- No. 22. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding four hundred and eighty-three thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Works Chargeable to Income (Public Buildings and Institutions—Maintenance and Administration).
- No. 23 Resolved, That a sum not exceeding forty-one thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Works Chargeable to Income (Miscellaneous Services).
- No. 24. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two hundred and thirty five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Works Chargeable to Capital (Public Buildings—Construction).
- No. 25. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Works Chargeable to Capital (Miscellaneous Services).
- No. 26. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Improvements (Chargeable to Income).
- No. 27 Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Improvements (Chargeable to Capital).

- No. 29 Resolved, That a sum not exceeding sixty-seven thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Assistance to General Agricultural Interests).
- No. 30. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Assistance to Live Stock Industry).
- No. 31. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding seventy-one thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917 for Agriculture (Assistance to Dairy and Poultry Industry).
- No. 32. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding twenty-six thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Publicity and Statistical Work).
- No. 33. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eight thousand four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Bacteriological Laboratory).
- No. 34. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eight thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Weed Control, Seed Inspection and Exhibitions).

### Resolutions to be Reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received at the next sitting of the House and the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into said Committee.

And then the House adjourned at 11.00 o'clock p.m.

## REGINA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

- Mr. Johnston (Pelly), asked the Government the following Questions:
  - (1) What results have been arrived at in the negotiations carried on with railway companies relative to the Government gaining the permission of such companies to use their poles for the purpose of stringing telephone wires in exchange for similar privileges to be granted by the Government to such companies?
  - (2) By what per cent. has the price of copper wire increased since the outbreak of war?
  - (3) By what per cent. has the total cost of construction of telephone lines increased since the outbreak of the war?
  - (4) Have the Government decided just what lines will be built in 1916, and if so, what lines?

Mr. Bell answered as follows:

- (1) Two conferences have taken place between the Department and the Telegraph Companies and they have undertaken to further consider the matter and submit to the Department a price at which the privilege of contact may be given.
- (2) Approximately 115 per cent.
- (3) Approximately 40 per cent.
- (4) No.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Who are the incorporators of the Canada West Electric Co., Ltd.?
- (2) Who are the directors and officers of said company?
- (3) Who are the shareholders in said company?
- (4) When was the said company incorporated?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

- (1) Bomm David Hogarth, Robert Borland, George C. Speers, all of Regina.
- (2) No Return has been received from this Company since December, 1914. The names of the then directors are: S. P. Porter, F. J. Röbinson, G. M. Bell.
- (3) The shareholders of the company at the date of last Return were: Sidney P. Porter, F. Jabel Robinson, George M. Bell, Roy S. Deering.
- (4) December 16, 1912, under the name of Deering Electric, Ltd. Name changed to Canada West Electric, Limited, May 13, 1914.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return

showing:

Copies of all contracts between the Government or any department thereof and the Canada West Electric Co., Ltd.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Copy of all tenders for furnishings supplied for the Asylum for the Insane at North Battleford;
- (2) Name and address of successful tenderer and the amount of such tender;
- (3) Copy of specification or list giving particulars of the furnishing needed and which formed the bases for tenders.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

(1) How many road gangs were employed by the Highway Commission during the year 1915?

- (2) Give location and duration of work by each gang;
- (3) Give name of inspector for each piece of work done during the year 1915, and a copy of report of his inspection on said work;
- (4) Give name of Highway Inspectors suspended during the year 1915 and date when each was suspended.

(Sessional Paper No. 64.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916 showing:

- (1) Give location of where road and bridge work was done in Willow Bunch constituency for years 1914-15 each year separately;
- (2) Give names of men employed and nature of employment of each on road work in said constituency for years 1914-15;
- (3) Give total amount paid to each man for services rendered on road work done in years 1914-15 in said constituency;
- (4 Give inspectors' report on each piece of work done or years 1914-15 in said constituency. (Sessional Paper No. 65.)

Mr. Scott informed the House that the Hon. E. L. Wetmore, formerly Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, and Messieurs, W. E. Mason and H. G. Smith, both of Regina, had agreed to act on the Royal Commission to be appointed to inquire into the charges concerning the Board of Highway Commissioners.

Mr. Langley, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Report of the Local Government Board, January 1, 1914, to April 30, 1915. (Sessional Paper No. 66.)

Mr Scott, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 21, 1916, showing:

- (1) Copy or copies of any judgment or judgments in possession of the Government given by Honourable Mr. Justice McLorg of the District Court of Saskatoon upon appeals carried by school ratepayers in the Vonda School Districts, public and separate, against their assessment as public school supporters or as separate school supporters, as the case might be;
- (2) Copies of any correspondence between the Government or any Member thereof and the Honourable Mr. Justice McLorg in relation to said judgment or judgments or to the appeal cases affected by the same. (Sessional Paper No. 67.)

Mr. Scott, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Tablethe following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 21, 1916, showing:

Copies of all information in possession of the Government, or any Member thereof, or any Department of the Government, relating to any judgment or judgments given by the Honourable T. H. McGuire when a Judge of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories or Chief Justice thereof, or by the Honourable H. W. Newlands, a Judge of the Saskatchewan Supreme Court, or when a Judge of the North-West Territories Supreme Court, sitting respectively as a Court of Assessment Revision upon cases of an appeal or appeals of a school district ratepayer or ratepayers, in the matter of his or their support of a public school district or a separate school district respectively. (Sessional Paper No. 68.)

Mr. Scott, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 21, 1916. showing:

Copies of any request or requests made to the Government or any Member thereof, or to any department of the Government, and of any other correspondence leading to the introduction into this Assembly of the amendment to The School Act contained in section 3 of chapter 35 of the Statutes of 1912-13. (Sessional Paper No. 69.)

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 1) to provide for Special Surveys,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 1) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to provide for Special Surveys."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 4) The Village Act.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 4) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "The Village Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 5) to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 5) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 6) to provide for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 6) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to provide for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 8) respecting Public Highways.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 8) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Public Highways."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 19) to confirm and make valid an agreement entered into between The Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67 and William Millman,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 19) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to confirm and make valid an agreement entered into between The Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67 and William Millman."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 27) to amend The School Assessment Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved inself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) The Town Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

On the motion to adjourn the House, Mr. Willoughby made a statement that he wished to have a considerable number of witnesses summoned to appear before the two select committees now sitting on the charges preferred by Mr. Bradshaw. He also asked that counsel might be appointed on behalf of Mr. Bradshaw who preferred the charges and the members of the Opposition.

The Attorney General inquired whether Mr. Bradshaw and the members of the Opposition had decided to recognize the committees, to express regret for Mr. Bradshaw's contempt of the House and of the committees in the bribery charges, and to express their willingness to give the committees the information and the evidence in their possession, otherwise, he stated, they should not ask for counsel. No definite answer was made to this by Mr. Willoughby.

After some conversation it was decided that Mr. Willoughby should hand over to the Attorney General a list of the witnesses required and that the matter of the counsel would be deferred until 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

And then the House adjourned at 11.40 o'clock p.m.

## REGINA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg

to report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bills and have agreed to report the same with amendments:

Bill (No. 16) to incorporate Prairie Trust Company.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg

to report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bills and have agreed to report the same with amendments:

Bill (No. 15) to incorporate Retailers' Trust Company.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

From the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways I

beg to present the following Report:

Your Committee recommend that the fees paid for the following Private Bills:

Bill (No. 10) to incorporate The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception.

Bill (No. 13) to incorporate Les Soeurs de Notre Dame D'Auvergne.

Bill (No. 20) to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer.

Bill (No. 17) to authorise the Transfer of the Surplus Monies raised under Certain Money Bylaws to pay the Deficit under Certain Other Money Bylaws.

Bill (No. 19) re Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67 and

William Millman.

Be remitted less the cost of printing.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Tate, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

From the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways I

beg to present the following Report:

Your Committee recommends consideration by the Government of Legislation regulating the operation of all companies incorporated within the province having trust powers, the principal object being

- to further safeguard the public interests respecting trust companies. On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.
  - Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) Was the contractor for the bridge at Saskatoon required to furnish the usual bond. If so, what was the nature of the bond furnished by said contractor?
- (2) If a private bond, who were the sureties and the amount of each individual surety?

Mr. Calder answered as follows:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Indemnity Bond furnished by the Western Hospital and Accident Insurance Company, Ltd., Regina.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Cost of road work on east side of section 9, township 15, range 14, west of the second meridian, in the fall of 1915;
- (2) If not completed, give reason;
- (3) Who was the contractor;
- (4) If not contract work, who was in charge?

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Davidson,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Cost of road work parallelling C.N.R. right of way from village of Vibank to road allowance between ranges 14 and 15 in the year 1913;
- (2) If contract work, who was the contractor;
- (3) If not contract work, who was in charge?

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce a Bill to grant special powers to the Local Government Board.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. McNab have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Steam Boilers Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 3) The Vital Statistics Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 3) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "The Vital Statistics Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 11) to amend The Hotel Act,

On motion of Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the Bill be not now read a third time but that it be referred back to the Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of adding the following subsection to section 8 of the Bill:

"(5) When a license has been issued under this Act the municipal clerk shall forward to the director, upon a form provided for that purpose, a Return giving the name of the licensee, the kind of license issued and the date of issue."

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 32) to amend The Sales of Liquor Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) respecting Towns, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House:

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 21) to amend The Horse Breeders' Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 21) be read a third time on Monday next.

Moved by Mr. Scott (Swift Current), seconded by Mr. Calder, That whereas on the tenth day of February instant John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Assembly, did from his place in this House make certain allegations against Members of this Assembly and divers other persons, all of whom were unnamed as shown by the records of the Votes and Proceedings of the said date;

And whereas the said John Ernest Bradshaw has stated from his place in this House that he had been credibly informed and did verily believe the said allegations to be true and that he could adduce evidence to prove the same;

And whereas by Order of this Assembly certain of the said allegations were referred for inquiry to two Select Committees of this House, which Committees have since been examining witnesses and adducing evidence regarding the matters submitted to them;

And whereas Members of the Opposition, including the Member for Moose Jaw City and Prince Albert City, have repeatedly from their places in this Assembly stated that they refused to be represented on either of the said Committees, that they would not recognise them or assist in any way in the inquiries referred to the said Committees, notwithstanding the fact that they had the amplest assurance of the Government that the inquiries would be of the fullest possible character and that every opportunity would be afforded them to produce all such evidence as they desired;

And whereas the said John Ernest Bradshaw when ordered by this House did refuse to answer questions put to him by this House touching the allegations made by him and did refuse to give this House any information bearing upon the said allegations, for which contempt of this House he was reprimanded by Mr. Speaker by order of this House;

And whereas the said John Ernest Bradshaw when summoned to appear before one of the said Committees to give evidence regarding certain of the said allegations did appear, but refused to be sworn or give evidence:

And whereas the Members of the Opposition in the Assembly agreed with the attitude taken towards the Assembly by the said John Ernest Bradshaw, thereby joining in his acts of contempt of the rights, powers and privileges of this House;

And whereas, nevertheless, it is desirable in the general public interest that every facility and opportunity should be provided to enable the said Committees to complete their inquiries;

And whereas with the end in view it is desirable that the said John Ernest Bradshaw, notwithstanding his previous contempt of the Assembly, should still be afforded the fullest opportunity to make reparation for such contempt and to substantiate such of the said allegations as have been referred to the said Committees;

And whereas, on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of February, the Leader of the Opposition did from his place in the House request that certain witnesses, whose names were contained in a list furnished to the Attorney General, should be called to give evidence on the allegations in question:

And whereas at the same time the Leader of the Opposition did request that three counsel to be named by him and paid for by the Government should be allowed to appear before the said Committee for the purpose of examining witnesses;

And whereas the Government has repeatedly stated that for the purpose of enabling the said John Ernest Bradshaw to prove his said allegations reasonable provision would be made for such counsel as would be required to assist him for this purpose;

And whereas it is the bounden duty of this Assembly at all times to assert its rights, powers and privileges and to maintain the same in their entirety as well as to demand that none of its Members shall remain in contempt of this Assembly or any of its Committees: Therefore Be it Resolved:

- (1) That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the investigation now being conducted by the two Select Committees heretofore referred to should be continued with the definite object in view of affording the fullest opportunity to the said John Ernest Bradshaw to adduce evidence to substantiate the allegations being inquired into by these Committees;
- (2) That for the purpose of proceeding with such inquiries it is the duty of the Opposition in this Assembly to have representatives on the said Committees and that such representatives should be forthwith arranged accordingly;
- (3) That the said John Ernest Bradshaw and the Members of the Opposition not being prepared to conform to the rights, powers and privileges of this Assembly, the said Committees shall proceed with the investigations with the assistance of such counsel as is provided for this purpose in the general public interest.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 22) respecting the Manufacture of Butter and Cheese, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to. Ordered, That the Bill (No. 22) be read a third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 27) to amend The School Assessment Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to. Ordered, That the Bill (No. 27) be read a third time on Monday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 26) to amend The School Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the House in Committee of Supply,

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder, Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of Supply

#### In the Committee.

No. 35. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding nine thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Bureau of Labour).

No. 36. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding ten thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Game Protection and Museum).

