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To His Honour CLARENCE WALLACE, C.B.E.,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith the Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the year ended December 31st, 1951.

PERCY E. GEORGE,
Chairman, Coal and Petroleum Control Board.

Victoria, B.C., 1952.

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In view of the fact that the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act Amendment Act, 1951," was assented to by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on April 18th, 1951, the operations under this Act have been greatly curtailed. They were confined largely to the first three months of the year.

Removal of the controls has left very little administrative work, and in consequence thereof, since August 1st, 1951, there has been no staff on the payroll of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board. No provision for appropriations, therefore, has been made in the 1952–53 estimates for the Board. Office rental, telephone expenses, etc., are now chargeable entirely to the Public Utilities Commission, since no purpose is served in maintaining overhead administration that is not necessary.

A financial statement has been prepared covering approximately the first three months of 1951. This statement is as follows:—

Total revenue—fees, licence-year 1951–52	$7,735.00
Less refunds to December 31st, 1951	6,432.00
Refunds unclaimed, December 31st, 1951	$1,303.00
Expenses for the current fiscal year, 1951–52—	
Salaries and Cost-of-living bonus	$2,953.87
Rent	492.00
Expenses, other	443.13
	$3,889.00

In conclusion, I would recommend that section 38 of the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act," being chapter 54 of the "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1948," be amended to provide that no report be required should no transactions have been dealt with during the year.

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