No. 37. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding nine thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Miscellaneous Services).

No. 38. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and eighty-two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Health and Vital Statistics.

No. 39. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-four thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Neglected and Dependent Children.

No. 28. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding nine hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixty-five cents be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Education.

#### Resolutions to be Reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Scott (Arm River) reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received at the next sitting of the House and the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into said Committee.

The Sergeant-at-Arms addressed Mr. Speaker as follows: Mr. Speaker, Frank Brunner, who is now in my custody, is outside the Chamber and wishes to appear at the Bar of the House.

Mr. Speaker instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring Mr. Brunner in.

Mr. Brunner stated as follows:

I, Frank Brunner, of Regina, do declare that I apologise to this House for my refusal to answer certain questions put to me at the Bar of this House on the 18th day of February, 1916; I have today given evidence before a Select Committee of this House touching the matters in question, and do promise to remain at the disposal of this House and of its Committee for the purpose of the inquiry now pending, so long as my presence may be required.

I therefore crave the pardon of this House for the contempt of its authority committed by me on the aforesaid eighteenth day of Feb-

ruary, 1916.

Moved by Mr. Turgeon, seconded by Mr. Motherwell,

That whereas Frank Brunner on Monday, the eighteenth day of February instant, was by order of this Assembly committed for his contempt of this House in refusing to answer certain questions put to him, to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms during the pleasure of the House;

And whereas the said Frank Brunner today submitted himself to a Select Committee of the House and agreed to testify and did testify as required by the said Committee with respect to the matters relating to a certain inquiry and which led to the contempt committed by him;

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorised to release the said Frank Brunner from his custody.

And then the House adjourned at 10.20 o'clock p.m.

## REGINA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Simpson said as follows:

Mr. Speaker,—As a matter of privilege I wish briefly to refer to the charges that Members accepted bribes to influence their votes on the Bill to abolish the bar, which charges are now being investigated by a Select Committee of this House.

In the evidence given before said Select Committee I have been charged with receiving money as a bribe and I wish to say in the most emphatic manner possible that said charge is absolutely unwarranted and without any foundation whatever. In justice to myself I must and do hereby invite the proper authorities to commence criminal proceedings against me at the earliest possible opportunity, in order that I may have my character vindicated before a proper tribunal.

Mr. Pierce stated as follows:

Mr. Speaker,—As a matter of privilege I wish briefly to refer to the charge that Members accepted bribes to influence their votes on the Bill to abolish the bar, which charges are now being investigated by a Select Committee of this House.

In the evidence given before said Select Committee I have been charged with receiving money as a bribe and I wish to say in the most emphatic manner possible that said charge is absolutely unwarranted and without any foundation whatever. In justice to myself I must and do hereby invite the proper authorities to commence criminal proceedings against me at the earliest possible opportunity, in order that I may have my character vindicated before a proper tribunal.

Mr. Turgeon stated that these requests were evidently addressed to him as Attorney General. He assured the House that criminal proceedings would be started at once against these two Members and against others implicated by direct evidence.

- Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) What is the total amount advanced to The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co. for building of elevators?
- (2) What rate of interest is paid on advance?
- (3) What, if any, money is repaid on capital account?
- (4) What is the amount at present guaranteed by the Government for trading purposes and marketing grain?

Mr. Langley answered as follows:

- (1) \$1,651,741.62.
- (2) 5 per cent. per annum.
- (3) \$83,136.91.
- (4) \$4,000,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause a subpoena or subpoenas to issue to William Duncan and Charles Willoughby to attend before the Public Accounts Committee on Tuesday, February 29, at 3 p.m., or at such other hour and date as may appear convenient, to give evidence concerning all matters pertaining to or in any way relating to the

concerning all matters pertaining to or in any way relating to the sale of Lots 21, 22 and 23 in Block 309, Regina, to the Government for telephone purposes and to bring with them all documents in their possession in anywise relating to the subject in question.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell have leave to introduce a Bill to amend An Act to provide for the taxation of persons holding or operating timber areas.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Rural Telephone Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The District Courts Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 38) to amend The District Courts Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 38) to amend The District Courts Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 38) be read a third time today.

. The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 38) to amend The District Courts Act.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 38) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The District Courts Act."

On motion of Mr. Latta, seconded by Mr. Cunningham,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Particulars of work performed under the provisions of The Children's Protection Act.

On motion of Mr. Latta, seconded by Mr. Cunningham,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing

Information and statistics respecting the growth and development of the province and the work of the various departments of the Public Service during the first ten years of provincial life.

Said statements refer in detail to matters under the following headings: Elementary Schools, Secondary Schools, Normal Schools, University of Saskatchewan, Expenditure for Education, Population of the Province, Agricultural Development, Co-operative Elevator, Hail Insurance, Highways, Bridges and other Public Improvements, Drainage, Administration of Justice, Railways, Public Buildings, Telephone System, Hospitals, Provincial Finance and other matters.

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing:

How many prisoners were confined in all jails of the province on the following dates: January 1, 1913, 1914, 1915; July 1, 1913, 1914, 1915; September 1, 1913, 1914, 1915; November 1, 1913, 1914, 1915. (Sessional Paper No. 70.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 25, 1916, showing:

- (1) Cost of road work on east side of section 9, township 15, range 14, west of the second meridian, in the fall of 1915;
- (2) If not completed, give reason;
- (3) Who was the contractor;
- (4) If not contract work, who was in charge?
  (Sessional Paper No. 71.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 25, 1916, showing:

- (1) Cost of road work parallelling C.N.R. right of way from village of Vibank to road allowance between ranges 14 and 15 in the year 1913;
- (2) If contract work, who was the contractor;
- (3) If not contract work, who was in charge?

(Sessional Paper No. 72.)

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 21) to amend The Horse Breeders' Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 21) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Horse Breeders' Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 22) respecting the Manufacture of Butter and Cheese,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 22) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting the Manufacture of Butter and Cheese."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 27) to amend The School Assessment Act.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 27) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The School Assessment Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 35) to amend The Steam Boilers Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the House in Committee of Supply,

Moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again proposed,

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

#### In the Committee.

- No. 40. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Miscellaneous.
- No. 41. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding sixty-five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Telephones (Chargeable to Income).
- No. 42. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding five hundred and forty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Telephones (Chargeable to Capital).
- No. 43. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars be granted to his Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Telephones (Chargeable to Telephone Revenue).
- No. 44 Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eighty-nine thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of The Agricultural Aids Act.
- No. 45. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for The Administration of The Patriotic Aids Act.

# Resolutions to be Reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received at the next sitting of the House and the House will at its next sitting resolve itself into said Committee.

And then the House having continued to sit till forty-five minutes after eleven of the clock p.m., adjourned till tomorrow at eight of the clock p.m.

#### REGINA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29. 1916.

8 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing:

- (1) The names of all railroads and subsidiary companies, the bonds of which have been guaranteed by the Government, giving in each case:
  - (a) The amount of guarantee;
  - (b) The rate of interest guaranteed;
  - (c) The mileage completed and what it is made up of;
  - (d) The mileage not finished and the date of default of the company in completing. (Sessional Paper No. 73.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor signed by His Honour.

And the message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered) and is as followeth:

R. S. LAKE,

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of a certain sum required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 74.)

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the message of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, together with the estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 28) to amend The City Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 28) to amend The City Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

8.30 о'сьоск р.м.

His Honour, Richard Stuart Lake, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan, being seated on the Throne,

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Titles of the Bills to be assented to as follows:

An Act to incorporate The Agricultural Insurance Company, Limited.

An Act to incorporate The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception.

An Act to incorporate Les Soeurs de Notre Dame D'Auvergne.

An Act to incorporate The Middle West Insurance Company, Limited.

An Act to provide for Special Surveys.

The Village Act.

An Act to regulate the Sale of Shares, Bonds and other Securities.

An Act to provide for the Prevention and Suppression of Fires.

An Act respecting Public Highways.

An Act to confirm and make valid an agreement entered into between the Rural Municipality of Weyburn No. 67 and William Millman.

The Vital Statistics Act.

An Act to amend The District Courts Act.

An Act to amend The Horse Breeders' Act.

An Act respecting the Manufacture of Butter and Cheese.

An Act to amend The School Assessment Act.

The assent to these Bills was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

"In His Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant Governor

doth assent to these Bills."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 28) to amend The City Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 12) be read a third time on Thursday next.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham,

Whereas the Public Accounts Committee of this Assembly is engaged upon an inquiry into the matter of a sale to the province by Charles Willoughby and William Duncan of Lots 21, 22 and 23 in Block 309, Regina, according to a plan of record in the land titles office for the Assiniboia land registration district as plan old number 30, for the purpose of a telephone site;

And whereas the evidence of the said Charles Willoughby is required in connection with the said matter, and it is necessary to take his evidence outside the committee, that is to say, at Victoria, in the

Province of British Columbia:

Be it therefore Resolved that the Speaker of this Assembly be authorised to make an Order for the examination upon oath before the Honourable Edward Ludlow Wetmore, formerly Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Saskatchewan, at Victoria in the Province of British Columbia, of the said Charles Willoughby, in order that his evidence may be used by the Committee in such inquiry.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 35) to amend The Steam Boilers Act and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 35) be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 32) to amend The Sales of Liquor Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 15) to incorporate "Retailers' Trust Company," and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 15) be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 16) to incorporate "Prairie Trust Company," and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the House in Committee of Supply,

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of Supply

#### In the Committee.

No. 46. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of The Sales of Liquor Act and The Hotel Act.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916,

for Miscellaneous.

### Resolutions to be Reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1917, be now read a first time.

The said Resolutions were accordingly read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

The said Resolutions were accordingly read a second time and agreed to, as follows:

- No. 1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one million two hundred and thirty-four thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Debt.
- No. 2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one thousand seven hundred and three dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Lieutenant Governor's Office).
- No. 3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fifty-four thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Executive Council).
- No. 4. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Attorney General's Department).
- No. 5. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Provincial Secretary's Department).
- No. 6. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand two hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Treasury Department).
- No. 7. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Public Works Department).
- No. 8. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding forty thousand seven hundred and ninety-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Agriculture Department).
- No. 9. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fifty-eight thousand seven hundred and five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Education Department).
- No. 10. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding four thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Railway Department).
- No. 11. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirteen thousand and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the Twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Telephone Department).
- No. 12. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-six thousand six hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Municipal Department).
- No. 13. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (King's Printer's Office.)
  - No. 14. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding four thousand nine

- hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Civil Government (Civil Service Commissioner's Office).
- No. 15. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and eleven thousand five hundred and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Legislation.
- No. 16. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and ninety-one thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Supreme, District and Surrogate Courts).
- No. 17. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Criminal Investigations).
- No. 18. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eighty-three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Police, Prisoners and Insane).
- No. 19. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two hundred and twenty-nine thousand and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Registration of Land Titles).
- No. 20. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Justice)
- No. 21. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding twenty-two thoussand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of Services (Provincial Secretary's Department).
- No. 22. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding four hundred and eighty-three thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Works Chargeable to Income (Public Buildings and Institutions—Maintenance and Administration).
- No. 23. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding forty-one thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Works Chargeable to Income (Miscellaneous Services).
- No. 24. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding two hundred and thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Works Chargeable to Capital (Public Buildings—Construction).
- No. 25. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Works Chargeable to Capital (Miscellaneous Services).
- No. 26. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Improvements (Chargeable to Income).

- No. 27. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Improvements (Chargeable to Capital).
- No. 28. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding nine hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixty-five cents be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Education.
- No. 29. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding sixty-seven thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Assistance to General Agricultural Interests).
- No. 30. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty thousand three hundred-dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Assistance to Live Stock Industry).
- No. 31. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding seventy-one thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Assistance to Dairy and Poultry Industry).
- No. 32. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding twenty-six thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Publicity and Statistical Work).
- No. 33. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eight thousand four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Bacteriological Laboratory).
- No. 34. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eight thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Weed Control, Seed Inspection and Exhibitions).
- No. 35. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding nine thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Bureau of Labour).
- No. 36. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding ten thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Game Protection and Museum).
- No. 37. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding nine thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Agriculture (Miscellaneous Services).
- No. 38. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and eighty-two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Public Health and Vital Statistics.
- No. 39. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-four thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Neglected and Dependent Children.
- No. 40. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Miscellaneous.
  - No. 41. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding sixty-five thousand

dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Telephones (Chargeable to Income).

- No. 42. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding five hundred and forty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Telephones (Chargeable to Capital).
- No. 43. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Telephones (Chargeable to Telephone Revenue).
- No. 44. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding eighty-nine thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of The Agricultural Aids Act.
- No. 45. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for The Administration of The Patriotic Aids Act.
- No. 46. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Administration of The Sales of Liquor Act and The Hotel Act.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, for Miscellaneous.

And then the House having continued to sit till eleven of the clock p.m., adjourned till tomorrow at eight of the clock p.m.

## REGINA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1916.

8 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Question: Is F. J. Robinson, formerly chairman Highways Commission, in the employ of the Government at the present time? If not, when did he last draw salary and for what amount?

Mr. Calder answered as follows:

Yes, in the employ.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Statute Law.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie.

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

The amount of debentures issued by each Rural Telephone Company in 1915, giving names of companies, and date of authorisation in each case.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

(1) Copy of report of inspection after completion of long distance telephone line, Elbow to Outlook;

(2) A detailed statement of the expenses of such inspection.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all reports of inspection of hotels and wholesale liquor stores in Saskatoon in 1913.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all paysheets for the months of October and November, 1914-15, for work done at or near Loverna under the supervision of one Dr. Hunter.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 17, 1916, showing:

- (1) A statement of the number of motor cars supplied by the Government or any Department of the Government to employees of the Highway Commission;
- (2) The names and addresses of the persons so supplied;
- (3) The annual amount paid for upkeep, stating each separately;
- (4) The make and name, license number, and cost of each car, and the person or firm from whom same was purchased;
- (5) A statement of the number of cars sold or otherwise disposed of, giving the name and address of the recipient in each case, together with the sale price and terms.

(Sessional Paper No. 75.)

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 36) to amend chapter 20 of the Statutes of 1913, being An Act to provide for the taxation of persons holding or operating timber areas,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 37) to amend The Rural Telephone Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 33) to grant special powers to The Local Government Board,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 34) to amend The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House

today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 24) to amend An Act respecting Homesteads, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 25) to amend The Farm Implement Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again today.

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 28, 1916, showing:

Particulars of work performed under the provisions of The Children's Protection Act. (Sessional Paper No. 76.)

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 33) to grant special powers to The Local Government Board, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Robinson reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 34) to amend The Saskatchewan Cooperative Elevator Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of

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the Whole on the Bill (No. 24) to amend An Act respecting Homesteads, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 24) be read a third time on Friday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 25) to amend The Farm Implement Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then read twice and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 25) be read a third time on Friday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 37) to amend The Rural Telephone Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 37) be read a third time on Friday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 16) to incorporate Prairie Trust Company, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 16) be read a third time on Friday next.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 20) to incorporate The Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 20) be read a third time on Friday next.

And then the House having continued to sit till eleven of the clock p.m., adjourned till tomorrow at three of the clock p.m.

## REGINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

The Clerk informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker,

Whereupon Mr. Mitchell (Weyburn), Deputy Speaker, took the Chair, pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided.

Mr. Sutherland, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the charges of bribery in connection with the Banish the Bar Bill in 1913, presented the following Report:

The Select Committee appointed to inquire into the charges of bribery in connection with the Banish the Bar Bill of 1913, begs to report as follows:

Your Committee had the assistance of counsel conducting the inquiry as well as counsel on behalf of several witnesses, and of some Members of the Legislative Assembly, whose names were mentioned in connection with the alleged bribery.

A great deal of evidence was heard, which was, unfortunately, of a most conflicting nature. A very wide scope of inquiry was permitted, hearsay evidence being taken in the probability of its leading to the ascertainment of definite facts.

Seven Members of the Legislature and one ex-Member were implicated by the evidence. These gentlemen are: Messrs. Sheppard, Totzke, Nolin, Lochead, Simpson, Pierce and Cawthorpe, all Members of the House, and Gerhard Ens, who was a Member of this House during the Session of 1913.

As to Messrs. Sheppard, Totzke, Nolin and Lochead, your Committee have to report that no direct evidence of any kind was given against them. The statements concerning them were made by Witness Brunner who said that Clayton Peterson told him that he intended to pay them, and subsequently that he had paid them certain sums of money. Peterson, on oath, denied Brunner's statements and the Members themselves, with the exception of Mr. Lochead, who did not attend the Committee, swore that they had never taken any money or received the offer of any money. Your Committee agree that upon the evidence taken, these gentlemen should be exonerated from the charge of bribery, and beg to report accordingly.

Direct evidence was given by Brunner against Messrs. Pierce, Cawthorpe, Simpson and Ens. Brunner swore that Pierce and Cawthorpe admitted to him that Peterson had given them money. He further swore that he himself paid \$500 to Ens and that he saw Peterson give a roll of bills to Simpson. Messrs. Pierce, Simpson and Ens denied this.

Mr. Cawthorpe did not attend the Committee, his absence being explained by evidence to the effect that he is ill in a hospital at Saskatoon and unable to travel.

Brunner's evidence was in some cases corroborated as to certain details by other witnesses.

Your Committee note that criminal proceedings have been instituted against Messrs. Pierce, Cawthorpe, Simpson and Ens. Your

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Committee desire to express their approval of this step, which they consider, in view of the extraordinarily contradictory nature of the evidence, to be the most expeditious and satisfactory manner of ascertaining whether or not the offence of bribery, which is a violation of the Criminal Code, as well as a breach of the Privileges of this House, has been committed.

Pending the issue of these prosecutions, your Committee beg to recommend that no action be taken by the House regarding these Members.

Your Committee have given their best attention to the work entrusted to them by the House. They have listened to all the witnesses brought before them, and to all testimony adduced, which, direct or indirect, relevant or irrelevant, they have carefully examined the evidence, a copy of which will be laid on the Table of the House, and feel convinced that the two recommendations above made are fairly and properly based thereupon.

Your Committee feel, nevertheless, that they should make a further recommendation to the House. It is apparent in the first place that public interest has been attracted to the inquiry and to the charges which led up to it, in a most unusual degree. Diligent and persistent efforts have been made to create the belief in the mind of the public that owing to incompetence, or a lack or impartiality, or both, this Committee would be unable to probe to the bottom the matters entrusted to it. The Members of this House who constitute the Opposition failed to give the Committee any assistance, and Mr. Bradshaw, who originated the charge, refused to be sworn or to give evidence. Your Committee deem it would be regrettable if the attempt to create a suspicion against the reliability of this Committee and of the Assembly were to become successful. They therefore believe that the House should make provision for a further inquiry in connection with this charge of bribery.

In the second place, there is another matter of great importance, which, in the opinion of your Committee, makes a further investigation not only advisable but necessary. During the course of the inquiry, evidence was submitted to the Committee of a conspiracy to bribe a considerable number of Members about the time of the Session of 1915 in order to procure the defeat of the Government and of the Government's measure to abolish the liquor trade. The matter referred to in this evidence did not come within the scope of the Committee's inquiry but the evidence was adduced incidentally in the examination of one Kocot, of Regina, of Mr. Pierce and others. The nature of the evidence given would seem to indicate that this conspiracy or attempt to bribe Members, if it did really exist, was a matter of great proportions, constituting, as it would appear, an effort to corrupt the majority of the people's representatives in this House by the use of immense sums of money.

In view of the two foregoing circumstances, and having regard to the fact that this Session of the Assembly seems to be nearing its close, your Committee recommend that a further inquiry be instituted to begin at as early a date as possible and to be continued, if necessary, after prorogation. And for this purpose your Committee recommends that this House request the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the two following matters:

(a) The charge that a number of the Liberal Members of this Assembly were bribed in December, 1913, to oppose a Government Bill to abolish the bar, introduced to the Assembly in December, 1913;

(b) The charge that a conspiracy was entered into between certain persons in the year 1915 to bribe Members of the Assembly in connection with the Government's liquor policy, introduced into the Assembly in the Session of 1915, and that attempts were made to bribe certain Members.

Moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Latta,

That this Report be now concurred in.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again proposed,

It passed unanimously.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Was the Regina jail and cottages built according to plans and specifications upon which tenders called?
- (2) Was payment made in accordance with said plans and specifications?
- (3) Was the brick used the kind specified in the specifications, and, if not, why was cheaper brick used?
- (4) If cheaper brick used than provided in specifications was any deduction in price made?
- (5) Who were the contractors for said jail and cottages?
- (6) Who are the members of the company contractors?

Mr. McNab answered as follows:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) In the main building, yes. In the cottages, Redcliffe brick was substituted in place of an American manufactured brick.
- (4) A total deduction of \$7,440.00 was made from the final estimate to cover credits to the department where changes were authorised.
- (5) Parsons Construction Co., Ltd.
- (6) J. L. R. Parsons, W. R. W. Parsons, M. W. Parsons and N. B. H. Parsons.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Question: What sum was paid to R. Smith, of 1328 Hamilton street, Regina, in connection with accident, when employee of Government at Provincial Government Remount Depot in 1915?

Mr. Motherwell answered as follows:

R. Smith was employed as utility man and carpenter at the Regina Remount Depot in October, 1914. When assisting with the branding, October 21, 1914, he was hurt in the abdomen, a horse

kicking against a bar which he was holding in his hands. He was removed to the hospital and operated upon by Dr. Hugh McLean. He was in the hospital from October 21 to December 24. A second operation was necessary in February, which was also performed by Dr. Hugh McLean, and Mr. Smith was in the hospital from February 8 to March 8. All doctor's fees and hospital bills were paid, and Smith also received sustenance at \$1.00 a day from October 21 to January 8, \$80.00. On April 13 Smith was paid \$5.00 back pay due him before the accident occurred and \$9.00 sustenance fee, February 9 to 17, inclusive.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Who opened the tenders for the Saskatoon bridge, towards which the Government is contributing a part payment?
- (2) Who was chairman of the Highway Commission at that time? Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:
- (1) The chairman of the Board of Highway Commissioners in the presence of Assistant Chief Engineer Linton.
- (2) Mr. A. J. McPherson.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all the plans and specifications for the Regina jail and cottages and that in the meantime the original plans and specifications be made available.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

What notice was given calling for tenders for the construction of each wing to the Battleford Asylum, with details of such notice where and when published, etc.?

Moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. McNab,

That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Resolution respecting fees to be paid in connection with a Bill to amend chapter 20 of the Statutes of 1913, being an Act to provide for the taxation of all persons holding or operating timber areas.

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, then acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the report be now received.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a first time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a first time.

Ordered, That the Resolution be read a second time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a second time and concurred in.

Provided that upon the production of said evidence in such form as the Provincial Treasurer may direct with respect to plant and operation of any persons manufacturing lumber in Saskatchewan or elsewhere from trees cut from such timber area or timber berth the Lieutenant Governor in Council may remit or rebate to the person such portion of the tax as may be deemed advisable, not exceeding one-half of one cent per acre;

Provided that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may grant a remission or rebate to any person manufacturing lumber from trees cut on any timber area or timber berth in Saskatchewan of all sums paid over or above one-half cent per acre during the years 1913-14-15.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Turgeon,

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the Bill (No. 36) An Act to amend chapter 20 of the Statutes of 1913, being An Act to provide for the Taxation of persons holding or operating timber areas, with instructions that they have power to make provision therein pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell have leave to introduce a Bill to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Saturday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 12) respecting Game,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 12) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "The Game Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 35) to amend The Steam Boilers Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 35) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Steam Boilers Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 30) to amend The Rural Municipality Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 31) to amend The Stray Animals Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

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Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 15) to incorporate Retailers' Trust Company,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 15) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate Retailers' Trust Company."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 33) to grant special powers to The Local Government Board, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 33) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 28) to amend The City Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 28) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 34) to amend The Saskatchewan Cooperative Elevator Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 34) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 31) to amend The Stray Animals Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Robinson reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) The Town Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again. Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House having continued to sit till fifty minutes after nine of the clock p.m., adjourned till tomorrow at three of the clock, p.m.

# REGINA, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, presented the following Report:

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing

beg leave to present an interim report as follows:

Your Committee had under investigation this morning the contract in reference to the Saskatoon bridge. From evidence adduced it would appear the Mr. A. J. McPherson, then chairman of the Board of Highway Commissioners, held a half interest in Mr. L. V. Kerr's shares in the R. J. Lecky Co., on July 15, 1913, and that said firm tendered on the Saskatoon bridge; that Mr. McPherson, then chairman of the said Board, opened the said tenders in the presence of a Mr. Linton, the assistant chief engineer, and awarded the contract to the said R. J. Lecky Co. We consider it our duty to at once draw the attention of the House to this fact.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, That the Report be now received.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again proposed,

It passed unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. Turgeon,

That in the opinion of this House, in view of the Report presented to this House today by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, relating to the contract awarded to The R. J. Lecky Construction Company, Limited, about July, 1913, for the construction of a bridge at Saskatoon, all matters pertaining to the said contract be referred to the Royal Commission appointed by the Government to investigate charges in connection with road works and road contracts in the years 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916.

And the Question being proposed, And a debate arising, And the debate continuing, And the Question being again proposed, It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:

(1) Did the Government enter into any contracts with Craftsman, Ltd., Regina?

- (2) Who are the members and officers of the company?
- (3) Was the Government aware that F. J. Robinson is reported to be a member of the company?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The name of the Craftsman, Limited, was struck off the register March 11, 1915. The names of the officers and members at that date were: A. B. Cook, Theodore T. Clemesha, George Simpson.
- (3) F. J. Robinson was not at any time a member of the company?

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Who were the members and officers of The Deering Electric Co., Ltd.?
- (2) Did such company sell any fixtures or electrical supplies to the Government?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

- (1) The members and officers of The Deering Electric, Limited, according to last report were: F. J. Robinson, S. P. Porter, R. S. Deering, G. M. Bell, the first three of whom were the directors.
- (2) Yes. Electrical supplies for telephone purposes have been purchased by Telephone Department.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Question:

(1) Who were the members and officers of the Sun Electric Co., Ltd., at the time of contract with the Government for work on Asylum Building?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

The names of members on January 29, 1914, were: J. M. Young, G. Waddell, P. M. Anderson, Wm. Dallas, H. E. Baldwin, M. Wylie, Geo. A. Shields, A. B. Yager. The names of members on December 31, 1914, were: J. M. Young, P. M. Anderson, G. Waddell, William Dallas, M. Wylie, George Brown, A. B. Yager.

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 3, 1916, showing:

- The amount expended on the work at Estevan under charge of S. R. Darling, re briquetting coal.
- (2) The amount paid S. R. Darling.
- (3) The practical result, if any, attained by the work, and how it could be commercially utilised.
- (4) What, if any, control was attained by the Government over the patents used in the work of briquetting by the said S. R. Darling and on what terms others than said S. R. Darling might use the said patents?

(Sessional Paper No. 77.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated March 3, 1916, showing:

- (1) Copies of all contracts between the Government or any Department thereof and The Sun Electric Co., Ltd.
- (2) That in the meantime the original contracts be tabled.

  (Sessional Paper No. 78.)

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated March 1, 1916, showing: The amount of debentures issued by each Rural Telephone Company in 1915, giving names of companies, and date of authorisation in each case. (Sessional Paper No. 79.)

Mr. McNab, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated March 2, 1916, showing: Copies of all the plans and specifications for the Regina jail and cottages and that in the meantime the original plans and specifications be tabled. (Sessional Paper No. 80.)

Moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Langley,

That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to consider a Resolution respecting An Act to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, then acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a first time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a first time.

Ordered, That the Resolution be read a second time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a second time and concurred in.

That it is expedient that in each municipality there shall be levied and collected annually by a special rate an amount equal to one mill in the dollar on the total value of all the rateable property in the municipality, and such amount shall be known as "The Patriotic Tax."

In each local improvement district there shall be levied and collected annually a special rate of one cent per acre upon every owner or occupant of land situate therein;

Provided that there shall be levied and collected annually on Crown lands held under lease from the Government of Canada a special rate of one-fifth of one cent per acre;

Provided that any such owner or occupant shall not be assessed for a sum less than twenty-five cents.

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The Minister of Municipal Affairs shall cause to be paid to the Provincial Treasurer the amount of the special rate so levied and collected annually in such manner as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorise the Provincial Treasurer to raise by way of loan upon the credit of the province a sum not exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purposes of this Act.

The aforesaid sum may be borrowed for such period of years, at such rate of interest and upon such terms as may be fixed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and shall be raised upon the credit of the general revenue fund of Saskatchewan and shall be chargeable thereon.

Every loan made under this Act may be secured by such bonds, debentures, inscribed stock or other securities and in such form as may be approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and every security shall be free from all provincial taxes, succession duty charges and impositions whatsoever.

Every loan made under this Act shall be subject to the provisions of The Saskatchewan Loans Act, being chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1909, except in so far as such provisions are inconsistent herewith.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Langley,

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the Bill (No. 40) An Act to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes, with instructions that they have power to make provision therein pursuant thereto.

On motion of Mr. Willoughby, seconded by Mr. Tate, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Copies of all contracts between the Government or any department thereof and The Sun Electric Co., Ltd;
- (2) That in the meantime the original contracts be tabled.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 28) to amend The City Act.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 28) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The City Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 24) to amend An Act respecting Homesteads,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 24) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend An Act respecting Homesteads."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 25) to amend The Farm Implement Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 25) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Farm Implement Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 34) to amend The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 34) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend chapter 39 of the Statutes of 1910-11, being An Act to incorporate The Saskatchewan Elevator Company."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 37) to amend The Rural Telephone Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 37) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Rural Telephone Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 16) to incorporate Prairie Trust Company,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 16) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate Prairie Trust Company."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 20) to incorporate The Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 20) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to incorporate The Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan."

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 29) to amend The Arrears of Taxes Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) The Town Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) The Town Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm March 3 157

River), reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 30) to amend The Rural Municipality Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Moved by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

That whereas I, John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Assembly, am informed and verily believe that I can establish by satisfactory evidence that the Asylum for the Insane at North Battleford has cost the province in consequence of graft, incompetence and connivance of officials of the Government a very large sum beyond its proper actual cost;

That many contracts in connection therewith were let without tender, or sufficient opportunity for tender, at excessive prices;

That contracts were cancelled without cause, or proper cause, and new ones given at increased and excessive prices;

That in connection with the electric wiring of said-building gross irregularities prevailed to the public loss;

That the Minister of Public Works knew and permitted such irregularities to exist and continue.

### Regina Jail.

That the contractors for the Regina Jail were permitted to substitute different and cheaper material for that provided in the specifications without any proper reduction in fixed prices;

That in electrical work the stipulated prices were greatly increased and contracts manipulated to the great loss of the public;

That the power house was not built according to specifications; That in the purchase of the jail site through F. J. Robinson and associates, a sum of some thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) was lost to the province and that fresh evidence is available since the inquiry in relation thereto held before the Public Accounts Committee.

#### Telephone Department.

That certain officials of the department have connived with other persons to defraud the public by means of excessive prices on contracts for purchase of supplies for wiring and installation and have been guilty of conniving at a participation in graft;

That the Honourable George Bell is directly or indirectly interested in a company or companies having large dealing with the Department of Telephones;

That the said company or companies have taken advantage of

such connection with the Honourable George Bell to put pressure on Rural Telephone Companies to buy supplies, secure guarantee of bonds and have installation work done by such favoured companies;

Be it Therefore Resolved that this House do humbly petition a Royal Commission of Judges be appointed to inquire into the said charges and report the evidence from time to time to this House.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

It was moved by Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. McNab, That the debate be now adjourned.

And then the House adjourned at 10.50 o'clock p.m.

### REGINA, MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1916.

3 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Question: Why did the Attorney General's Department neglect to take criminal action against one Hector E. Close, secretary-treasurer R.M. 320 Oakdale?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

The Honorable Member is not entitled to an answer owing to the form of his question, as the department did not neglect its duty; I will read certain portions of the file on the case to show that action was not taken, on the ground that the depositions in the case did not disclose sufficient evidence to warrant prosecution.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 41) for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Land Titles Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 42) to amend The Land Titles Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

Ordered, That Mr. Langley have leave to introduce a Bill respecting Hospitals.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received

and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 43) respecting Hospitals,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House at the next sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

A statement showing the total cost of the following works during the years 1914-1915:

North of sections 32-33, township 40, range 4, west of the third meridian.

North of sections 15-18, township 43, range 4, west of the third meridian.

East of sections 3-10-15-22-27-34, range 43, west of the third meridian.

East of section 28, range 42, west of the third meridian.

East of sections 5-36, range 43, west of the third meridian.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated February 28, 1916, showing:

Information and statistics respecting the growth and development of the province and the work of the various departments of the Public Service during the first ten years of Provincial life.

Said statements refer in detail to matters under the following headings: Elementary Schools, Secondary School, Normal Schools, University of Saskatchewan, Expenditure for Education, Population of the Province, Agricultural Development, Co-operative Elevator, Hail Insurance, Highways, Bridges and other Public Improvements, Drainage, Administration of Justice, Railways, Public Buildings, Telephone System, Hospitals, Provincial Finance and other matters. (Sessional Paper No. 81.)

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated March 1, 1916, showing: Copies of all reports of inspection of hotels and wholesale liquor stores in Saskatoon in 1913. (Sessional Paper No. 82.)

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 33) to grant special powers to The Local Government Board, Ordered, That the Bill (No. 33) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to grant special powers to The Local Government Board."

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 40) to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 30) to amend The Rural Municipality Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 29) to amend The Arrears of Taxes Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 36) to amend chapter 20 of the Statutes of 1913, being An Act to provide for the taxation of persons holding or operating timber areas, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 36) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 31) to amend The Stray Animals Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 2) The Town Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 2) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of

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the Whole on the Bill (No. 31) to amend The Stray Animals Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 31) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 30) to amend The Rural Municipality Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 40) to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Magee, from the Select Committee appointed to investigate the Liquor Charges, presented the following Report:

The Select Committee on Liquor Charges beg leave to report,

That pursuant to an Order of this House, dated February 18, 1916, your Committee endeavoured, as far as it was possible, to make a thorough investigation.

Your Committee had the assistance of counsel to bring out facts and counsel for several witnesses. Several lengthy sittings were held and thirty-nine witnesses examined. Unfortunately, a considerable number of these witnesses had no knowledge of any of the matters pertaining to the inquiry.

The subject matter of the inquiry was submitted to your Committee in the form of certain questions to which they were asked to reply.

The first question was:

"Has any Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan received any sum of money from any applicant for a liquor license for the purpose of securing such license? If so, what Member or Members and what sum or sums of money were so paid and by whom?"

Evidence relating to this question was submitted regarding Mr. J. A. Sheppard, the Member for Moose Jaw County; Mr. S. R. Moore, the Member for Pinto Creek; and Mr. M. L. Leitch, the Member for Morse.

In the case of Mr. Sheppard, the evidence of all the witnesses before your Committee was to the effect that the sum of \$700 had been paid to Mr. Sheppard by Mead, of Moose Jaw, a hotel licensee, as a contribution to Liberal campaign funds, and that such contribution was not given for the purpose of securing a license. These witnesses included Mr. Sheppard himself, Mead and his associates in business. On the other hand, an affidavit was handed to the Committee which was taken by Mead, hotel licensee, some time prior to this inquiry, in which affidavit Mead alleged that he had promised to pay Mr. Sheppard \$1,000 and had paid him \$700 of the amount for the purpose of securing the transfer of a liquor license. In view of this contradiction in the evidence of Mead, the man who paid the money, your Committee thinks that the whole matter should receive further investigation. Steps should be taken to ascertain the circumstances relating to the taking of this affidavit by Mead, the truth or falsehood of his statements made therein, etc.

In the case of Mr. Moore, it was alleged in evidence that Mr. Moore, acting jointly with others, received the promise of \$5,000 from one Kennedy, of Shaunavon, on account of which \$500 was paid, in consideration, amongst other things, of securing a liquor license for Kennedy. It was also sworn by one Haddad, of Kincaid, that he had been induced to give three promissory notes for \$500 each to one Berger, to whom Mr. Moore introduced him, and on account of which notes he paid \$300, in consideration, amongst other things, of Mr. Moore assisting him to obtain a hotel license. Mr. Moore in his evidence denied this. He testified that as to the Kennedy case he and two others were members of the Frontier Hotel Company, a company organised for the purpose of building hotels. He stated that any money or promissory notes paid by Kennedy to his company were so paid as a purely business transaction and as a consideration for the Frontier Hotel Company abandoning its intention of building at Shaunavon and that the securing of a liquor license formed no part of the consideration. Mr. Moore denied entirely the allegations in the Haddad case and said he knew nothing about the notes, although he admitted introducing Haddad to Berger. The evidence in both cases was contradictory, and your Committee feels that more evidence might have been secured bearing upon them. There is the further fact that the Haddad case is now before the Courts. It appears that Haddad was sued on the notes and judgment given against him, from which judgment he is appealing. For both these reasons your Committee recommends further inquiry into these charges against Mr. Moore.

In the case of Mr. Leitch, it appears by the evidence that Mr. Leitch, who is a Presbyterian Minister, and the Rev. Mr. Bitcom, another Presbyterian Minister, while soliciting subscriptions for the building of a church at Shaunavon, approached Mr. Peter Hoban, an applicant for a hotel license, and suggested that he donate \$1,000. Hoban subscribed \$500 and gave two notes for that amount to Mr. Bitcom. Mr. Leitch, Mr. Bitcom and Mr. Hoban all gave evidence and it is clear in the opinion of your Committee that no improper consideration was promised by Mr. Leitch for the subscription in question. Your Committee recommends that Mr. Leitch be exonerated from any imputation of wrong-doing in connection with this transaction.

The second question is as follows:

"Was any prosecution against a liquor licensee in this province

stifled at the direct instigation of any Member of this Assembly? If so, what prosecution or prosecutions and what Member or Members are responsible for stifling the same.

Mr. J. F. Bole, ex-Member for Regina City, was the only Member implicated in evidence bearing directly upon this question. One Andreas Ehman, a former licensee of Regina and of Craik, testified that he had solicited Mr. Bole to use his influence to have prosecutions against him stopped, in consideration of political support. Ehman admitted that he had been prosecuted on these charges at that time and lost his license, notwithstanding his interview with Mr. Bole. Mr. Bole denied Ehman's charge. He swore that during his ten years' career as a Member of this House Ehman was the only licensee that ever approached him for protection. Mr. Bole stated that he refused to intercede for Ehman and did nothing on his behalf. Your Committee is of the opinion that Mr. Bole's evidence is reliable and that on the facts as brought out he should be exonerated from any charge of wrong-doing.

Mr. Lochead, Member for Gull Lake, and Mr. Cawthorpe, Member for Biggar, were charged by witnesses with obtaining money under circumstances which, in the opinion of your Committee, would, if the evidence is true, constitute an obtaining by these Members of money under false pretences. John Rushford, son and manager of a hotel licensee at Gull Lake, swore that Mr. Lochead obtained \$100 from him in consideration of stopping a prosecution against the hotel. The evidence does not show that prosecution was then pending. John Markling, of Biggar, made a similar charge against Mr. Cawthorpe. Mr. Lochead, who is now under enlistment as Military Sanitary Inspector at Winnipeg, informed the Committee that he could not leave his duties to attend the Committee. Mr. Cawthorpe, who is ill in a hospital at Saskatoon, sent his affidavit to the Committee in which he denies Markling's statement. In the opinion of your Committee the evidence in these two cases is such that the serious charge in question should be further investigated.

The next question is as follows:

"3. Was any liquor licensee in this province intimidated by the threats of any Member of the Government of Saskatchewan, by any Member of the Board of License Commissioners or by any Member of this Assembly to give political support to the present Government of Saskatchewan? If so, what licensee or licensees, by whom and under what circumstances?"

No evidence was given against any Member of the Government or of the License Board or of the Assembly in connection with this question.

The fourth question is as follows:

"Did any Member of the Government of Saskatchewan give advance information of the nature of the Government liquor policy as announced by the Premier at Oxbow on March 18, 1915? If so, what Member of the Government and to whom was such information given?"

No evidence was given upon the above question against any Member of the Government.

In addition to the foregoing questions the following charge against the Hon. A. P. McNab was also referred to your Committee:

"That the Hon. A. P. McNab was a party to having charges against licensees for infraction of The Liquor License Act withdrawn

in consideration of promised political support."

Evidence was given in two cases. The first case was that of Mr. Sutton, of the Empire Hotel, Saskatoon. If the Committee were to accept Mr. Sutton's evidence as it is, without any contradiction, it would not in their opinion establish any such charge. Moreover, Mr. McNab denied Mr. Sutton's story.

The second case was that of one Dr. Robertson, a former hotel licensee at Alsask. In the opinion of your Committee Robertson's evidence was most unreliable. Moreover, he was contradicted by the evidence of Hon. Mr. Motherwell and Hon. Mr. McNab. Your Committee recommend that under the circumstances, Mr. McNab

should be exonerated from the charge made against him.

In view of the foregoing, your Committee recommends that the charges against Messrs. Sheppard, Moore, Lochead and Cawthorpe be further inquired into, and that no action be taken by this House in reference to the same pending the result of such further inquiry. As the end of this Session seems to be approaching, and as in the opinion of your Committee these matters should be dealt with as speedily as possible, your Committee recommends that they be referred to a Royal Commission for further investigation, so that this House may have the evidence before it at the opening of its next Session.

Moved by Mr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Johnston (Melfort), That the Report of the Committee now be concurred in.

And the question being proposed,

It passed on division.

The Order of the Day being read for the adjourned debate on the Resolution moved by Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

That whereas I, John Ernest Bradshaw, a Member of this Assembly, am informed and verily believe that I can establish by satisfactory evidence that the Asylum for the Insane at North Battleford has cost the province in consequence of graft, incompetence and connivance of officials of the Government a very large sum beyond its proper actual cost;

That many contracts in connection therewith were let without tender, or sufficient opportunity for tender, at excessive prices;

That contracts were cancelled without cause, or proper cause, and new ones given at increased and excessive prices;

That in connection with the electric wiring of said building gross irregularities prevailed to the public loss;

That the Minister of Public Works knew and permitted such irregularities to exist and continue.

### Regina Jail.

That the contractors for the Regina jail were permitted to substitute different and cheaper material for that provided in the specifications without any proper reduction in fixed prices;

That in electrical work the stipulated prices were greatly increased and contracts manipulated to the great loss of the public;

That the power house was not built according to specifications; That in the purchase of the jail site through F. J. Robinson and associates, a sum of some thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.00) was lost to the province and that fresh evidence is available since the inquiry in relation thereto held before the Public Accounts Committee.

### Telephone Department.

That certain officials of the department have connived with other persons to defraud the public by means of excessive prices on contracts for purchase of supplies for wiring and installation and have been guilty of conniving at a participation in graft;

That the Honourable George Bell is directly or indirectly interested in a company or companies having large dealing with the Depart-

ment of Telephones;

That the said company or companies have taken advantage of such connection with the Honourable George Bell to put pressure on Rural Telephone Companies to buy supplies, secure guarantee of bonds, and have installation work done by such favoured companies;

Be it Therefore Resolved that this House do humbly petition a Royal Commission of Judges be appointed to inquire into the said charges and report the evidence from time to time to this House.

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again proposed,

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House adjourned at 11.40 o'clock p.m.

# REGINA, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, presented the following Report:

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing beg leave to present the following interim report re Swift Current Telephone Site:

We are in receipt of the following telegram from ex-Chief Justice E. L. Wetmore:

"Examination Robinson and Porter still delayed. Luxton, acting for W. B. Willoughby, states his principal informed him that he was promised that a transcript of evidence taken before Committee would be forwarded to me, to which Luxton would have access. No such transcript reached me. Luxton states cannot cross-examine without Was Willoughby promised as alleged?"

In view of the above telegram we consider it our duty to report the matter to the House.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Leitch,

That the Report be now received, And the Question being proposed, And a debate arising, And the debate continuing, And the Question being again proposed, It passed unanimously.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 2) The Town Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 2) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "The Town Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 36) to amend chapter 20 of the Statutes of 1913, being An Act to provide for the taxation of persons holding or operating timber areas,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 36) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend chapter 20 of the Statutes of 1913, being An Act to provide for the Taxation of Persons Holding or Operating Timber Areas."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 41) for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

· Ordered, That the Bill (No. 41) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 42) to amend The Land Titles Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 30) to amend The Rural Municipality Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again today.

Mr. Bell, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor signed by His Honour.

And the message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered) and is as followeth.

#### R. S. LAKE,

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 83.)

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the message of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, together with the estimates accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Order of the Day being read for the House in Committee of Supply,

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

#### In the Committee.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Miscellaneous (Chargeable to Income) (Royal Commissions).

### Resolution to be Reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Resolution from the Committee of Supply for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1917, be now read a first time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a second time and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, for Miscellaneous (Chargeable to Income) (Royal Commissions).

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 11) to amend The Hotel Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 11) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 32) to amend The Sales of Liquor Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 32) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 40) to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 26) to amend The School Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 26) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Gardiner,

In That in the opinion of the House the Government of Saskatchewan should continue to urge upon the Government of Canada the necessity of arranging for the transfer to the province of the public domain within its limits without further delay.

And the Question being proposed,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

And the Question being again proposed,

It passed unanimously.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 31) to amend The Stray Animals Act,

On motion of Mr. Motherwell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Bill be not now read a third time but that it be referred back to the Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of making the following amendment as subsection 2 of section 6:

"The decision of the ratepayers under any referendum hitherto held shall no longer be binding upon the Council."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 31) to amend The Stray Animals Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 31) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 29) to amend The Arrears of Taxes Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 43) respecting Hospitals, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Saskatchewan Insurance Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Turgeon have leave to introduce a Bill to amend The Legislative Assembly Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned at 10.35 o'clock p.m.

## REGINA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Is one N. Romaniuk, at present interned and lately a teacher in the Normal School, at present in the employ of the Government?
- (2) If not so in employ of Government, when did he cease to be so?
- (3) When was his last salary paid and for what period?
- (4) When was he interned?

Mr. Motherwell answered as follows:

- (1) No.
- (2) December 31, 1915, written notice of the termination of his engagement being given on December 10.
- (3) January 1, 1916; for month of December, 1915.
- (4) Apparently early in January. Department has not exact information.

Moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw,

That the House do now adjourn,

And a debate arising,

And the debate continuing,

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 11) to amend The Hotel Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 11) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Hotel Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 26) to amend The School Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 26) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The School Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 31) to amend The Stray Animals Act."

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 31) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Stray Animals Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 32) to amend The Sales of Liquor Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 32) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

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Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Sales of Liquor Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 41) for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 41) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 43) respecting Hospitals, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The following petition was presented:

By Mr. Sutherland,—Of T. K. McCallum and two others, praying for An Act to incorporate "The Phænix Publishing Company, Limited."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 43) respecting Hospitals, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 43) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 30) to amend The Rural Municipality Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 30) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 10.40 o'clock p.m.

### REGINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

The following petition was read and received:

Of T. K. McCallum and two others, praying for An Act to confirm the incorporation of The Phœnix Publishing Company, Limited.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the petition of Mr. T. K. Mc-Callum and two others, praying for An Act to confirm the incorporation of The Phoenix Publishing Company, Limited, and to extend the powers of the said company, and find that the provisions of rules 49 and 51 have not been complied with except in so far as the payment of the fee is concerned.

Your Committee recommend that leave be given to introduce the Bill.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw, Ordered, That the Report be now concurred in.

- Mr. Bradshaw asked the Government the following Questions:
- (1) From whom were tenders received for the construction of the court house at Humboldt?
- (2) Give name and amount of each tender.
- (3) Name of firm to whom the contract was awarded.
- (4) Cost of building to date.
- (5) Is the building finished? If not, what will it cost to complete it?
- (6) State amount of extras in excess of the original contract.
- Mr. McNab answered as follows:

(1) Parsons Construction Co., Ltd	79,990
Saskatchewan Bldg. Construction Co. Ltd	95,000
Shannon Bros 9	95,200
McKay Construction Co 8	80,670
Murphy & Martin 8	39,372
R. J. Lecky Co., Ltd	91,826
Bigelow Bros	93,000
J. G. Yoerger & Co	90,385
Smith Bros. & Wilson	93,000
Piggott & Healey	95,620

(2) Answered under Question 1.

- (3) Parsons Construction Co., Ltd.
- (4) \$108,105.15.
- (5) Will be finished April 1. Approximate additional expenditure, \$250.
- (6) \$19,315.15. \$8.800. Alternative in tender for stone cornice in place of galvanized iron, oak finish in place of fir, and Dunham Heating System.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie, Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

The amount of money expended by the Government for road work in Local Improvement District No. 158 in the years 1911, 1912 and 1913 respectively.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, seconded by Mr. Wylie,

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) Amount of road work to date, north sections 20, 21, 22, 24, in township 8, range 15, north sections 23 and 24 and east of 14 and 23 in township 8, range 16, west of the second meridian;
- (2) Was it contract road work;
- (3) If so, name of contractor;
- (4) Total cost.

Ordered, That Mr. Sutherland have leave to introduce a Bill to confirm the incorporation of The Phœnix Publishing Company, Limited.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, To be read a second time today.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 46) to confirm the incorporation of The Phœnix Publishing Company, Limited,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 30) to amend The Rural Municipality Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 30) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Rural Municipality Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 43) respecting Hospitals,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 43) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act respecting Hospitals."

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 45) to amend The Legislative Assembly Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 29) to amend The Arrears of Taxes Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 29) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 40) to raise Revenue for Patriotic Purposes, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Scott (Arm River), from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways, presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills and Railways beg to

report as follows:

Your Committee have had under consideration the following Bills and have agreed to report the same with amendments:

Bill (No. 46) to confirm the incorporation of The Phœnix Publishing Company, Limited.

On motion of Mr. Scott (Arm River), seconded by Mr. Moore, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 46) to confirm the incorporation of The Phænix Publishing Company, Limited, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Scott (Arm River), reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to. Ordered, That the Bill (No. 46) be read a third time today.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 46) to confirm the incorporation of The Phœnix Publishing Company, Limited,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 46) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to confirm the incorporation of The Phœnix Publishing Company, Limited."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 45) to amend The Legislative Assembly Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 42) to amend The Land Titles Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 42) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill (No. 44) to amend The Saskatchewan Insurance Act,

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be committed to a Committee of the Whole House today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 44) to amend The Saskatchewan Insurance Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 44) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Calder made a statement to the Assembly concerning the personnel of the three Royal Commissions that have been appointed.

The first for the purpose of inquiry into all contracts and other works under the control of the Highways Commission, to consist of Ex-Chief Justice Wetmore and Messieurs Mason and Smith.

The second for the purpose of inquiry into the charges of bribery against certain members of the Assembly, to consist of Messieurs Justices Brown and Elwood, and

The third for the purpose of inquiry into the charges concerning the erection of certain public buildings, to consist of Sir Frederick Haultain, Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, and Messieurs Justices Newlands and Lamont.

And then the House adjourned at 11.10 o'clock p.m.

### REGINA, FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 29) to amend The Arrears of Taxes Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 29) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Arrears of Taxes Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 42) to amend The Land Titles Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 42) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time,

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Land Titles Act."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 44) to amend The Saskatchewan Insurance Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 44) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Insurance Act."

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated March 9, 1916, showing:

- (1) Amount of road work to date, north sections 20, 21, 22, 24, in township 8, range 15, north sections 23 and 24 and east of 14 and 23 in township 8, range 16, west of the second meridian;
- (2) Was it contract road work;
- (3) If so, name of contractor;
- (4) Total cost.

(Sessional Paper No. 84.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated March 9, 1916, showing: The amount of money expended by the Government for road work in Local Improvement District No. 158 in the years 1911, 1912 and 1913 respectively. (Sessional Paper No. 85.)

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following:

Return to an Order of the House dated March 6, 1916, showing: A statement showing the total cost of the following works during the year 1914-15:

North of sections 32-33, township 40, range 4, west of the third meridian;

North of sections 15-18, township 43, range 4, west of the third meridian;

East of sections 3-10-15-22-27-34, township 43, range 4, west of the third meridian;

East of section 28, township 42, range 4, west of the third meridian:

East of sections 25-36, township 43, range 4, west of the third meridian. (Sessional Paper No. 86.)

The Order of the Day being read for the House in Committee of Ways and Means,

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder, Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

### In the Committee.

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the Public Service for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1916, the sum of five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue of the province.

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the Public Service for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1917, the sum of eight million and four thousand four hundred and seventy-three dollars and sixty-five cents be granted out of the General Revenue of the province.

Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain expenses of the Public Service for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1917, the sum of eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars be granted out of the Telephone Revenue of the province.

## Resolutions to be Reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered, That the Resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means be now read a first time.

The said Resolutions were accordingly read a first time,

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Calder,

Ordered. That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

The said Resolutions were accordingly read a second time and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell have leave to introduce a Bill for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the fiscal periods ending respectively the thirtieth day of April, 1916, and the thirtieth day of April, 1917.

He accordingly presented the said Bill and the same was received and read the first time, and

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and

Ordered, To be read a third time today.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the fiscal years ending respectively the thirtieth day of April, 1916, and the thirtieth day of April, 1917."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 45) to amend The Legislative Assembly Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Com-

mittee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Moved by Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. Turgeon,

That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to increase the license fee provided for by subsection (4) of section 2 of An Act respecting Liquor Licenses from \$250 to \$1,000.

Mr. Calder, a Member of the Executive Council, then acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Ordered, That the Resolution be now read a first time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a first time.

Ordered, That the Resolution be read a second time.

The said Resolution was accordingly read a second time and concurred in.

Resolved, That it is expedient to increase the license fee provided forby subsection (4) of section 2 of An Act respecting Liquor Licenses from \$250 to \$1,000.

On motion of Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. Turgeon,

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law with instructions that they have power to make provision therein pursuant thereto.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported that the committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11 o'clock p.m.

### REGINA, MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1916.

3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Willoughby asked the Government the following Questions:

- (1) Is J. P. Brown still on the payroll of the Government? If not, when did he receive his last pay?
- (2) What, if any, steps have been taken by the Government to attach any property of the said J. P. Brown to reimburse the Government against loss?
- (3) What, if any, steps have been taken to reimburse the Government against loss through E. H. Devline, a Member of this House?
- (4) What steps, if any, have been taken toward above ends as to the estate of J. F. Lindsay?
- (5) What steps have been taken to arrest the said J. P. Brown and E. H. Devline and in what cities, towns and places have circulars been distributed giving notice they are fugitives from justice?

Mr. Turgeon answered as follows:

- (1) No. January 31, 1916.
- (2) As soon as it became known that J. P. Brown had disappeared and that he had caused monies to be drawn from the Provincial Treasury on fraudulent contracts, steps were taken to ascertain the descriptions of all lands of which Brown was owner or in which he was interested. This information was obtained on the twenty-first day of February, 1916. On the twenty-second day of February, 1916, caveats were filed in the Land Titles Office at Regina, on behalf of the Crown as represented by the Government of Saskatchewan, against all lands of which J. P. Brown was known to be the owner or part owner.

On the second day of March, 1916, formal notice was given to the Union Bank of Canada at Regina that the Government would hold the said bank responsible for all monies charged up to the Provincial Treasury or against the General Revenue Fund of Saskatchewan on account of the Treasury cheques fraudulently negotiated by J. P. Brown or persons on his behalf. If necessary, this notice will be followed by an action in the Supreme Court.

Notice has been given to the Saskatchewan Guarantee and Fidelity Company of the misappropriation, by J. P. Brown, of monies belonging to the Crown as represented by the Government of Saskatchewan, which company is the guarantor of the conduct of Brown and other employees of the Government of Saskatchewan, and said company has acknowledged receipt of the notice. The Government has other proceedings under consideration.

(3) Important information has been collected as to what properties are owned by E. H. Devline and further information is

being sought. Civil proceedings have been commenced against Devline for the amounts of cheques cashed by him. The Department has reasons for not giving fuller particulars at present.

(4) On the sixth day of March, 1916, steps were taken to ascertain the descriptions of all lands of which the late J. F. Lindsay was owner or in which he was interested. Complete information has not yet been received from the Land Titles Offices.

The department has under advisement what steps shall be taken against the estate of J. F. Lindsay on behalf of the Government.

(5) On February 21, 1916, a warrant was issued for the arrest of J. P. Brown. On February 24, 1916, a warrant was issued for the arrest of E. H. Devline.

A large number of circulars have been issued describing these men and seeking information as to their whereabouts, for the purpose of securing their arrest and bringing them to trial. These circulars have been sent to every detachment of the Royal North West Mounted Police, and to the chief special agents of all the railways in Canada and the United States, and to all inspectors in charge of the United States Immigration Service at the different points along the border. Copies of these circulars have been sent also to every city and town in Canada and in the United States containing a population of five thousand or upwards; also to a large number of places in Mexico, South America, the West Indies, the British Isles, Australia, New Zealand; also to a number of points on the continent of Europe and in Africa.

On motion of Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. McNab,

Ordered, That on and after today when the House adjourns, it do stand adjourned to 11 o'clock a.m. of the following day and if the business of the day be not concluded at 1 o'clock Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair until 3 o'clock p.m.

On motion of Mr. Calder, seconded by Mr. McNab,

Ordered, That on and after today during the Session Government business shall have precedence on all days after the Order of "Questions put by Members."

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 45) to amend The Legislative Assembly Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again today.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Moore reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 45) to amend The Legislative Assembly Act, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 45) be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 40) to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported that the Committee had made some progress and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be now received and that the Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, presented the following Report:

The Select Standing Committee of Public Accounts and Printing

beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has had under consideration the purchase of the telephone site at Regina. Only two witnesses were asked for, namely Mr. Willoughby and Mr. Duncan. Mr. Duncan having left for the Bahamas some time ago, his evidence was not available. Mr. Willoughby was examined by commission in Victoria, B.C., on Saturday last and his evidence is being forwarded to Regina. On receipt of the evidence same will be laid on the Table of the House so that same may be considered at the next session of the Legislature.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, presented the following Report:

The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has had under consideration the purchase of the telephone site at Swift Current. All witnesses asked for were examined and a transcript of their evidence will be laid on the Table of the House. Two important witnesses, Mr. F. J. Robinson and Mr. S. P. Porter, temporarily resident at Victoria, B.C., were examined there by Commission on Saturday last and their evidence is being forwarded to Regina. The evidence will be placed before the House on its receipt and can be considered at the next Session of the Legislature.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Printing, presented the following Report:

From the Select Committee of Public Accounts and Printing:

Your Committee have examined several witnesses in connection with the construction of the bridge at Weed Lake. All the witnesses that were called have been heard, and the evidence will be laid on the Table of the House.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

And then the House adjourned at 11.40 o'clock p.m.

## REGINA, TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1916.

11 O'CLOCK A.M.

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to. Ordered, That the Bill (No. 39) be read a third time today.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 39) to amend The Statute Law.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 39) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Statute Law."

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 45) to amend The Legislative Assembly Act,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 45) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act, No. II."

Mr. Turgeon, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following.

Return to an Order of the House dated March 1, 1916, showing: Copies of all paysheets for the months of October and November, 1914-15, for work done at or near Loverna under the supervision of one Dr. Hunter. (Sessional Paper No. 87.)

The House according to Order resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 40) to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Mitchell reported the Bill with amendments. Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The said amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 40) be read a third time today.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (No. 40) to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes,

Ordered, That the Bill (No. 40) be now read a third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That this Bill do now pass and be intituled "An Act to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes."

Mr. Mitchell, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

and Printing, presented the following Report:

Your Committee have had under consideration the advisability of having printed for distribution certain of the Returns and Reports brought down to the House during the present Session, and desire to recommend to the House that five thousand copies be printed of the Returns and Reports to the House numbered 5, 6, 7, 9, 19, 25, 37, 46, 55, 62, 67, 68, 69, 73 and 81, as shown by the record of the Clerk of the Assembly. Also numbers 10, 17, 18, 21, 23, 26, 30, 33, 34, 39, 47, 48 and 77.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The Speaker having called on Mr. Bradshaw to make the motion standing in his name, the Attorney General immediately raised the point of order that the motion should not be proposed on the ground that it covered matter, according to statements contained therein, which had previously been disposed of by the Legislative Assembly at the present Session.

A debate ensued on the point of order, and Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was out of order on the grounds stated by the Attor-

ney General.

Mr. Calder then stated that the Government had during the past few days given serious consideration to some of the statements contained in the motion standing in the name of Mr. Bradshaw and had decided to submit several of them to one of the Royal Commissions now sitting.

He then read from the formal Order the exact terms of the reference.

His Honour Richard Stuart Lake, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan, being seated on the Throne,

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Titles of the Bills to be assented to as follows:

The Game Act.

An Act to amend The Steam Boilers Act.

An Act to incorporate Retailers' Trust Company.

An Act to amend The City Act.

An Act to amend An Act respecting Homesteads.

An Act to amend The Farm Implements Act.

An Act to amend chapter 39 of the Statutes of 1910-11, being

An Act to incorporate The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company.

An Act to amend The Rural Telephone Act.

An Act to incorporate Prairie Trust Company.

An Act to incorporate The Missionary Society of the Most Holy Redeemer in the Province of Saskatchewan.

An Act to grant Special Powers to the Local Government Board. The Town Act.

An Act to amend chapter 20 of the Statutes of 1913, being An Act to provide for the Taxation of Persons Holding or Operating Timber Areas.

An Act to amend The Hotel Act.

An Act to amend The School Act.

An Act to amend The Stray Animals Act.

An Act to amend The Sales of Liquor Act.

An Act for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists.

An Act to amend The Rural Municipality Act.

An Act respecting Hospitals.

An Act to confirm the incorporation of the Phœnix Publishing Company, Limited.

An Act to amend The Arrears of Taxes Act.

An Act to amend The Land Titles Act.

An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Insurance Act.

An Act to amend The Statute Law.

An Act to raise Revenues for Patriotic Purposes.

An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act, No. II.

The assent of these Bills was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

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

Mr. Speaker then said:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan in Session assembled approach Your Honour at the close of their labours with sentiments of unfeigned loyalty and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the fiscal years ending respectively the thirtieth day of April, 1916, and the thirtieth day of April, 1917," thus placing at the disposal of His Majesty the means by which the Government can be made efficient for the service and welfare of the province.

The assent of this Bill was announced by the Clerk of the Legis-

lative Assembly in the following words:

"In His Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank the Legislative Assembly, accepts their benevolence and assents to this Bill."

His Honour then delivered the following speech:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

Your long Session has now reached its close, and while the volume of legislation dealt with by you is not so great as that of some of your former Sessions, I believe I express the general opinion in stating that a number of the measures you have considered and passed will always be regarded as of the highest importance to the future welfare of Saskatchewan.

In future years the one outstanding feature of your legislative programme will be the enfranchisement of women. For this reason the year 1916 will always stand as one of the milestones in our history. Hereafter the men and women of these broad prairies, with equal rights as citizens, will join in a common endeavor to secure at all times for the people of Saskatchewan the highest and best type of government based upon democratic principles. I am confident that the women of our land fully appreciate the responsibilities that go with the ballot and that they will always earnestly strive by their voices and votes to strengthen and improve not only our legislative institutions but all the laws governing our people as well.

The provision you have made for the taking of a referendum during the year 1916 on the question of the abolition of the liquor stores system will undoubtedly have the endorsation of all who are interested in the cause of temperance reform.

Owing to the expansion of the business of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company, I note with approval that you have found it necessary and desirable to extend its powers so as to enable it to make provision at the head of the lakes for terminal elevator facilities. These facilities, when furnished, will, I am sure, be of very great benefit to the thousands of grain growers who are members of or who patronise this co-operative institution.

As the term of the present Legislature expires by law in 1917, your action in providing at this Session for a redistribution of the electoral divisions is to be commended, especially in view of the fact that several of the larger constituencies in the province, unless altered, would not have had their proper share of representation in the Assembly. By the addition of five new divisions and some minor alterations in other divisions, you have succeeded in removing what otherwise would be a serious cause for complaint on the part of many of the electors of the province.

While the shadow of the Great War continues to hang over humanity and to threaten the destruction of the principles of liberty, justice and democracy, it is imperative that all our citizens should strive to their fullest capacity to bring this stupendous struggle to a successful conclusion. Your action, therefore, in making provision whereby a general patriotic tax may be levied through the medium of the municipal machinery of the province is certain to meet with the heartiest approval of all the people of Saskatchewan. It is not intended that funds raised in this way for patriotic, red cross and relief purposes should take the place of voluntary contribution. Owing to the ever-increasing burden of taking care of the dependents of our soldiers it is to be hoped that all who are able to do so will continue to contribute freely to the various funds created and being administered for all the purposes of the war.

Throughout the Session a great deal of your time and attention was given to a revision and consolidation of the statutes relating to the local government of towns, villages and rural municipalities. Your labours in this regard will be appreciated by all who are affected by these measures.

You have also had before you for consideration many other bills of very considerable importance and I feel certain that your work in connection with these has resulted in numerous improvements in the law that will be beneficial to the good government of the province.

During the Session a number of serious matters have been brought to your attention relating to the administration of two departments of the public service and to certain transactions, which, if true, constitute a breach of the privileges of the Assembly by certain of your Members and others. Your prompt action in dealing with these strictly in accordance with the best traditions of British Parliamentary procedure will, I am sure, meet with general approval. The provision which has been made for further full inquiries into many of the matters referred to is the clearest indication that you, one and all, have the keenest desire to uphold and maintain within Saskatchewan the cause of good government. I am convinced that the inquiries provided for will be thorough and exhaustive and that the truth or falsity of the various allegations made will be ascertained.

I thank you for the liberal provision you have made for carrying on the business of the various departments of the public service.

In closing the Session and in taking leave of you, I trust that the blessings of Divine Providence will rest upon you and all the people of our province.

The Hon. Mr. Turgeon then said:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

It is His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until it pleases His Honour to summon the same for the despatch of business, and the Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

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- 1.—Report of the Provincial Secretary including the Report of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.
- 2.—Annual Report of the Board of Highway Commissioners for the fiscal year 1914-15.
- 3.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 21, 1916, showing:

The names and addresses of all parties engaged on Relief Work during the Fall of 1914, the location of land owned by each, the number of Rural Municipality and to what Electoral District each one worked in, whether married or single, the length of time each party was employed, the amount earned by each and the name of the foreman under whom each man worked.

- 4.—Financial Report of the University of Saskatchewan for the year ending June 30, 1915.
- 5.—Report of the Director of Public Accommodation for six months ending December 31, 1915.
- 6.—Record of all trials and convictions under the provisions of The Sales of Liquor Act for the half year ending December 31, 1915.
- 7.—Annual Report showing the monies raised by way of loan under The Agricultural Aids Act and expenditure of the said monies as at April, 30, 1915.
- 8.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 21, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The name and location of all hotels licensed under The Hotel Act to date, giving, if possible, date upon which license was taken out and name of manager in each case;
  - (2) A statement showing the amount of grant paid or to be paid to each of these hotels for the six months ending December 31, 1915;
  - (3) The names of the officials appointed to administer The Hotel Act, the date of their appointment, salaries and nature of their duties:
  - (4) A summary of all expenditures made in connection with the administration of The Hotel Act prior to December 31, 1915.

- 9.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The amount expended in each Electoral District from the first of May, 1915, up to the present time on public improvements, including expenditures on the Highways, Bridges (Capital and Revenue), Ferries and Water Supply and aid to Rural Municipalities;
  - (2) A statement showing amount expended in each Electoral District on Highways and Bridges (Capital and Revenue only) for the above period of time;
  - (3) A statement showing amount expended in each Electoral District on Highways and Bridges (Revenue expenditure only) for the above period of time.
- 10.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The names of all tenderers for the Court House and Land Titles Office at Swift Current, giving amount of each tender;
  - (2) An itemised statement of all extras paid for under the contract;
  - (3) The price paid for the land;
  - (4) Amount of architect's fees;
  - (5) The total cost to date of the building;
  - (6) Estimated amount (if any) required to complete the building.
- 11.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 25, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The total cost of the two units built to the Provincial Asylum;
  - (2) The amount paid in extras relative to the building of these units;
  - (3) The dimensions of each unit;
  - (4) The total cost of the warehouse built on the Asylum property;
  - (5) The amount paid in extras relative to the building of the said warehouse:
  - (6) The size of the warehouse;
  - (7) The class of building—whether fireproof or not—of the Asylum warehouse.
- 12.—A detailed statement of all remissions made under An Act respecting the Remission of Certain Penalties, during the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1915, and ending January 17, 1916.
- 13.—Report of the Department of Telephones for the financial year ended April 30, 1915.
- 14.—Annual Report of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the financial year ended April 30, 1915.
- 15.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

- (1) The contract price for the Normal School at Regina;
- (2) What was the amount of architect fees for the same;
- (3) Give total cost to date.
- 16.—Annual Report of the Department of Public Works for the financial year 1913-14.
- 17.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing:
  - (1) What was the cost to the province of the Royal Commission to South Carolina *re* Dispensaries;
  - (2) Give account of recompense paid each Commissioner for services and expenses, stating each item separately.
- 18.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

The total amount authorised for expenditure by Special Warrants between September 1 and December 31, 1915.

- 19.—Annual Report of the Commissioner of the Liquor Store System.
- 20.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

Copy of Petition sent in from Liquor District No. 28, asking for the establishment of a Government Liquor Store.

- 21.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) Total amount expended in connection with commission re Sale of Agricultural Implements;
  - (2) Names of Commissioners, Secretaries, Counsel and amount paid to each for salary and expenses, stating each separately.
- 22.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The total acreage of the site for the Asylum for Insane at North Battleford;
  - (2) The name of the vendor of each parcel purchased for this site;
  - (3) The total cost:
    - (a) Of the land;
    - (b) Architect's fees:
    - (c) Water supply;
    - (d) Sewerage disposal;
    - (e) Plumbing and heating;
    - (f) Barn;
    - (g) Laundry;
    - (h) Furnishing and equipment;
    - (i) The six cottages;
    - (i) Warehouse:

- (4) The name of the architects;
- (5) Copies of all tenders received on original buildings and on each addition;
- (6) Copies of the original blue prints used with original tenders for main building;
- (7) Copy of blue prints for every addition or alteration of building;
- (8) Copies of specifications for original building;
- (9) Copy of specifications for any alteration or addition to the original building;
- (10) If any additions or changes to the buildings were made without tender, furnish:
  - (a) Name of contractor;
  - (b) Work done by contractor;
  - (c) Amount paid for the work to each contractor;
  - (d) If any work done on commission; name of party doing work, nature of work and cost;
- (11) Amount authorised for expenditure on the Asylum for fiscal year of 1915-16, on Capital Account;
- (12) Actual amount expended in fiscal year 1915-16, on Capital Account;
- (13) Amount authorised for maintenance of Asylum for fiscal year 1915-16:
- (14) Amount actually expended during such fiscal year for maintenance;
- (15) The actual amount expended on the Asylum to date;
- (16) The amount, if any, owing and not yet paid on Asylum building and equipment.
- 23.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) All correspondence relating to the purchase of Lots 19 and 20, Block 66, Swift Current, for telephone purposes;
  - (2) The price paid for these lots;
  - (3) The name and address of the vendor to the Government of these lots.
- 24.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The amount of the mileage fees collected in the Weyburn Judicial District for each of the years 1913, 1914, 1915;
  - (2) The amount of the mileage fees collected in the Estevan Judicial District for each of the years 1913, 1914, 1915.
- 25.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 21, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The liquor districts in which votes were taken at the last Municipal Elections under the provisions of The Sales of Liquor Act;
  - (2) A summary of the expenditures incurred by the Government in having such votes taken;

- (3) A statement showing a result of the vote in each district;
- (4) Copies of any complaints which reached the Government with respect to the vote taken in any district.
- 26.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916, showing:
  - A statement of convictions under chapter 130 Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan for the period from July 1 to December 31, 1914;
  - (2) Give the number of convictions in each of the months for above period;
  - (3) Give the amount of fines collected in each case, together with a statement of other penalties imposed.
- 27.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 1, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The quantities of hay, oats, chop or other fodder, purchased in connection with relief work in 1914, indicating:
    - (a) The quantities of each purchased;
    - (b) The amount paid for each class of fodder.
  - (2) The price at which each such class of fodder was supplied to settlers;
  - (3) The quantities of each class of fodder disposed of in connection with relief work, and the total amount of refunds received from same;
  - (4) A statement explaining any loss which may have been incurred in connection with the handling or distributing of such fodder.
- 28.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 28, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The total quantity of hay purchased by the Government during the relief work in 1914-15;
  - (2) The total quantity of oats purchased by the Government during the relief work in 1914-15;
  - (3) The total quantity of hay sold to settlers engaged in this work;
  - (4) The total quantity of oats sold to settlers engaged in this work
- 29.—Mr. Speaker laid on the Table of the House the Report of the Librarian.
- 30.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The total amount of the Provincial Debt, as on December 31, 1915;
  - (2) What portion of the debt is chargeable to Capital Account.
- 31.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing:

- (1) The daily sale at each liquor store in Saskatchewan during the month of December, 1915;
- (2) What action was taken in setting aside the \$500,000 fund appropriated to administer The Sales of Liquor Act.
- 32.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916, showing:

Copies of reports made to the Government by E. C. Eyman and Karl Fluegal in connection with their employment, explaining to settlers the principles and provisions of the Temperance and Farm Machinery Legislation.

- 33.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The total issue of Government Bonds and other Securities during 1915 and 1916;
  - (2) The amount sold;
  - (3) The price realised.
- 34.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:

The total amount of Interest and Sinking Fund Charges on the Provincial Debt from May 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915.

- 35.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) Is Geo. A. Fraser, of Assiniboia, in the employ of the Government as Bailiff in the Judicial District of Weyburn;
  - (2) If not, when was he dismissed, and what was the cause for his dismissal;
  - (3) How many bailiffs were employed in the Weyburn Judicial District during the year 1915 and give dates of service of each.
- 36.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) Copy of reports of Inspectors of Highways, J. G. Cameron and J. R. Bird, for inspection of road work inspected by them during the year 1915;
  - (2) Itemised expense accounts of Inspectors J. G. Cameron and J. R. Bird for the year 1915.
- 37.—The Saskatchewan Liquor Store System Financial Statements for six months ending December 31, 1915.
- 38.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) When were instructions given the Sheriff of Judicial District of Weyburn to collect mileage fees from his office to the residence of the Judgment Debtor;
  - (2) When were these instructions revoked.

- 39.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The names of companies who tendered for construction of cement bridge across Weed Lake north, section 12, township 16, range 5, west of the second meridian;
  - (2) Amount of each tender;
  - (3) What company secured contract;
  - (4) Is bridge completed:
  - (5) Total cost to date, showing payments to contractors in detail.
- 40.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916, showing:

The total amount of money paid to the Government Printer by the municipalities of the province under chapter 21, subsection (2) of section 6, Statutes of 1915. Give the amount paid by each of the cities of the province separately.

- 41.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 4, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The number of cars of lumber purchased by the Government during the year 1915;
  - (2) Give numbers on each car and place of destination;
  - (3) Give information as where each car was used and what for.
- 42.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 4, 1916, showing:

The total amount of monies expended as shown on the pay roll for roadwork done by the Government for relief of settlers during the year 1914 from July 1 to end of year.

- 43.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The steel bridges on concrete footings erected in the province during 1915, giving location and cost of each;
  - (2) A statement of the cost of the new Saskatoon bridge to date. The estimated expenditures to complete the bridge.
- 44.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 27, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The total estimated cost of traffic bridge at Saskatoon;
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- 45.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 25, 1916, showing:
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- (2) The total cost of administration of the said work;
- (3) The total number of inspectors, assistant inspectors, foremen and assistant foremen, paymasters and assistant paymasters, and any other officials engaged in this work, giving the names, salaries, travelling expenses, and duties of each, and where they were located during the progress of their work;
- (4) The total amount of money lost to the province by the system of paying in cash, with particulars in each case, showing the amount of loss in each case;
- (5) The total amount of money earned in each month by the settlers from July 1, 1914, to date;
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- 46.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing:

A detailed statement showing the cost of administration of the Patriotic Fund, month by month, to the thirty-first day of December, 1915, from the inception of the fund.

- 47.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 25, 1916, showing:
  - (1) The amount of money paid to The Regina Leader Publishing Company, The Saskatoon Phoenix, The Saskatchewan Courier, in each month during the years 1914, 1915, 1916, stating each separately;
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  - (3) The total accommodation for patients and staff provided in the main building first erected and completed;

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  - (3) Salaries paid Commissioners and others, giving expense account of each separately.
- 52.—Annual Report in accordance with the provisions of section 44 of The Treasury Department Act, inclosing copies of correspondence and legal opinion of the Deputy Attorney General on the subject of licenses for motor ambulances.
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- 54.—Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor of the books, accounts and vouchers of the Administrator of Lunatics' Estates, as provided for under section 10 of chapter 10 of the Statutes of 1914.
- 55.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing:

The quantities of poultry and wool, respectively, handled and sold for farmers by the Department of Agriculture during the past season, indicating prices realised.

56.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 15, 1916. showing:

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- 57.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing:
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  - (3) A list of drainage debentures sold and the proceeds of such debentures.
- 59.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 15, 1916, showing:
  - (1) Names of all employees in connection with the North Battleford Asylum and nature of employment;
  - (2) The post office address of each employee at the time of engagement by Asylum authorities.
- 60.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 18, 1916, showing:
  - (1) A statement of the number of provincial employees who have enlisted for overseas service;
  - (2) The names of employees so enlisting;
  - (3) A copy of the regulations made for the payment to the said

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- 61.—Annual Report of the Department of Education.

62.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 18, 1916, showing:

Copies of all information in possession of the Government, or any Member thereof, or any department of the Government relating to any judgment or judgments rendered by His Honour Justice Farrell of the Moosomin District Court sitting as a Court of Assessment Appeals upon cases of a school district, ratepayer, or ratepayers, in the matter of his or their support of a public school district or a separate school district respectively.

- 63.—The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
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  - (1) How many road gangs were employed by the Highway Commission during the year 1915;
  - (2) Give location and duration of work by each gang;
  - (3) Give name of inspector for each piece of work done during the year 1915, and a copy of report of his inspection on said work;
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- 65.—Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916, showing:
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- 66.—Report of the Local Government Board, January 1, 1914, to April 30, 1915.
- 67.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 21, 1916, showing:

- (1) Copy or copies of any judgment or judgments in possession of the Government given by Honourable Mr. Justice McLorg of the District Court of Saskatoon upon appeals carried by school ratepayers in the Vonda School Districts, public and separate, against their assessment as public school supporters or as separate school supporters, as the case might be;
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68.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 21, 1916, showing:

Copies of all information in possession of the Government, or any Member thereof, or any department of the Government, relating to any judgment or judgments given by the Honourable T. H. McGuire, when a Judge of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories or Chief Justice thereof, or by the Honourable H. W. Newlands, a Judge of the Saskatchewan Supreme Court, or when a Judge of the North-West Territories Supreme Court, sitting respectively as a Court of Assessment Revision upon cases of an appeal or appeals of a school district ratepayer or ratepayers, in the matter of his or their support of a public school district or a separate school district respectively.

69.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 21, 1916, showing:

Copies of any request or requests made to the Government or any Member thereof, or to any department of the Government, and of any other correspondence leading to the introduction into this Assembly of the amendment to The School Act contained in section 3 of chapter 35 of the Statutes of 1912-13.

70.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing:

How many prisoners were confined in all jails of the province on the following dates: January 1, 1913, 1914, 1915; July 1, 1913, 1914, 1915; September 1, 1913, 1914, 1915; November 1, 1913, 1914, 1915.

- 71.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 25, 1916, showing:
  - (1) Cost of road work on east side of section 9, township 15, range 14, west of the second meridian, in the fall of 1915;
  - (2) If not completed, give reason;
  - (3) Who was the contractor;
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72.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 25, 1916, showing:

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- 73.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing:
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- 74.—The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of a certain sum required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
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- 78.—Return to an Order of the House dated March 3, 1916, showing:
  - (1) Copies of all contracts between the Government or any department thereof and The Sun Electric Co., Ltd;
  - (2) That in the meantime the original contracts be tabled.

79.—Return to an Order of the House dated March 1, 1916, showing:

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80.—Return to an Order of the House dated March 2, 1916, showing:

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81.—Return to an Order of the House dated February 28, 1916, showing:

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- 83.—The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.
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<ul> <li>38. Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing:</li> <li>(1) When were instructions given the Sheriff of Judicial District of Weyburn to collect mileage fees from his office to the residence of the Judgment Debtor;</li> <li>(2) When were these instructions revoked.</li> </ul>	24	52
Bridge Across Weed Lake:		
39. Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing:  (1) The names of companies who tendered for construction of cement bridge across Weed Lake north, section 12, township 16, range 5, west of the second meridian;  (2) Amount of each tender;  (3) What company secured contract;  (4) Is bridge completed;  (5) Total cost to date, showing payments to contractors in detail.	29	52
Government Printer:		
40. Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916, showing:  The total amount of money paid to the Government Printer by the municipalities of the province under chapter 21, subsection (2) of section 6, Statutes of 1915. Give the amount paid by each of the cities of the province separately.	38	53
Lumber Purchased by Government:		
41. Return to an Order of the House dated February 4, 1916, showing:  (1) The number of cars of lumber purchased by the Government during the year 1915;		

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(2) Give numbers on each car and place of destination;		
(3) Give information as where each car was used and what for.	52	56
Monies Expended on Road Work for Relief of Settlers:		
42. Return to an Order of the House dated February 4, 1916, showing: The total amount of monies expended as shown on the pay roll for roadwork done by the Government for relief of settlers during the year 1914 from July 1 to end of year.	52	56
Steel Bridges on Concrete Footings:		
<ul> <li>43. Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing: <ol> <li>The steel bridges on concrete footings erected in the province during 1915, giving location and cost of each;</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
(2) A statement of the cost of the new Saskatoon bridge to date. The estimated expenditures to complete the bridge.	21	56
Traffic Bridge at Saskatoon:		
<ul> <li>44. Return to an Order of the House dated January 27, 1916, showing: <ol> <li>The total estimated cost of traffic bridge at Saskatoon;</li> <li>The total amount expended on the Saskatoon bridge to date;</li> <li>The estimated amount required to complete the said bridge;</li> <li>The proportion of total cost of bridge to be</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
borne by the city of Saskatoon; (5) The amount paid by the city of Saskatoon to date.	32	56
Highways Commission:	02	
<ul> <li>45. Return to an Order of the House dated January 25, 1916, showing: <ol> <li>The total amount of money expended from the first day of July, 1914, to date, by the Highways Commission in aid of settlers who had lost their crops during the said year in southwestern Saskatchewan where relief was granted by the Government;</li> <li>The total cost of administration of the said work;</li> <li>The total number of inspectors, assistant inspectors, foremen and assistant foremen, paymasters and assistant paymasters, and any other officials engaged in this work, giving the names, salaries, travelling expenses, and duties of each, and where they were located during the progress of their work;</li> <li>The total amount of money lost to the province by the system of paying in cash, with particulars in each case, showing the amount of loss in each case;</li> <li>The total amount of money earned in each month by the settlers from July 1, 1914, to date;</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		

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<ul> <li>(6) The total amount of money paid to settlers for for relief work in each month from July 1, 1914, to date;</li> <li>(7) The total amount of money standing to the credit of the settlers for relief work done to date.</li> </ul>	26	56
PATRIOTIC FUND:		
46. Return to an Order of the House dated January 26, 1916, showing:  A detailed statement showing the cost of administration of the Patriotic Fund, month by month, to the thirty-first day of December, 1915, from the inception of the fund.	30	57
Publications:		
<ul> <li>47. Return to an Order of the House dated January 25 1916, showing:</li> <li>(1) The amount of money paid to The Regina Leader Publishing Company, the Saskatoon Phoenix, The Saskatchewan Courier, in each month during the years 1914, 1915, 1916, stating each separately;</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>(2) Did any of these publications receive advances on account of work to be done, during the years 1914-15 and 1915-16, for the periods between May 1, 1914, to April 30, 1915, and May 1, 1915, to December 31, 1915;</li> <li>(3) Give amount and date of each payment.</li> </ul>	28	57
Hypothecation of Securities:		
48. The Annual Report in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of chapter 4 of the Statutes of 1914. (Hypothecation of Securities).		57
Public Accounts:		
49. Public Accounts for the fiscal period ended April 30, 1915.		57
Hospital at North Battleford:		
<ol> <li>Return to an Order of the House dated February 2, 1916, showing:         <ol> <li>The number of patients transferred from Manitoba to the Hospital for the Insane at Battleford and date of transfer;</li> <li>The number of patients taken care of at Battleford during each month since the institution was established;</li> <li>The total accommodation for patients and staff provided in the main building first erected and completed;</li> <li>The date of completion of the warehouse and the total accommodation temporarily provided therein for patients and staff;</li> <li>The date of completion of any new wing or unit and the total accommodation provided therein for patients and staff;</li> <li>The total accommodation now provided at the institution for patients and staff;</li> <li>The number of patients taken care of at the institution in December, 1915, and the number of officers and employees on the staff during the same month;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		

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<ul> <li>(8) The total capital cost of the whole instutition under the following heads:</li> <li>(1) Construction of buildings—main building, power house, warehouse, addition to main building, barns, cottages, other buildings;</li> <li>(2) Water supply, plumbing and heating, electrical power, electrical lighting and fixtures and sewerage plant for all buildings, giving separate details of these expenditures as far as is practical according to contracts let and nature of work done;</li> <li>(3) Furnishings and equipment provided for all buildings including laundry but not including any expenditures under (1) and (2);</li> <li>(4) Grounds, fencing and other improvements;</li> <li>(5) Farm plant, including machinery, stock and other expenditures;</li> <li>(6) Architect's fees;</li> </ul>		
(7) Any other capital expenditures; (9) The length of the main building and its additions as well as the ground space occupied as compared with the Legislative Buildings at Regina;		
(10) A description of the class of construction of the main building and its additions.	45	59
WATER COMMISSION:		
<ul> <li>51. Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing: <ol> <li>Copy of Report of Saskatchewan Water Commission;</li> <li>Names of Commissioners, Secretaries and others employed by Commission;</li> <li>Salaries paid Commissioners and others, giving expense account of each separately.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	25	63
Treasury Department Act:	, -	
52. Annual Report in accordance with the provisions of section 44 of The Treasury Department Act inclosing copies of correspondence and legal opinion of the Deputy Attorney General on the subject of licenses for motor ambulances.		63
Estimate of Sum Required for Provincial Service for Period Ending April 30, 1916:	-	
53. The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending April 30, 1916, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.		63
Provincial Auditor:	1	
54. Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor of the books, accounts and vouchers of the Administrator of Lunatics' Estates, as provided for under section 10 of chapter 10 of the Statutes of 1914.	;	67
POULTRY AND WOOL:		
55. Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing:  The quantities of poultry and wool, respectively, handled and sold for farmers by the Department of		

Accounts and papers—Continued.  Agriculture during the past season, indicating prices realised.  Jas. E. Davis:  56. Return to an Order of the House dated February 15, 1916, showing: Copies of all letters, telegrams, reports or other documents. Davis, accused of irregularities in connection with the Departmental examinations whilst acting as Principal of Govan School.  Rural Telephone Companies: 57. Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing: (1) The number of rural telephone companies whose bonds were issued, approved and sold during the same year, indicating the total face value of such bonds; (3) The number of rural telephone companies whose bonds were issued, approved and sold during the same year, indicating the total face value of such bonds; (3) The number of miles of rural telephone lines built by rural telephone companies in the Province during 1915; (4) The number of miles of rural telephone lines built by rural telephone companies in the Province during 1915; (3) The number of miles of rural telephone lines built by rural telephone companies in the Province during 1915; (4) The number of miles of rural telephone fines built by rural telephone companies in the Province during 1915; (4) The number of miles of rural telephone lines built by rural telephone companies in the Province during 1915; (5) Return to an Order of the House dated February 10, 1916, showing: (1) The total expenditures to date on account of drainage works under The Drainage Act; (2) The sources from which monies were derived for carrying on such works; (3) A list of drainage debentures sold and the proceeds of such debentures.  Asylum at North Battleford—Employers:  59. Return to an Order of the House dated February 15, 1916, showing: (1) Names of all employees in connection with the North Battleford Asylum and nature of employment; (2) The post office address of each employee at the time of engagement by Asylum authorities.  Provincial Employees Enlisted for overseas service; (2) The names of employees on clis	Name of the Control o		
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:		
61. Annual Report of the Department of Education.		103
Judgments—Justice Farrell:		
62. Return to an Order of the House dated February 18, 1916, showing: Copies of all information in possession of the Government, or any Member thereof or any Department of the Government relating to any judgment or judgments rendered by His Honour Justice Farrell of the Moosomin District Court sitting as a Court of Assessment Appeals upon cases of a school district, ratepayer, or ratepayers, in the matter of his or their support of a public school district or a separate school district respectively.	98	103
ESTIMATE OF SUM REQUIRED FOR PROVINCIAL SERVICE FOR PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1917:		
63. The Lieutenant Governor transmits estimates of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending April 30, 1917, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.		103
HIGHWAY COMMISSION—ROAD GANGS:		
<ul> <li>64. Return to an Order of the House dated January 24, 1916, showing: <ol> <li>How many road gangs were employed by the Highway Commission during the year 1915?</li> <li>Give location and duration of work by each gang;</li> <li>Give name of inspector for each piece of work done during the year 1915, and a copy of report of his inspection on said work;</li> <li>Give name of Highway Inspectors suspended during the year 1915 and date when each was suspended.</li> </ol> </li></ul>	23	121
Bridge Work Done in Willow Bunch Constituency:		
<ul> <li>65. Return to an Order of the House dated January 31, 1916, showing: <ol> <li>Give location of where road and bridge work was done in Willow Bunch constituency for years 1914-15, each year separately;</li> <li>Give names of men employed and nature of employment of each on road work in said constituency for years 1914-15;</li> <li>Give total amount paid to each man for services rendered on road work done in years 1914-15 in said constituency;</li> </ol> </li></ul>		
(4) Give inspectors' report on each piece of work done for years 1914-15 in said constituency.	38	122
Local Government Board:		
66. Report of the Local Government Board, January 1, 1914, to April 30, 1915.		122 ~
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67. Return to an Order of the House dated February 21, 1916, showing:  (1) Copy or copies of any judgment or judgments in possession of the Government given by		

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